

Dairy

Description: The educational 4-H dairy cattle program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both dairy subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications) under the direction of caring adults.

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4online by January 15.
- Cows and Heifers must be ID in V2.4online by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by May 24, 2024

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in our county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org/>.

1. Classes at the County Fair will be offered for female Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn.

CLASSES - See class ages from State Fair Handbook.

A. Spring Heifer Calf (at least 4 months old), Winter Heifer Calf, Fall Heifer Calf, Summer Yearling Heifer, Spring Yearling Heifer, Winter Yearling Heifer, Fall Yearling Heifer, Yearling Heifer in milk (Brown Swiss, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn) Junior 2 year old cow, Senior 2 year old cow, Junior 3 year old cow, Senior 3 year old cow, 4 year old cow, 5 year old cow, Aged cow six years and older, Aged Cow (dry) (Holstein only), 3 or 4 year old cow (dry) Holstein only), Dry Cow (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss), Dry Cow, any milking age (Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn).

B. Member may enroll two animals per class but may show only one.

C. High Scoring Heifer and Cow will include Holstein, Brown Swiss, Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn Champions.

D. Ribbons will be awarded according to the placing of animals.

E. All Dairy Cattle shown at the Allen County Fair must have an RFID tag.

2. Each 4-H member shall own his/her own exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before May 15 and continuously until after the show date. For 4-H Breeding animals, family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunt, uncle, and legal guardians is acceptable. 4-H member may lease dairy heifers or cows and submit documentation to the Extension Office by May 15 each year. Form is available at Extension Office.

3. Cows and Heifers shall be in the club member's possession by May 1.

4. Members shall be expected to feed and care for animals during the entire County Fair. A 4-H member or family member needs to be able to take care of the animals at all times.

5. The 4-H member is required to complete a minimum of two of the activities on their project activity sheets by May 31, 2023. Activity sheets are to be submitted to the Extension Office by May 24, 2024. Activity sheets, which are late or incomplete, will result in the loss of eligibility for showmanship and member will receive a participation ribbon for the project. Late activity sheets must be received the end of check-in. Members not turning in completed activity sheets are ineligible to show. The dairy committee may recognize up to three members in each level for outstanding work with their Activity Sheets. Activity sheets will be done according to the following grades, as of January 1 of current exhibition year. Member who completes the Activity Sheet but does not exhibit an animal will receive a 4-H participation award only.

Level 1 – Grades 3-4-5

Level 2 – Grades 6-7-8

Level 3 – Grades 9-10-11-12

6. Completed Animal Record sheets will be due by May 24, 2024.

7. Member may show both purebred and grade.

8. Current HEALTH RULES as specified by the Indiana Board of Animal Health must be complied with and all health papers checked by either the State Veterinarian or a representative before unloading. Health papers should be listed in the 4-Her's name, the 4-Her's and an immediate family member's name, or the 4-Her's and the family name. (Ex. John Smith & Sons, Jane Smith & Sons and Daughters, John Smith and Family).

9. The Dairy Committee shall decide which trophies will be awarded and submit this to the Awards Committee prior to fall meeting.

10. Milking cows are allowed to enter and leave the day of the show as long as there is no conflict with any other show. If

milking cows are not removed that evening, they must stay for the duration of the Fair.

11. All cattle should be double-tied while not attended to in the Barn or tie-out area.

12. A Leader's Special Award will be given out at the auction. This award is chosen by a selected person or persons who go through the dairy area throughout the County Fair. This award is based on which member has the cleanest area, cleanest animals, who is doing the work, if the 4-H'er helps other club members with their animals, what their area looks like on show day (before, during and after). This award may go to one member or several members of the same family.

13. At the County Fair, a 4-H Dairy member may receive clipping and grooming assistance from a current Allen County 4-H Leader, in addition to their immediate brother, sister, father, mother, legal guardian, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or other Indiana 4-H member. No unethical fitting/grooming practices will be allowed. Refer to State Fair Fraud & Deception rules.

14. Anyone not able to meet any rule listed will be given due process to have their special circumstances reviewed by the Dairy Executive Committee and, if necessary, the Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Board.

15. Heifers shown at the county fair, must remain the entire fair. Exhibitor must determine whether or not any heifer that is pregnant and due to calve around fair time should be brought to exhibition. Member requesting special accommodations must contact the Dairy Executive Committee and the 4-H Board by May 31, 2024.

SHOWMANSHIP will be conducted in three divisions:

Member will compete in level according to school grade as of January 1 of current exhibition year.

Junior for grades 3-4-5

Intermediate for grades 6-7-8

Senior for grades 9-10-11-12

Overall Showman for all current Junior, Intermediate, Senior, previous Senior **and previous Master** Showman winners.

(See Showman of Showmen).

1. Any 4-H'er may compete in showmanship as long as they have completed their activity sheets and record sheet and turned in at the designated proper times.

2. Member must show own animal in showmanship classes.

3. If a 4-H member wins the showmanship award, he or she cannot compete in that division again but may compete in the next older division.

Showmanship participants must show their own animal which they exhibited in an earlier class.