

Dairy Cattle Rules

Buchanan County Fair 2023

Superintendent – Trisha Lindsay (319-361-1388)

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1	Mentor & lease paperwork needs to be turned in.
MAY 15	All Clover Kids and 4-H members must identify animals on 4hOnline, YQCA Completed
JUNE 15	Animal entries completed on Fair Entry

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. **Dairy milking cows must be on the fairgrounds the morning of the show. Milking cows are allowed to arrive on fairgrounds the night before the show but must bring their own milking equipment, or the morning of the show. Maximum allowed milk in utter is 12 hours. Dairy milking cows will be released after the show.**
3. **New: All non-milking dairy cattle must be on the grounds by Dairy Cattle Check In on Wednesday, July 5th. All cattle will be checked in at the dairy barn, at a set time on the schedule.**
4. **New: If there are fewer than 3 entries per breed class, the superintendent has the discretion to combine the breeds in to one class. (Ex: all breeds would be shown in the junior calf class together).**
5. Dairy is to use marth bedding.
6. Purebred or grade heifers or cows, or recognized dairy breeds, may be used for this project. Each breed to be shown in its own class in the following order: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey, and Holstein.
7. **New: ALL dairy cattle will have an official USDA tag in the RIGHT EAR. It can be an RFID tag or the metal calfhood tag. Photos of both sides of the animal will need to be uploaded on 4-H online or Fair Entry for FFA exhibitors. Farm tags are not an acceptable form of identification, a USDA shield on the tag is required. This is a state identification guideline and will be enforced.**
8. A champion and reserve champion will be named in each breed exhibited. From the breed champions, a supreme champion and reserve champion will be identified.
9. All milking animals are automatically entered in best udder contest. Best udder cows will come back into the ring at the judge's discretion to be judged on overall best udder.
10. Release of all other dairy is listed above.
11. Substitution of animals will only be allowed if the replacement animal was previously registered on 4hOnline by May 15. Substitution can **only** be used if the animal is sick and unable to show.
12. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be open to all 4-H dairy exhibitors (Bucket/bottle calves are not eligible for Showmanship). Exhibitors choosing to participate are not required to be signed up ahead of time. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 4-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The judge will place 5 exhibitors in the showmanship class. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the show and recipients will receive awards at that time. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring. The champion will be asked if they would like to participate in Master Showmanship. If the champion has already participated in Master Showmanship and won in their age division, they must pass on to the next exhibitor after the champion.
13. **New: No more use of neck collars. All livestock will be kept on a halter when tied up.**
14. Dairy cattle exhibitors will be allowed to participate in the livestock auction with baskets of cheese or dairy products such as ice cream, milk, cheese, Sign up will need to be completed on Wednesday. Any questions need to be directed to Trisha Lindsay or Liz Rawson.

CALF-HEIFER-COW AGE BIRTH DATES

Junior Heifer Calf	Born March 1, 2023 to May 15, 2023
Intermediate Heifer Calf	Born December 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023
Senior Heifer Calf	Born September 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
Junior Yearling Heifer	Born March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born December 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022
Senior Yearling Heifer	Born September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022
Junior Two Heifer	Born after November 31, 2021 – Not milking
Two-Year-Old Cow	Born September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021
3-4 Year Old Cow	Born September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2020
Aged Cow	Born before September 1, 2018
Dry Cow	Any age of cow on dry period.

Department Classes

Ayrshire

- 21000: Ayrshire Junior Calf
- 21001: Ayrshire Intermediate Calf
- 21002: Ayrshire Senior Calf
- 21003: Ayrshire Summer Yearling
- 21004: Ayrshire Junior Yearling
- 21005: Ayrshire Winter Yearling
- 21006: Ayrshire Senior Yearling
- 21007-1: Ayrshire Junior Two Heifer
- 21007: Ayrshire Two-Year-Old
- 21008: Ayrshire 3-4 Year Old Ayrshire Cow
- 21009: Ayrshire Aged Cow
- 21010: Dry Cow Class- All ages will be combined.

