## **DAIRY STEERS**

Dairy Steer means raising a dairy steer for meat purposes. The steer used in Dairy Steer project must be 100% dairy animal (Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire or any cross of the five).

## Dairy Starter Calf

Calves should be born in March or April of current year.

- 1. A member may enroll and exhibit two calves.
- 2. Only 100% Dairy breed steer can be shown.
- 3. Calves are to be in the member's possession by May 15.
- 4. No freshly castrated calves may be exhibited.
- 5. No show sticks.
- 6. Calves may not be sold through the auction.
- 7. All livestock rules apply.
- 8. Calves do not have to be weighed before the fair. Some form of tag or tattoo should be used to identify the calf.

## **Dairy Feeder Steer**

4-H Feeder Steers are to be born between November 1st of the previous year and February 28th of the current year.

- 1. Each member may exhibit two (2) Dairy Steers in each class.
- 2. 4-H'er must own his/her own exhibit by February and continuously until show.
- 3. Animals shown at the Fair must have been enrolled on a 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Ownership, Enrollment and Entry Form; weighed; retinal scanned; and visually identified by tag or tattoo.
- 4. Only 100% Dairy breed steer can be shown.
- 5. All dairy feeder steers must be properly dehorned and castrated prior to the show.
- 6. Dairy Beef Feeder steers are defined as those weighing 300 pounds up to 750 pounds the day of fair weigh in.
- 7. Animals must be shown "washed down" with no hair grooming except clipping.

## Finished Dairy Feeder Steer

4-H Finished Steers are to be born between November 1st of two years ago and March 31st of the previous year.

- 1. Each member may exhibit two (2) Dairy Steers in each class.
- 2. Animals shown at the Fair must have been enrolled on a 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Ownership, Enrollment and Entry Form.
- 3. Steers must be weighed and tagged at the February weigh-in. They must obtain a county tag and a **840-RFID tag.**
- 4. Only 100% Dairy breed steer can be shown.
- 5. Dairy Beef Finished steers are defined as those weighing 751 pounds or more the day of fair weigh in.
- 6. Animals will be divided into classes by weight only and shown only against dairy steers.

Animals must be shown "washed down" with no hair grooming except clipping.

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