

## Department 1 – Dairy Cattle

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### Requirements:

1. Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised dairy project are eligible to participate in this project.
2. Dairy cattle to be exhibited at the Fair must be identified on the forms provided by the Extension office. Exhibitor is to list the permanent identification and birth date of the animals in each class that they intend to show. Identification forms must be postmarked or delivered to the Oconto County Extension office by fourth Monday of June. This form is to be turned in to the superintendents during check-in on entry day at which time the identification of the animal will be verified. It meets the Fair's record keeping requirement under Wisconsin DATCP animal health rules. Permanent identification may be breed registration papers; sketch or photo of spotted cattle with birth date, dam, and sire identification information; tattoo; or ear tag. Exhibitors using ear tags for identification are responsible for replacing lost tags and reporting old and new tag numbers to the Extension office.
3. Exhibitors showing cattle not owned by the immediate family must complete and have on file a Wisconsin Dairy Management Project contract signed by the exhibitor and owner of the cattle.
4. Dairy entries will be accepted Thursday morning beginning at 11:00 a.m. All dairy cattle entries must be in place by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday.
5. Purebred and Grade Red and White cattle must be red and white to show. No black cattle shown in this class.
6. Exhibitors of cows which have completed a minimum 305-day lactation since the previous fair can qualify their exhibit for the milk production award by bringing a copy of a production report from any testing laboratory to the superintendent's table at the beginning of the class. Ribbon award for the entry with the highest milk production will be announced and presented at the conclusion of the judging of that class.
7. All health requirements must be met before the animals are entered.
  - A. See Health Requirements Section.
  - B. Inspection of exhibit animals at 8 pm Thursday evening. The superintendents and representatives of the dairy committee will go through the barn to inspect exhibit animals for ring worm, mange, warts and other health conditions. The fair vet will check suspect animals. Those found to be infected by the vet will be sent home.
  - C. In the event an exhibit animal is sent home for health reasons, a replacement exhibit identified on the exhibitor's pre-entry identification form can be checked in to replace it.
  - D. Exhibitors are to call their own veterinarian for emergency or non-emergency animal health issues with their exhibits while at the fair. Exhibitors calling the fair veterinarian to see animals at the fair will be charged that doctor's normal stop charge plus treatment costs for the call.
8. To be eligible to be shown at the fair, dairy animals must have been in the herd and part of the member's project for at least 3 months before fair.
9. An exhibitor may exhibit any calf, yearling and/or cow from the home herd providing they are enrolled in the appropriate management project(s).
10. Dairy cattle with horns longer than 1" (measured from the hair line), will not be permitted to show. Loosely attached spurs (not attached to the skull) are allowed.
11. Clipping and grooming of any animal on the fairgrounds must only be done by the exhibitor or immediate family. Immediate family includes: parent, step-parent, legal guardian of the exhibitor, a brother, step-brother, sister, or step-sister, unless prior approval is given by Dairy Superintendent. TOUCH UP CLIPPING ONLY is allowed on the fairgrounds. Touch up includes minor adjustments as needed after washing and grooming and final preparations

for show. It does not include major body clipping. Exhibitors in violation of clipping rules will be sanctioned with a pink ribbon.

12. Power washers are not allowed to be used at the fair and no electrical equipment is permitted in the wash rack areas.
13. The Fair wants exhibitors to maintain neatness of displays, focus exhibits on displaying cattle, and maintain adequate alley space for safely moving cattle and fair visitors. To meet these goals:
  - a. Feed stored in display area is limited to no more than a stack one small, square bale long and wide, and 4 bales high.
  - b. Club show boxes may be placed at the outside of gates on ends of barn.
  - c. Clubs across alleys are jointly responsible to maintain clear 8-foot alley.
  - d. Areas along the inside walls of alleys to wash racks are not to be used for feed storage or show boxes.
14. Decorating rules are found in Jr Fair General Rules.
15. Third (3rd) grade project members are limited to showing in spring and winter calf classes. Fourth (4th) grade project members are limited to showing animals ranging from spring calf to winter yearling classes.
16. Exhibitors in dairy cattle showmanship must show one of their project animals in the showmanship class.
17. Tardy exhibitors in any dairy show will be called to the ring two times, after which judging of the class will begin without the tardy exhibitors.
18. Club herd is 5 animals, any age and breed shown by as many members possible of a single club. Superintendents will sign up club herds on entry day.
19. For class definitions, see Chapter. ATCP 160.08 and 160.09.
20. Registered and Grades Holsteins are shown in separate classes. Registered and grade cattle of all other breed classes are shown together.
21. Clubs or individuals not providing adequate care for their exhibit animals will be verbally warned by the department superintendent. If the situation is not resolved after one warning the superintendent will refer the offender(s) to the dairy committee and fair board livestock committee which may order the animals removed from the fair if improved care is not provided.
22. Dairy cattle may be removed from the grounds after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and must be removed by 6:30 p.m.
23. The milk house hours will be set and posted at the fair after superintendents consult with exhibitors.
24. **SALE OF CHAMPIONS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES:**
  - a) Exhibitor must enter and show at least two animals in the dairy show at the Oconto County Fair.
  - b) Exhibitor must have completed and turned in for verification a dairy project record that has been approved for use by the Oconto County Fair (4-H dairy project record and FFA dairy record or dairy proficiency award application qualify, any other record forms should be submitted to the dairy project committee in advance for approval).
  - c) Exhibitor must have entered and participated in the appropriate dairy showmanship class for his/her grade.
  - d) Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, educational, or project activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify a dairy animal for the sale one educational activity must be specific to dairy cattle. No duplicate activities, i.e. two jobs, three ag classes, etc. will be allowed as separate educational requirements--must be three different types of activities. A list of suggested activities meeting this requirement has been developed by the Youth Animal Sciences committees and is available from the Oconto County UW Extension Youth Development office.

