NOTES ABOUT 2018 CREAM OF THE CROP DAIRY SHOW

Please consider joining us at the Cream of the Crop show, either as an exhibitor or a spectator. The show has continually grown in size and quality. Last year we had 91 cattle exhibited from 3 states. This makes it the 2nd largest show in the State, 2nd only to the State fair. We also had 42 youth in showmanship and 36 youth and 42 adults in the judging contest. Exhibitors ranged from kids who only exhibit at their small county fair to families who exhibit at the World Dairy Expo.

We welcome exhibitors from other states. Last year we had a nice group of 16 cattle from several Iowa families. For several years, we had a family from South Dakota exhibit. We are about 45 miles from Onawa IA, 60 miles from Sioux City IA, 140 miles from Sibley IA and 180 miles from Sioux Falls SD. This is closer than some of our Nebraska exhibitors.

We plan to have a Facebook page set up, for last minute updates, by the first week in May. If you don’t have access to facebook, and plan to exhibit, let us know and we will get updates to you.

NEW THIS YEAR – There is no entry fee. Pre-entry is required by Tuesday of show week. I plan to type up the show catalog on Wednesday morning. We will take late entries up until 9:00 a.m. the morning of the show, with a $5.00 data entry fee.

To make entries, either mail the entry form, or scan and email it. You can also just email the information without the form. Make sure you include all the information. The form has the top 2 spaces for showmanship and the bottom 3 for cattle. If you need more copies, either make copies yourself or ask us to send some.

If you plan to stay overnight, West Point has 2 motels: Horizon Inn and Suites (402) 372-1959 and Super 8 (402) 372-3998. The city park, just south of fairgrounds, has 16 camper pads with water and electricity. The one restroom in the park has showers. You can also set up cots in the barn.

The “Tractor Relay Across Nebraska” will be coming into the fairgrounds about 4:30 or 5:00, the afternoon of the show. This will be the first overnight stop on the Wahoo to Ogallala route. We will figure it out so there won’t be problems with loading out cattle. The museums on the fairgrounds will be open for them and there will be supper to raise money for West Point’s new Veterans memorial Park. Let me know if you would like information on this.

June 1st and 2nd is also West Points annual Spring garage sale day. There will be about 40 or 50 garage sales in town that Friday and Saturday.

Our contact information is on the sheet with the show information. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments.

Thank you,
Carl & Jan
2018 Cream of the Crop dairy show – official judge

The official judge for the 2018 Cream of the Crop dairy show will be Dean Dohle from Halfway, Missouri. Dean, his wife Stacy and son Grant own Starstruck Farm. The farm is home to 50 Jerseys, of which 26 are classified Excellent and 19 are Very Good. Dohle owned the Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn at the 2003 World Dairy Expo, has owned 3 All American Brown Swiss and bred a Reserve Junior All American Jersey in 2014.

Dohle has judged the National Brown Swiss show in Mexico, as well as state and national shows in 27 states in the U.S. These include being both associate and official Judge at the International Brown Swiss show at the World Dairy Expo and official judge at the National Jersey Jug Futurity. Last fall he was the official judge for the largest exhibition of Jerseys in the world, the All American Jersey show at the North American International Livestock Exposition.

Dohle was selected as the top male showman at the 2008 All American Jersey show. In 2007 he was honored with the A.C. “Whitie” Thomsen memorial award which is presented to the exhibitor/showman who exhibits exemplary leadership and sportsmanship throughout the World Dairy Expo show.

Cream of the Crop show - - previous official judges

2000  Dawn Kucera  Nebraska
2001  Terry Howard  Wisconsin
2002  Leslie Smith  Nebraska
2003  Jason Devino  Vermont
2004  Don Ehrisman  Nebraska
2005  Randy Meier  Nebraska
2006  Linda Hodorff  Wisconsin
2007  Linda Hodorff  Wisconsin
2008  Carl Jardon  Iowa
2009  Tim Corver  Iowa
2010  David Koss  Iowa
2011  Steve Wolfe  Nebraska
2012  Charlotte Muenzenberger  Wisconsin
2013  Tim Covington  Iowa
2014  Terry Rawn  Ohio
2015  Dan Sivesind  Iowa
2016  Chad Sickles  Iowa
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Cream of the Crop Dairy Show

The 19th annual Cream of the Crop dairy show will be held on Saturday June 2nd 2018 at the Cuming County fairgrounds in West Point, Nebraska.

