

2020 4-H DAIRY PROJECT RULES & GUIDELINES

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For Dairy Heifers, complete the General Livestock Record Sheet and grade specific Dairy Activity Sheet and grade specific Beef Activity Sheet in conjunction with the Beef Resource Handbook (4-H 117R) these rules are used in addition to the GENERAL LIVESTOCK rules. (A copy of your Activity Sheet must be attached to every record sheet.)

1. **Any and all animals not fitting the rules outlined will be placed in a class at the discretion of the committee.**
2. Fans are allowed on lead side only. NO butt fans or on the floor, unless **committee approval is granted in excessive hot weather or extreme conditions.**
3. **Bedding will be provided.**
4. All Dairy Beef Market Steers that are exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must have DNA hair samples turned into the Extension Office by April 1st. Dairy Feeders Steers hair samples are due into the office by May 15th.

DAIRY HEIFER RULES:

1. County Fair Classes:
 - A. Spring Calf– born 3/1/20 or later
 - B. Winter Calf– born 12/1/19 –02/28/20
 - C. Fall Calf– born 09/01/19-11/30/2019
 - D. Summer Yearling-06/01/19-08/31/19
 - E. Spring Yearling-03/01/19-05/31/19
 - F. Winter Yearling– 12/01/18-02/28/19
 - G. Fall Yearling– 09/01/18-11/30/18
 - H. Junior Two Year Old Cow– 03/01/18-08/31/18
 - I. Two Year Old Cow– 09/01/17-02/28/18
 - J. Junior Three Year Old Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey and milking Shorthorn– 03/01/17- 08/31/17
 - K. Senior Three Year Old Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey and milking Shorthorn – 09/01/16-02/28/17
 - L. 4 year old cow— born 9/1/15 to 8/31/16
 - M. 5 year old and over—born prior to 8/31/2015
 - N. Dry cow—years old or older but not in production—all breeds
2. Both purebred and grades can be shown at the Pulaski County Fair, but only purebred animals can be shown at the State Fair.
3. Leasing a dairy cow/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 cow/heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15th until the dairy show at the county or Indiana State Fair.
4. All dairy animals must be dehorned, except spring calves and winter senior calves.
5. Milking and dry cow class entries must arrive a minimum of one hour before the official starting time of the dairy show, and shall be released a minimum of one hour before the end of judging.
6. Production Award: any cow shown at the County Fair with the last official DHIA 305-day record. Turn in with completed record sheet.
7. All registered 4-H Dairy animals **must be** identified by a RFID tag, the animal's registration name and registration number (or dam's registration number).

DAIRY BEEF FINISHED STEER RULES:

1. All animals may only be of the following 6 breeds: Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, or Milking Shorthorn. Animals must show breed characteristics. **No beef crossed with dairy will be accepted or crosses between the 6 dairy breeds.**
2. All dairy beef steers **must be** born after January 1st of the previous calendar year and must have milk teeth in place or be sent home.
3. All finished steers **must have a** RFID and county tag, and weighed on **Saturday, January 25th 9-11 am (EST). at the fairgrounds. Weather date is Saturday, February 1st.**
4. All animals **must be** properly dehorned and castrated.
5. Dairy beef steer classes will begin with weights of 1000 lbs. on up and will be judged according to the weight classes at the discretion of the Committee.
6. Show sticks are optional for showing.

DAIRY BEEF STARTER CALF RULES

1. All animals may only be of the following 6 breeds: Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, or Milking Shorthorn. Animals must show breed characteristics. **No beef crossed with dairy will be accepted or crosses between the 6 dairy breeds.**
2. All dairy starter calves **must be** born after January 1 of the current 4-H year.
3. All starter calves must have a RFID and county tag, and weighed on **Saturday, May 2nd between 8:00 —10:00 AM ET at the fairgrounds. Weather date is Saturday May 9th.**
4. All animals **must be** successfully castrated/banded and cannot show any evidence of testicular tissue. This should be done by weigh-in.
5. Ideal weight for the animals at show times is 400-450 pounds. The **maximum** weight allowed to show as a starter is 600 pounds.
6. Starter calves will be judged according to weight classes at the discretion of the committee.
7. Starter steers may not be groomed for showmanship or conformation (weight) classes, mineral oil and other grooming oils are permitted. Clipping of starter steers is optional, as is the use of show sticks.

DAIRY BEEF FEEDER CALF

1. All animals may only be of the following 6 breeds: Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, or Milking Shorthorn. Animals must show breed characteristics. **No beef crossed with dairy will be accepted or crosses between the 6 dairy breeds.**
2. **Steers born prior to January 1st of the current 4-H year must be weighed at the finished steer weigh-in. Steers born after January 1st of the current 4-H year must be weighed at the starter calf weigh-in.**
3. Depending when steers are born, all steers must have a RFID and county tag, and weighed on either **Saturday, January 25th 9-11 am for finished steer weigh-in** or **Saturday, May 2nd from 8-10am for starter calf weigh-in.**
4. All steers **must** be successfully castrated/banded and cannot show any evidence of testicular tissue. This should be done by weigh-in.
5. Ideal weight for the animals at show times is 601-999 pounds. The **maximum** weight allowed to show as a feeder calf is **999** pounds.
6. The feeder calves' class will be judged according to weight classes at the discretion of the committee.
7. Feeder calves may not be groomed for showmanship or conformation (weight) classes, mineral oil and other grooming oils are permitted. Clipping of starter steers is optional, as is the use of show sticks.

DAIRY HEIFER & DAIRY BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors (4-H animal owner/lessee) may only show their own animals in Showmanship classes.

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year)

- A) Junior Showmanship-all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, 5th grade is eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.
- B) Intermediate Showmanship-all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Junior Showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that member must compete in the Senior Division of the showmanship category in subsequent years.
- C) Senior Showmanship-all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Dairy Heifer/Dairy Beef Showmanship class.
- D) Champion Dairy Heifer/Dairy Beef Showman-Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners, may compete for the "Champion Dairy Heifer Showman" and "Champion Dairy Beef Showman" titles. The Champion Dairy Heifer Showman and the Champion Dairy Beef Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition. Champion Dairy Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition representing the Dairy Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Dairy Showmanship classes.

DAIRY & DAIRY STEER HERDSMANSHIP

1. Any empty feed and water pans shall be removed.
2. Bedding of animals must be kept clean at all times.
3. Animals must be clean at all times.
4. If show blankets are used, they shall be removed from animals between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. EST except the day before and the day of the show.
5. Aisles must be clean and swept.
6. Equipment, hay, feed, etc. must be stored neatly and out of the aisle.
7. Exhibitors will be courteous and polite to all Fair visitors.
8. Water fights, fighting, foul language, etc. will not be allowed in the barn.
9. Decorations are **not** required but encouraged. If decorations are used, they must be kept neat and clean. If they become drooped, worn, torn, soiled, etc., they must be replaced or repaired. Grading will be conducted throughout the fair.
10. Extra effort on the part of the 4-H'er will be noticed.
11. Animals should not be left tied outside the barn unattended.
12. Consideration will be given on the day of the show.

Emphasis will be placed on cleanliness and appearance of exhibit. However, conduct of the exhibitor will be considered.