Guernsey

- 21200: Guernsey Junior Calf
- 21201: Guernsey Intermediate Calf
- 21202: Guernsey Senior Calf
- 21203: Guernsey Summer Yearling
- 21204: Guernsey Junior Yearling
- 21205: Guernsey Winter Yearling
- 21206: Guernsey Senior Yearling
- 21207-1: Guernsey Junior Two Heifer
- 21207: Guernsey Two Year Old Cow
- 21208: Guernsey 3-4 Year Old Cow
- 21209: Guernsey Aged Cow
- 21210: Dry Cow Class- All ages will be combined.

Jersey

- 21400: Jersey Junior Calf
- 21401: Jersey Intermediate Calf
- 21402: Jersey Senior Calf
- 21403: Jersey Summer Yearling
- 21404: Jersey Junior Yearling
- 21405: Jersey Winter Yearling
- 21406: Jersey Senior Yearling
- 21407-1: Jersey Junior Two Heifer
- 21407: Jersey Two Year Old Cow
- 21408: Jersey 3-4 Year Old Cow
- 21409: Jersey Aged Cow
- 21410: Dry Cow Class – All ages will be combined.

Crossbred

- 21600: Crossbred Junior Calf
- 21601: Crossbred Intermediate Calf
- 21602: Crossbred Senior Calf
- 21603: Crossbred Summer Yearling
- 21604: Crossbred Junior Yearling
- 21605: Crossbred Winter Yearling
- 21606: Crossbred Senior Yearling
- 21607-1: Crossbred Junior Two Heifer
- 21607: Crossbred Two-Year-Old Cow
- 21608: Crossbred 3-4 Year Old Cow
- 21609: Crossbred Aged Cow

Brown Swiss

- 21100: Brown Swiss Junior Calf
- 21101: Brown Swiss Intermediate Calf
- 21102: Brown Swiss Senior Calf
- 21103: Brown Swiss Summer Yearling
- 21104: Brown Swiss Junior Yearling
- 21105: Brown Swiss Winter Yearling
- 21106: Brown Swiss Senior Yearling
- 21107-1: Brown Swiss Junior Two Heifer
- 21107: Brown Swiss Two-Year-Old Cow
- 21108: Brown Swiss 3-4 Year Old Cow
- 21109: Brown Swiss Aged Cow
- 21110: Dry Cow Class- All ages will be combined.

Holstein

- 21300: Holstein Junior Calf
- 21301: Holstein Intermediate Calf
- 21302: Holstein Senior Calf
- 21303: Holstein Summer Yearling
- 21304: Holstein Junior Yearling
- 21305: Holstein Winter Yearling
- 21306: Holstein Senior Yearling
- 21307-1: Holstein Junior Two Heifer
- 21307: Holstein Two Year Old Cow
- 21308: Holstein 3-4 Year Old Cow
- 21309: Holstein Aged Cow
- 21310: Dry Cow Class- All ages will be combined.

Milking Shorthorn

- 21500: Milking Shorthorn Junior Calf
- 21501: Milking Shorthorn Int. Calf
- 21502: Milking Shorthorn Senior Calf
- 21503: Milking Shorthorn Summer Yearling
- 21504: Milking Shorthorn Junior Yearling
- 21505: Milking Shorthorn Winter Yearling
- 21506: Milking Shorthorn Senior Yearling
- 21507-1: Milking Shorthorn Junior Two Heifer
- 21507: Milking Shorthorn Two Year Old Cow
- 21508: Milking Shorthorn 3-4 Year Old Cow
- 21509: Milking Shorthorn Aged Cow
- 21510: Dry Cow Class- All ages will be combined.

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DAIRY HERD

The Dairy Herd shall consist of three animals, all one breed; all entered and shown in the individual classes and owned by one exhibitor. Limit one herd per exhibitor.

Department Classes

21700: Ayrshire Dairy Herd

21701: Brown Swiss Dairy Herd

21702: Guernsey Dairy Herd

21703: Holstein Dairy Herd

21704: Jersey Dairy Herd

21705: Milking Shorthorn Dairy Herd

21706: Crossbred Dairy Herd