The show is open to everyone (youth and adults). Members of 4-H and FFA are encouraged to attend. The show is educational and fun for all ages.

Breeds eligible are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn and Crossbred (and other). Both grade and registered cattle may be shown. An animal must be at least 75% of the breed to show in that breed.

All animals must be in good health. Animals that have visible warts, active ringworm or other signs of health problems, will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to exhibit. Veterinary health certificates are not required. Animals coming from outside the state will need proper veterinary certificates to enter Nebraska.

All animals will be awarded a purple, blue or red ribbon. The first place in each class will receive a special prize. A champion and reserve champion heifer and champion and reserve champion cow will be selected from each breed and receive special awards.

There will be a showmanship contest held at the start of the show. Divisions will be Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Pee-wee. Animals used for showmanship must have been cared for and prepared for the show by the person showing it. There will be a Pee-wee showmanship class for the young kids. These kids will not be ranked and will each receive identical ribbons. This is to give the kids experience in the show ring without the pressure of competition. Adults may help these kids.

There will be a judging contest held following showmanship. Prizes will be awarded to the top individuals in Junior (up to 12 on Jan. 1st) and Senior (13 to 18 on Jan 1st). There will also be an Adult division. Each adult puts in $1 and the winner takes the total amount. We will have 3 or 4 classes. Anyone coming just for the judging contest should be registered by 10:30.

There will be a lunch stand available in the morning and during the show. A free will offering will be accepted.

There is no entry fee. Pre-entry required by Tuesday May 29th. Late entries will be accepted until 9:00, the morning of the show, with a $5.00 per head data-entry fee. Everyone must check-in, at the show office between 8:00 and 9:00, the morning of the show. Donations to help fund the show from farms, businesses, organizations and individuals would be very much appreciated.

Animals should be bedded in the barns with straw. Cattle should be in the barns by 8:00 a.m., the morning of the show. Barns will be ready at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. Let us know if you will come before noon on Friday. Cattle will be released as soon as they are done showing.
SHOW SCHEDULE AND ORDER OF JUDGING

PRE-ENTRIES DUE - - Tuesday, May 29th
BARNs AVAILABLE - - Thursday, May 31st (please notify us if you come before Friday noon)
CATTLE MUST BE IN BARNs - - by 8:00 A.M. Saturday
REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN - - 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. Saturday

SHOWMANSHIP - - starting at 10:30
  Senior showmanship - - ages 17 to 21 (as of Jan. 1st)
  Intermediate showmanship - - ages 12 to 16 (as of Jan. 1st)
  Junior showmanship - - ages 8 to 11 (as of Jan. 1st)
  Pee-wee showmanship - - age 7 and under (as of Jan. 1st)

JUDGING CONTEST 3 or 4 classes following showmanship

JUDGING OF CATTLE - - following judging contest
We will go through class #1 for each breed, then class #2 for each breed, then class #3 for each breed, etc.
Class 1 Spring Calf - - born March 1 to April 30, 2018
Class 2 Winter Calf - - born December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018
Class 3 Fall Calf - - born September 1 to November 30, 2017
Class 4 Summer Yearling - - born June 1 to August 30, 2017
Class 5 Spring Yearling - - born March 1 to May 31, 2017
Class 6 Winter Yearling - - born December 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017
Class 7 Fall Yearling - - born September 1 to November 30, 2016
Class 8 Unfresh 2 Year Old - - born September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016

SELECTION OF CHAMPION ND RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER
Class 9 Dry Cow - - any age
Class 10 Milking 2 Year Old - - born September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016
Class 11 Milking 3 Year Old - - born September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015
Class 12 Milking 4 Year Old - - born September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014
Class 13 Milking Aged Cow - - born prior to September 1, 2013

SELECTION OF CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION COW

The Cream of the Crop dairy cattle show is sponsored by:
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Check FACEBOOK “Cream of the Crop Dairy Show” for updates and information