

2026 DAIRY RULES

Any/all pre-fair requirements (i.e. QA, pictures, pen assignments, etc.) MUST be completed by posted due date(s). Failure to complete any/all requirements, as required, will result in the exhibitor not being allowed to bring, able to show and/or sell livestock projects.

1. A 4-H or FFA member may enter and show not more than two animals in each class or a total of six animals.
2. There will be no classes for dairy bulls in 4-H.
3. All animals shown by 4-H or FFA members in 4-H or FFA classes must be owned by the member or in partnership with his or her parents or leased with the approval of the Dairy Committee. The animals must be secured by June 1. 4-H lease agreements must be obtained and returned to the Extension Office and due June 1.
4. All 4-H dairy animals must be stalled in the area designated by the class superintendents and the Fairboard.

#127CA- Dairy Calf

#127HE- Dairy Heifer

#127CO- Dairy Cow

Project Requirement:

- At least one purebred or high grade heifer calf (maximum of six animals).

Exhibit Requirement:

- 1, 2, 3, 4 heifer calves depending on what you start with (maximum of six)
- Maximum of six animals, no more than two in one class.
- Show maximum

Fair Classes:

- Spring Heifer Calf- born March 1-May 1, 2026
- **Winter Heifer Calf**- born Dec. 1, 2024-Feb. 28, 2026
- **Fall Heifer Calf**- born Sept 1-Nov. 30, 2025
- **Summer Yearling Heifer**- born June 1-August 31, 2025
- **Spring Yearling Heifer**- born March 1-May 31, 2025
- **Winter Yearling Heifer**- born Dec. 1, 2024-Feb. 28, 2025
- **Fall Yearling Heifer**-born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2024
- **2 year old and under 3**- born Sep. 1, 2023-Aug. 31, 2024
- **3 year old cow and under 4**- born Sep. 1, 2022-Aug. 31, 2023
- **4 year old cow and under 5**- born Sep. 1, 2021- Aug. 31, 2022
- **5 year old cow and under 6**- born Sep. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

Dairy Showmanship

Jr. Dairy Showmanship is open to any 4-H or FFA member under 14 years of age who are exhibiting a female dairy animal as their project.

Sr. Dairy Showmanship is open to any 4-H or FFA member 14 years of age and older or members who have won Jr. Dairy Showmanship who are exhibiting a female dairy animal as their project.