

DAIRY

(Last updated 12/2020)

State Fair Entry: 4-H Dairy cows and heifers must be entered to the Indiana State Fair by July 1st and steers by June 1st (www.indianastatefair.com). Refer to the Indiana State Fair website for entry deadlines.

References: BU-8161 Dairy 1 Cowabunga (grades 3-5)
BU-8162 Dairy 2 Mooving Ahead (grades 6-8)
BU-8163 Dairy 3 Rising to the Top (grades 9-12)
4-H-298 Dairy Showmanship
4-H-503-W [Individual Cow Record](#)

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ENROLLMENT:

1. Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by said deadline and must be under the continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Any animal listed under a family through Indiana 4-H Online may be shown by any member listed under that family profile.
2. 4-H members must be enrolled in the Clay County 4-H and Dairy Project by May 15th.
3. All 4-H Cattle must be identified through Indiana 4-H online. Market Steers by May 15th, Feeder steers and bulls by May 15th, and dairy females by May 15th.
4. 4-H Dairy steers must be identified with a county 5 digit ID tag and an RFID tag by annual cattle ID day on **March 6th**. All steers will be weighed at this time for the Rate of Gain competition.
5. All Dairy females must be identified with an RFID tag and tattoo or breed identification ID. The animal must be owned or leased and under the care of the 4-H member by May 15th.
6. All Dairy Feeder Steers and Bulls must be identified with an RFID tag by the annual Spring ID Day (**May 1st**).
7. Premise ID numbers are required for all Dairy enrollments.

HEALTH:

1. At the time of check in with the Dairy Superintendent and for the remainder of the time at the fairgrounds, the animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease. For more information on cattle health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038.
2. Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. In case of a health question, a veterinarian will be contacted. The Cattle Superintendent can request cattle remain on the trailer until checked by a veterinarian.
3. No cattle will be unloaded at the fair until inspected and, if necessary, approved by the Veterinary on duty. Animals showing any sign of communicable disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Warts and Ringworm are not allowed.
4. If an animal becomes ill during the fair, a veterinarian will evaluate the animal and the cattle superintendent will determine if the animal should be released.
5. All animals at weigh-in and while exhibited at the fair must be dehorned and halter broke to the extent that they are not deemed a safety hazard to the public, other exhibitors, or their exhibitor/owner. NO EXCEPTIONS

GROOMING:

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

- a. At the County and State Fair, State Fair and 4-H officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s), violations to the policy may result in the disqualification of an animal entry.
- b. **Beginning in 2019 applicants must also complete the online Animal Ethics modules located here <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> every two years.** These 4 modules are intended to reiterate the importance of providing a foundation for 4-H families to start a conversation about livestock ethics and an understanding of why rules are in place. Ensure 4-H parents and adult mentors realize they are representatives of a larger livestock industry and give them tools to communicate effectively with the general public on behalf of that community. Last but certainly not least, to ensure animals in the Indiana 4-H Program are treated with the utmost care. At the conclusion of 4 modules please enter your name and county of primary residence.

❖ **Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program**

1. Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document
2. Complete the 4 online Animal Ethics modules entitled: **Purpose of 4-H Livestock Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice** located here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> once every 2 years (starting April 2019)
3. Annually submit the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application and a copy driver's license to Courtney

Email: dickerso@purdue.edu OR Mail to: Purdue Extension, State 4-H Office
615 W State St
West Lafayette IN 47907

PENNING:

1. Exhibitors will furnish their own bedding materials (unless donor is obtained).
2. The Superintendent will assign stall space and tie out space prior to bringing cattle to the fairgrounds.
3. All cattle during fair week are required to have BOTH halter and necktie while in assigned stall and tie out.
4. One fan per TWO head of cattle is allowed. Fans must have proper safety shrouds. Fans must blow on the halter side of the animal. No misters or butt fans allowed.
5. Power washers will not be allowed in the wash racks.
6. No stall panels, gates, or posts will be allowed in the tie out area.
7. Muzzles and electric prodders will not be allowed.
8. All Exhibitors must complete a Pen Reservation/Entry Card by July 1st. If you do not complete pen pre-entry forms, your ties will be assigned in whatever area is available when you arrive at the fair.
9. Assignments will be made by 4-H tenure, with most tenured members being assigned first. Penning will be completed by family (siblings).

