

DAIRY

The educational 4-H dairy program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience. This project develops both dairy subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

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State Fair Entries: Check with the IN State Fair for sign up deadlines without penalties, usually June 1st. (web: www.indianastatefair.com)

For all levels -

- Exhibit Requirement Options
- One or more animals fed and cared for by member
- Read and complete county determined number of activities
- Dairy Animal Enrollment completed by May 15th.

Project Requirements and Guidelines

1. To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through either the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care is taught in person in Parke County. YQCA can be completed online at yqcaprogram.org. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office.
2. Refer to the Parke County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules.
3. All 4-H dairy cows and heifers entered in the Parke County 4-H Fair dairy cattle show must have been enrolled in 4HOnline by May 15.
4. Each 4-H member shall own (or lease) his/her own exhibit. The ownership or lease agreement must be in effect on or before the county enrollment deadline and continue through the State Fair 4-H Dairy show. 4-H Lease forms must be brought into the Extension Office prior to May 15th. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (April 1 for steers and May 15 for all other animals) at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the county or Indiana State Fair. The term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment options, the person who enters them in the county or Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animals. Family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H club member with a parent or unrelated persons are accepted for breeding animals in 4-H dairy classes. Dairy cows and heifers owned in a partnership may not be exhibited by more than one person from May 15 until conclusion of the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. This person must be the exhibitor of the animal in the current Parke County 4-H Dairy Show or the animal will be ineligible for this show.
5. The Dairy lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy heifers. Leasing a dairy heifer will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the heifer regardless of where the heifer is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show

rights to the heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15 through the 4-H dairy show at the Indiana State Fair. Leased 4-H dairy cow/heifers must be enrolled (although it is not necessary to have the registration paper transferred to the 4-H member's name) by May 15 with their registration number or tattoo number listed on the 4-H member's dairy enrollment. At check-in during the Parke County Fair, the 4-H member with a leased dairy cow/heifer must provide the lease agreement signed by them and the person they are leasing the heifer from.

6. Refer to the Parke County 4-H Program Policies for 4-H Animal Grooming Guidelines.

7. Grade and Registered Breeds eligible for show:

Milking Shorthorn Jersey Cross Bred Holstein Guernsey Ayrshire Brown Swiss

Classes

Lot No. 1 – Spring Calf

Lot No. 2 – Winter Calf

Lot No. 3 – Fall Calf

Lot No. 4 – Summer Yearling

Lot No. 5 – Spring Yearling

Lot No. 6 – Winter Yearling

Lot No. 7 – Fall Yearling

Lot No. 8 – Junior 2 year old

Lot No. 9 – 2 year old

Lot No. 10 – Junior 3 year old Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey

Lot No. 11 – Senior 3 year old Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey

Lot No. 12 – 3 year old Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn

Lot No. 13 – 4 year old Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein and Jersey

Lot No. 14 – 4 year old and over Guernsey and Milking Shorthorn

Lot No. 15 – 5 Year old and over Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein and Jersey

Refer to the State and County Parke County Extension Office website for each class above.

8. Any number of females may be enrolled by a club member. Only one entry may be shown in each class.

9. Health requirements. Refer to Health Rules.

10. Open Class Exhibitors must be Parke County residents.

4-H DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- Senior Champion Dairy Showmanship

- Junior Champion Dairy Showmanship

4-H DAIRY POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

See “Animal Education” project requirements. Animal Education projects should be checked in with all other static exhibits at the appointed time and will be displayed in the 4-H Building.

Note: All animal posters that do not have state fair poster options will be judged by specie.