

NEWS RELEASE

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Manitowoc County Dairy Futurity Deadline Approaches

The first-ever Manitowoc County All-Breeds Futurity held during this year's Manitowoc County Fair, was a resounding success. Seventeen dairy cows were exhibited in front of a standing-room-only crowd of spectators. Plans are under way to make the 2006 Futurity even better.

Entries are now being taken for the 2008 Futurity. The Manitowoc County Futurity Committee encourages you to make your entries by December 1, 2005. Once again, this will be a class of three-year-old cows consisting of all breeds, which will be subject to change based on the number of entries and the size of the class. The Futurity Committee will have the discretion of making the show consist of two or more classes, based on number of animals showing in their respective breeds.

The purpose of the Dairy Futurity is to promote an interest in breeding and exhibiting officially identified dairy cattle, while encouraging additional participation in dairy entries at the Manitowoc County Fair and to promote and showcase dairying to the urban fairgoers.

Dairy Futurity entrants: 1.) Must be a resident of Manitowoc County. 2.) Futurity animals may be owned by a person of any age; however, entries must be led by someone who is at least 12 years of age. Age will be determined by the date of the show. 3.) Entrants must wear formal attire or attire suitable for a futurity. No blue jeans. 4.) Entrants may show their animal in either the open show or junior dairy cattle show provided they meet the requirements as set forth in their respective dairy books and have been properly entered.

The entry fee is \$20 per animal.

Eligibility requirements are as follows: 1.) Any animal that is 87% RHA or higher with official Breed Association Papers. All Colored Breed animals must have PR (Provisional Registration) papers. 2.) The animal must be owned by a Manitowoc County resident. If an animal entered in the Manitowoc County Futurity is sold, eligibility may be transferred to the new owner, and it is his/her responsibility to inform the Futurity Committee of the change in ownership prior to the show. 3.) All matters pertaining to the showing of the Futurity are subject to the rules, regulations, and health requirements of the Manitowoc County Fair. 4.) Any animal born between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005 will be eligible for entry in the **2008 Manitowoc County Futurity**. 5.) All animals and owners must meet the requirements set forth by the Manitowoc County Expo Fair Book Rules.

Manitowoc County Futurity entry blanks are available from the Manitowoc County UW-Extension Office. The blanks are also available on the Manitowoc County UW-Extension website at www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc.

Dairy and Agriculture Coming Events

Please note the following list of coming events. More information is available at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension Agricultural Program Coming Events link at:

www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/ag/events.html

December 5, 2005

2005 Cattle Feeder Clinic, 6:00 p.m.
Equity Livestock Sale Facility, Reedsville

December 6, 2005

2005 Fertilizer Dealer and Soil & Water Management Meetings
Millhome Supper Club, Kiel (3 miles east on Hwy. 57/32)

December 20, 2005

So You Want to Modernize Your Dairy...Now What?
North Brook Country Club in Luxemburg, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

December 21, 2005

Low Cost Milking Parlor and Housing Conference
Michiels Inn Highway 10, Brillion, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

January 17, 2006

Gaining the Competitive Edge Dairy Seminars
Millhome Supper Club, Kiel

January 17-19, 2006

2006 Fertilizer, Aglime and Pest Management Conference
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin

February 21 & 22, 2006

Heifer Raising Seminars, Feb 21, 2006 in Green Bay and Feb 22 in Fond du Lac.

February 28, 2006

Pesticide Applicator Training
Manitowoc County UW-Extension Office, 10:00 a.m.
This will be the only training held this year, so please be sure to make arrangements to attend.

March 1, 2006

Deadline for 2006 Sesquicentennial and Century Farm & Home Programs Applications are available at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office.

April 1, 2006

Deadline for Manitowoc County UW-Agriculture Alumni Association and Manitowoc County Farm Progress Days scholarship applications

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