

## \*4-H DAIRY

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Advisory Committee: Jenny Hamilton, Andy Knopp, and Stephanie Snider

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All dairy cattle exhibitors must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. See Livestock General Terms and Conditions for more details.
2. Dairy Barn set-up will be Wednesday, July 3 at 6:30 PM. All 4-H members and families are expected to participate.
3. All livestock must check in at the fair between 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> or 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Livestock will be released at 8:30 PM on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.
4. Dairy animals are not to be unloaded from the trailers until a dairy advisory board member does a visual health check. At this time, exhibitors should have registration papers.
5. Open scales will be available on Monday from 12:30 - 1:00 PM. All Dairy Steers will be weighed in from 1:00 - 2:00 PM.
6. **The 4-H Dairy Show will begin at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.** A show bill will be posted Wednesday on the arena side of the Dairy/Beef Barn.
7. Dairy will have first priority in the wash rack on Wednesday afternoon and beef will have priority on Thursday morning. The wash rack will be used for washing of cattle only, feeding or other grooming must take place in the barn.
8. Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. All registered and grade dairy cattle are required to have a RFID tag. The tag will stay in the ear for the life of the animal. All registered and non-registered 4-H Dairy heifers and cows must be enrolled online by May 15. Registered dairy must have a copy of the registration form and lease agreement on file in the Extension Office.
9. A cow that is milking at the time of the fair can be brought Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> before 10:00 AM. Animal must be checked by Dairy Superintendent before entering the barn. The cow that is milking will be released after the show. Dry cows must stay the entire time of the fair.
10. Age dates will be recognized as of July 1. The following age groups will be recognized:
  - Spring calf — born March 1 of exhibit year or later (at least 4 months old)
  - Winter calf — born December 1 of the year preceding the exhibit year thru February 28 of exhibit year.
  - Fall calf — born September 1 to November 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year
  - Summer yearling heifer — born June 1 to August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
  - Spring yearling heifer — born March 1 to May 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
  - Winter yearling heifer — born December 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year to February 28 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
  - Fall yearling heifer — born September 1 to November 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.
  - Fall Yearling heifer in Milk — born September 1 to November 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.
  - Junior 2-year-old cow — born March 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017
  - Senior 2-year-old cow — born September 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017
  - Junior 3-year-old cow - born March 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016
  - Senior 3-year-old cow - born - September 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016
  - 4-year-old and over cow --- September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015
  - 5-year-old and over - born on or after September 1, 2015
  - Dry cow - 2 years old or older but not in production - all breeds

11. All stalls and pens must be kept clean by exhibitor and all pens must be cleaned and all gates taken down or premium money will be withheld.
12. Mini 4-H'ers are permitted to show 4-H Dairy Showmanship only.

### CLASSES

The above classes will be offered in each of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Red Holstein, other registered breeds, and Grade Dairy Grand Champion Female

#### 4-H Dairy Showmanship Divisions

Grade in school on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**Junior Showmanship** - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible.

**Intermediate Showmanship** - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible (exception only for previous year's junior showmanship winners).

**Senior Showmanship** - all 4-H exhibitors in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the Champion Senior Dairy Showman, they must compete in Grand Showmanship in subsequent years.

**Grand Showmanship** - all Grand Showmanship participants and the Senior Showmanship winner from the previous year.

#### 4-H DAIRY STEER

1. Refer to general 4-H Terms and Conditions and Livestock rules. Dairy Barn set-up will be Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. All 4-H members and families are expected to participate.
2. Project requirements for Vigo County.
  - Dam and sire can be of the same dairy breeds, and/or cross of the following five: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.
  - A 4-H member may enroll as many as (6) six dairy steers in the project. This includes both Junior and Senior divisions.
  - Calves 12 months or older must be properly enrolled in 4-H program by Tag Day, February 16, 2019 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON (9:00 AM set-up), to be eligible to exhibit at the Vigo County Fair. All Dairy Steers must be tagged with both a five digit county tag, a RFID tag and enrolled online. If you have an unregistered dairy heifer or cow that does not have a five digit county tag or RFID tag already in place you must bring it to the fairgrounds on February 16<sup>th</sup> to be tagged. Any animal that loses a tag after tag day or is a calf born after Tag Day, the 4-Her is responsible for contacting the 4-H Youth Educator and/or superintendent prior to May 15.
  - All 4-H Dairy Steers must be properly **dehorned and castrated**.
3. The following classes will be provided for the Dairy Steer project at the Vigo County Fair following the 4-H Dairy Female Show. The 4-H Dairy Judge will judge both shows.
  - Junior Steer Feeder Calves --- Arrangements need to be made with Dairy Superintendent for calves under one year old.
  - Senior Finished Steer --- For calves 12 to 24 months. Dairy Steers will be judged at the beginning of the 4-H Dairy Show.
4. Rate of Gain Class for 4-H Dairy Steers. Each steer weighed in at Tag Day will be eligible for consideration in the "Rate of Gain" contest. Calculations will be made from the Tag Day weight and the show weight for determining the best rate of gain on the steers.
5. Sale cards must be turned in within one hour from the end of the show.
6. Mini 4-H members are not permitted to show dairy steers.