- e) Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions. An individual qualifying more than one exhibit for the sale will elect the exhibit they wish to sell, the second blue from the class not selected by the champion will then be eligible to sell. Exhibits must earn a blue ribbon to be eligible to sell. **Exhibitors eligible to sell more than one exhibit must decide which to sell and report their decision to the chairman of the sale of champions or Extension agriculture agent no later than one hour following the end of the last show of the fair. If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.**
- f) Qualifying exhibitors of the top four (4) ranked cattle in the Supreme of The Show class and the junior champion and reserve junior champion animals will sell cheese. Supreme of The Show class will consist of the overall breed champions and reserve champions of each breed exhibited at the fair. Overall breed champions will be selected from the registered and grade breed champions.
- g) Exhibitors are responsible for insuring the safety and wholesomeness of the animal-derived food they are producing and exhibiting at the fair. The milkhouse supervisor or their designee collects samples from each milking of each individual cow milked at the fair for testing in the event contamination is found. The exhibitor causing such contamination will be responsible for financial losses incurred by the fair, milk hauler, and dairy processor due to contaminated milk by illegal residues and may be liable for additional sanctions under state and federal regulations.
- h) Exhibitors selling in the Sale of Champions will receive the amount bid for their exhibit minus a commission determined by the Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair. The commission covers awards, advertising and other expenses of the performance project and sale.
- i) **An extra 2 percent will be deducted from the checks of sellers who fail to help set up and take down for the auction and be present to help with cleanup of the livestock barns on the Monday following the fair.**

### **Champion Classes and Qualifiers in the Dairy Show**

<b>Champion Class</b>	<b>Qualifying Animals</b>
Breed Junior Champions (Registered and Grade)	First & second blue ribbon winners from each class in Junior age category
Breed Senior Champions (Registered and Grade)	First & second blue ribbon winners from each class in Senior age category
Breed Champions (Registered and Grade)	Junior and Senior Breed Champions and Reserve Champions
Overall Breed Champions	Registered and Grade Breed Champions and Reserve Champions
Supreme Champion of the Show	Overall Breed Champions and Reserve Champions

### **Other Awards:**

Trophies will be awarded to individuals receiving top blue awards in showmanship and to individuals receiving Best of Show Awards.

The name of the group receiving the top blue ribbon in dairy herdsmanship will be inscribed on the Dairy Herdsmanship plaque that is displayed in the dairy barn.

### **Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor Award.**

Selection based on the following criteria:

**Recipient:** A senior dairy cattle exhibitor at the Oconto County Fair who has developed a high degree of skill and knowledge over the years. The selection committee will emphasize both development of skills and their application in developing an outstanding dairy project.

**Objective:** To encourage the development of dairy breeding and management skills by:

- A. Encouraging exhibitors to learn and use genetic selection and production management techniques to breed and develop genetically superior and productive dairy cattle.
- B. Encouraging exhibitors to develop the dairy cattle evaluation skills needed to select the best project animals available.
- C. Encouraging exhibitors to acquire herdsmanship and showmanship skills needed to bring out the best in their dairy project.
- D. Recognize the exhibitor who has demonstrated knowledge, skill, ambition, and good sportsmanship through an outstanding total effort with the project.

**Criteria:**

- A. At least one of the exhibitor's dairy cattle entries must earn a blue ribbon in Danish judging competition at the fair.
- B. The individual must:
  - a. demonstrate outstanding showmanship skills. Must have earned a blue ribbon in dairy showmanship.
  - b. Make all entries in a timely and accurate manner
  - c. Be cooperative with fair officials and other exhibitors
  - d. Maintain a neat and clean personal appearance
  - e. Maintain cleanliness and properly display and care for their exhibit animals throughout the fair
  - f. In the opinion of the selection committee, made the most of the resources available to them
- C. In situations where there is close competition between a number of exhibitors, preference will be given to exhibitors who have not received the award in the past. When an exhibitor is clearly superior to all others, they will be selected without regard for past awards. The committee may award more than one award if it feels more than one exhibitor is deserving of recognition.

**Selection Committee:** County youth dairy project committee members and the UW-Extension agriculture agent will make the selection. Exhibitors showing in senior showmanship will have the opportunity to vote for their choice in an advisory ballot conducted following the conclusion of the dairy show at the Fair.