SHOW:

1. All cattle will use the rules and age grouping classification utilized at State Fair.
2. A member may show as many as six (6) steers and may not show more than one (1) dairy female in each of the age group classes listed under the Age Requirements.
3. Show classes will be divided into breed and/or weight classes based upon the enrollment each year. Heifers will be shown by age as listed below. The cattle superintendent will divide the classes and adjust as needed.
4. Show order for all heifers/cows, steers and feeder calves will be posted no later than 6 p.m. Saturday evening.
5. Any breed is eligible to be shown at the Clay County 4-H Fair.
6. All animals will be weighed/checked-in upon unloading between 6 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Registration papers, tattoos and lease agreements will be checked at this time.
7. To show a dairy female, you must have an RFID tag, signed lease agreement if the animal is leased, and registration papers and legible tattoo if the female is registered. The registration paper and lease agreement (if applicable), must be provided upon weigh in at the fair. If you do not have registration papers, lease agreement (if applicable) or if your papers, tattoo and RFID tag does not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that heifer/cow will be disqualified.
8. AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERD DAIRY FEMALES:

Spring Heifer Calf	Born March 1, 2021 to May 15, 2021
Winter Heifer Calf	Born December 1, 2020 to February 29, 2021
Fall Heifer Calf	Born September 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020
Spring Yearling Heifer	Born March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born December 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020
Fall Yearling Heifer	Born September 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019
Junior 2-year old Cow	Born March 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019
Senior 2-year old Cow	Born September 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019
Junior 3-year old Cow	Born March 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018
Senior 3-year old Cow	Born September 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018
4-Year old Cow	Born September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017
5-Year old Cow	Born September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016
9. Steers must have milk teeth in place and will be shown by weight and shown only against dairy steers. County ID and RFID tags will be checked at the fair weigh in and if they do not match the Indiana 4-H online family profile entry, they will be disqualified.
10. All calves must be properly castrated and dehorned by the fair. Improperly castrated calves will not be allowed to be exhibited.
11. In addition to the grooming guidelines, no false tails and/or use of and/or addition of any type of artificial hair is prohibited. Only natural hair growing in its original location will be permitted.
12. All 4-H livestock will be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.

BORN & RAISED:

1. Born and Raised animals must be born and raised by the Clay County 4-H members and immediate family's herd. (Not grandparents, aunts or uncles herd).
2. These animals will be exhibited during the steer and heifer show and placed. After these shows, the county born and raised animals will come back for their Champion and Reserve placings.
3. Exhibitor must indicate county born and raised on livestock entries through Indiana 4-H Online.

RATE OF GAIN:

1. The Rate of Gain class is for Steers only. The top award will go to the animal with the highest Average daily Gain between the Annual Cattle ID tag day (March 6, 2021) and the Weigh-In at the fair.

SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Junior Showmanship – 3rd through 5th grade as of January 1, 2021
2. Intermediate Showmanship – 6th through 8th grade as of January 1, 2021 and anyone who has won Junior Showmanship
3. Senior Division – 9th through 12th grade as of January 1, 2021 and anyone who has won Senior Showmanship
4. Champion of Champion Showmanship – All previous Senior Division Champions, including the 2021 Senior Division Champion.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

The Livestock Auction will be held on Friday of the fair. Each 4-H member may sale one animal in the auction. Only Dairy Beef Steers (no feeder calves) will be eligible to participate in the Livestock Auction. Exhibitors wishing to exhibit a Dairy Beef Steer weighing below 700 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for sale at the auction. Failure to sign this waiver will disqualify the animal from the dairy Steer Show. UNLESS A BUYER FOR THESE ANIMALS IS OBTAINED. A 4 % auction fee will be deducted from each members check.

ACTION DEMONSTRATION:

Action demonstrations are a way of showing off your dairy skills and abilities. You will be judged during dairy judging.

FEEDER CALF: DAIRY

1. Calf must meet all Clay County 4-H and Indiana BOAH Health Requirements
 2. A member may exhibit and show no more than two calves.
 3. Animals must be owned by the 4-H member and feed records started no later than Spring ID day, MAY 1, 2021
 4. The animal must be 100% dairy. Beef/dairy cross breeds will NOT be allowed. Classes are for steers and bull.
 5. All calves must be dehorned by 4-H Fair. No ruptured calves may be exhibited.
 6. Calf Age: January 1 to March 31, 2021. Feeder calves must not exceed 700 lbs. the day of fair weigh-in.
 7. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the class winners. Calves will be shown by weight.
 8. Show classes will be determined by enrollment each year and at the discretion of the Cattle Superintendent.
 9. Calves do not have to be weaned at tagging. Must be weaned by fair time.
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