

## DAIRY

**PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED!* Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS** because they have changed from last year.**

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).

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Dairy</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN St Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>

***\*\*“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Dairy Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.***

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.

### RULES:

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules.
2. All 4-H dairy cows and heifers entered in the Hendricks County 4-H Fair dairy cattle show must have been enrolled in the exhibitor's county via the 4-H Online enrollment system by May 15. After entering animals on 4-H Online system, 4-H members must also identify which animals and which classes they will be exhibiting in on the FairEntry online system by designated date.
3. Each 4-H member's registered dairy cattle that are enrolled must contain the registration number (or dam's registration number) or tattoo number for each animal they are enrolling in the 4-H program. This number must match the corresponding number on the animal's enrollment during check-in at the Hendricks County Fair in order for the animal to be eligible for the 4-H dairy show. Unregistered Dairy Cattle that are enrolled are only allowed to show at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. 4-H'ers who enroll unregistered dairy cattle need to complete the prompts via the 4-H Animal Enrollment website. All Dairy Cattle must have an 840-RFID tag and have that 840-RFID tag number entered into 4-H Online by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to show at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair as well as the Indiana State Fair.
4. All guidelines will be in accordance with THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS. Read official health terms and conditions and general terms and conditions located in the front of the Hendricks County Handbook. Especially the terms and conditions concerning tampering, misrepresentation, conduct, drugs, etc.
5. Dairy animals may be any one (1) of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey or Milking Shorthorn. A 4-H'er may show more than one (1) dairy breed, but they may not show more than one (1) animal in each of the age group classes listed on the following pages under AGE GROUP CLASSES. Any other breed of Dairy cattle will be exhibited in an AOB (All Other Breeds) Class.
6. 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 Hendricks County 4-H Dairy Show or the animal will be ineligible for this show.

7. Animals are automatically co-enrolled with siblings of the same 4-H family as long as they are entered on at least one child's 4-H Online profile by specified date (unless animals are being leased). 4-H family must be under the same 4-H Online family profile. Animals being exhibited will need to be declared by 4-H member by designated date. Example: Sister enters Goat 1 and Goat 2 on 4-H Online. Goat 2 may be shown by Brother as long as declared by designated date.
8. The Dairy lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy cows and/or heifers. Leasing a dairy cow/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 cows and/or 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 Hendricks 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. **PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT A LEASED ANIMAL AT THE STATE FAIR, REVIEW THE STATE FAIR LEASING REQUIREMENTS. THEY ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN HENDRICKS COUNTY LEASING PROGRAM.**
9. Registration papers must be made available upon request for checking ear tags, tattoos or color patterns at the stalls on the afternoon before the 4-H dairy show. Dairy cows/ heifers whose ear tags, tattoos or color patterns do not match their enrollment and registered breed characteristics will be disqualified from the 4-H dairy show.
10. Sand will not be permitted in the cattle barn.
11. Senior yearling heifers that are "in milk" must show in the cow class.
12. It is recommended that 4-H exhibitors wear white pants or slacks (culottes or skirts also acceptable, shorts are not allowed) in the dairy show ring. White or colored shirts with 4-H emblems and/or breed insignias are permissible. 4-H exhibitors having an entry in animal classes at Hendricks County Fair are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the owner may request another Indiana 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Substitute showmen must be approved by the Barn Director prior to the showing of the animal(s) needing a substitute showman. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances deemed unavoidable by the Barn Director. Failure to be excused from a job (including chores at home), family vacations and/or sporting/band event or sports/band practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.
13. The breed associations reserve the right to have a qualified veterinarian check all questionable animals for their correct age and insure that all animals have a legible tattoo. Any altered tattoos will be disqualified. Any misrepresented animals will be disqualified from the show and will be reported to the national associations.
14. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family who are no more than 2 generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from approved 4-H Adult Volunteers that participated in the 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference who are from the 4-H member's county of enrollment. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and the relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. Thus, we have worked on an adaptation to the grooming rule. This is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family structures differ greatly depending on the situation. Obviously, the intent is to include step, half and in-law relatives. Approved Hendricks County 4-H Livestock Species Leaders are also eligible to assist 4-Hers with grooming of that species. Example: Approved Dairy Cattle Leaders may help groom cattle on day of show. *Any person that does not meet the requirements listed above may assist with grooming if they have completed and pass the Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program paperwork and application by June 15th of the current year. Those who are a part of the Grooming Assistance Program agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed in the handbook and program*

*paperwork.*

15. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. See General Livestock Guidelines for more information.

#### AGE GROUP CLASSES:

- **Spring heifer calf — born March 1, 2020 or later (at least 4 months old)**
- **Winter heifer calf — born December 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020**
- **Fall heifer calf — born September 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019**
- **Summer yearling heifer — born June 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019**
- **Spring yearling heifer — born March 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019**
- **Winter yearling heifer — born December 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019**
- **Fall yearling heifer — born September 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018**
- **Junior 2-year-old cow — born March 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018**
- **Senior 2-year-old cow — born September 1, 2017 to February 29, 2018**
- **3-year-old cow - born September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017**
- **4-year-old cow - born September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016**
- **5-year-old cow & over — born prior to August 31, 2015**

#### 4-H Dairy Showmanship Classes:

- Senior Champion Dairy Showmanship
- Intermediate Champion Dairy Showmanship
- Junior Champion Dairy Showmanship
- Each participant must show the same animal throughout the entire showmanship competition.

#### 4-H DAIRY POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

A poster may be exhibited for this project in addition to or in place of an animal exhibit. Please see page 110 for the guidelines for a Livestock Educational Exhibit.