Associated Bank awards \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds to the exhibitor of Best of Show.

Trophies are awarded to the top four (4) ranked exhibits in the Supreme of The Show Class and the overall junior champion and reserve junior champion.

Breed champions and reserve champions will be selected where the judge decides sufficient competition and quality warrants the awards.

Best Udder Awards	Ribbon Only
Best Production Awards	Ribbon Only

**AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:**

SPRING CALF - Born March 1, 2008 to April 15, 2008  
WINTER CALF - Born December 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008  
FALL CALF - Born September 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007  
SUMMER YEARLING - Born June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007  
SPRING YEARLING - Born March 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007  
WINTER YEARLING - Born December 1, 2007 to February 28, 2007  
FALL YEARLING - Born September 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006  
2-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006  
3-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2005  
4-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003  
5-YEAR-OLD/OLDER COW - Born before September 1, 2003  
DRY COW, 3-YEAR & OVER - Born before September 1, 2005, must have milked 280 days or more or be shown as dry on DHIA test sheet.

**DAIRY CATTLE ORDER OF SHOW:**

Friday - 9 am: Showing junior age cattle (calves & heifers) of all breeds  
Saturday – 9 am: Showing senior cattle (cows), groups, and showmanship

**CLASS A--HOLSTEIN-REGISTERED**

Premiums for Class A	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Lot Nos 1 – 3	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00
Lot Nos 4 – 7	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
Lot Nos 8 – 12	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00

Lot Nos. for Class A

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| 1. Heifer calf, Spring     | 7. Heifer, fall yearling  |
| 2. Heifer calf, Winter     | 8. Cow, 2 yrs             |
| 3. Heifer calf, Fall       | 9. Cow, 3 yrs             |
| 4. Heifer, summer yearling | 10. Cow, 4 yrs            |
| 5. Heifer, spring yearling | 11. Cow, 5 yrs & over     |
| 6. Heifer, winter yearling | 12. Dry Cow, 3 yrs & over |

**CLASS B--HOLSTEIN, GRADE**

**CLASS C--RED & WHITE, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS D--GUERNSEY, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS E--JERSEY, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS F--AYRSHIRE, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS G--BROWN SWISS, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS H--ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED BREED, REGISTERED OR GRADE, WHICH HAS AN ASSOCIATION THAT REGISTERS ANIMALS IN A BREED HERD BOOK.**

**CLASS I--CROSSBRED DAIRY-Animals must be the result of crosses between recognized dairy breeds**

Premiums for Classes B-I	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Lot Nos 1 - 7	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
Lot Nos 8 – 12	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00

Lot Nos. for Classes B-I

1. Heifer calf, Spring
2. Heifer calf, Winter
3. Heifer calf, Fall
4. Heifer, summer yearling
5. Heifer, spring yearling
6. Heifer, winter yearling
7. Heifer, fall yearling
8. Cow, 2 yrs
9. Cow, 3 yrs
10. Cow, 4 yrs
11. Cow, 5 yrs. & over
12. Dry cow, 3 yrs & over

### **CLUB HERD - RIBBON ONLY**

Superintendents will sign up Club Herds on entry day.

### **CLASS J--DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP (Danish Judging)**

Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, Junior

<b>PREMIUMS</b>	<u><b>1st</b></u>	<u><b>2nd</b></u>	<u><b>3rd</b></u>	<u><b>4th</b></u>
	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

#### Lot Nos

1. Senior, Grade 9 & up
2. Intermediate, Grade 6-8
3. Beginner, Grade 3-5
4. Group herdsmanship Ribbon Only

### **CLASS K--DAIRY CATTLE FITTING - Ribbon Only**

#### **RULES:**

1. Team event for teams of 2 or 3.
2. Both junior and open class fitting will take place at the same time.
3. Each team will fit one cow.
4. Entries will be accepted by dairy department superintendents up until the start of the fitting competition.
5. Cattle must be arranged for by each team.
6. Cattle should be washed but not clipped before the event.
7. Cattle brought to the fairgrounds for the open class show can be used for the fitting competition.
8. Fitting class will be Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Judging will begin at 7:30 p.m. prior to the start of the open class dairy show.
9. Fitting class will be judged by the dairy cattle judge.

### **CLASS L--ADVENTURES IN DAIRYLAND**

Requirement: All posters will be 14"x 22" & scrapbook 8 1/2" x 11" or 12" x 12".  
Enter exhibits in Expo Building at the Animal & Veterinary Science Dept. 10.

<b>PREMIUMS</b>	<u><b>1st</b></u>	<u><b>2nd</b></u>	<u><b>3rd</b></u>	<u><b>4th</b></u>
	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25

#### Lot Nos.

1. A poster or display on Milk and Dairy Products
2. A poster or display on How Cows Work
3. A poster or display on Discovering Dairy
4. A poster or display on Dairy Animals and Man
5. A report on Dairy Breeds
6. Any other exhibit relating to Dairy