



## Department 1 – Dairy Cattle

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**\*\*\*The Official Fair Schedule will be posted on The Oconto County Youth webpage\*\*\***

### ADDITIONAL RULES OF ENTRY

- Youth enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised dairy project are eligible to participate in this project.
- There are no limits on classes to be shown by any junior exhibitor.
- Dairy cattle to be exhibited at the fair must be identified on the forms provided by the UW-Extension office. Exhibitors are to list the permanent identification and birth date of the animals in each class that they intend to show. 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. This procedure meets the fair's record keeping requirement under Wisconsin DATCP. 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 UW extension office.
- For class definitions, see *WDATCP Chapter ATCP 160.08 and 160.09* printed in the premium book.
- 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.
- Exhibitors must turn in some form of record keeping (4-H Record Book pages, FFA Proficiency Award application, etc.) from their project to superintendents at check in.
- Purebred and Grade Red and White cattle must be red and white to show. No black cattle can be shown in this class.
- All health requirements must be met before the animals are entered. See *Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin*: section of this book.
- Animal exhibits will be inspected at check-in on the trailer for ringworm, mange, warts, and other health conditions. Suspect animals will be isolated and checked by the fair veterinarian. Infected animals will be sent home by the fair veterinarian.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 90 days before Fair.
- Dairy cattle with horns longer than 1" (measured from the hairline), will not be permitted to show. Loosely attached spurs (not attached to the skull) are allowed.
- Exhibit decorating rules can be found in the Junior Fair General Rules section of the premium book.
- Only Touch-Up Clipping Is Allowed On the Fairgrounds. Major body clipping and grooming needs to be done at home before the fair for best results. Final grooming, including touch-up clipping may be done on the fairgrounds. The exhibitor must be the primary groomer with assistance from other current **Oconto County Youth Fair** junior exhibitors. Family members may help with an exhibitor's final grooming, especially at younger ages, but the exhibitor is expected to be actively involved. Family includes parents/step-parents, legal guardians, siblings/step siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.
- Power washers may not be used at the Fair and no electrical equipment is permitted in the wash rack areas.
- The fair expects exhibitors to maintain neat displays, focus exhibits on displaying cattle, and maintain adequate alley space for safely moving cattle and Fair visitors. To meet these goals:
  - Feed stored in the display area is limited to what space allows. Additional feed may be stored in trailers in designated parking areas.
  - Club show boxes may be placed at the outside of gates on ends of the barn.
  - Clubs across alleys are jointly responsible for maintaining a clear and clean 8-foot alley.
  - Areas along the inside walls of alleys to wash racks are not to be used for feed storage or show boxes.
- Exhibitors in dairy cattle showmanship must show one of their project animals in the showmanship class.
- Tardy exhibitors in any class will be called to the ring two times, after which judging of the class will begin without the tardy exhibitors.
- Club herd is 5 animals, any age and breed shown by as many members as possible of a single club. Superintendents will sign up club herds on entry day.
- Registered and Grade Holsteins are shown in separate classes. Registered and grade cattle of all other breeds are shown together.
- Clubs or individuals not providing adequate care for their exhibit animals will be verbally warned by a department superintendent. If the situation is not resolved after one warning the superintendent will refer the offender(s) to the dairy

project committee and Fair Board Livestock committee which may order the animals removed from the fair if improved care is not provided.

- All cows in milk exhibited at the Fair must be milked on Friday.
- All milk produced at the fair becomes the property of the Fair. Proceeds from the sale of milk at the Fair is used to cover the cost of milking supplies, maintenance of equipment above that provided by the donor of the equipment, and the time of the milk house supervisor.
- The milk house hours will be set and posted at the Fair after superintendents consult with exhibitors.
- Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of the animal-derived food they are producing and exhibiting at the Fair. The milk house 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.

### **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
Best of Show	Overall Breed Champions and Reserve Champions

## **AWARDS**

### **SALE OF CHAMPIONS**

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

- Exhibitors must enter and show at least two animals in the dairy show at the Oconto County Fair.
- Exhibitors must have completed and turned in a dairy project record to the dairy superintendent on check-in day. Examples of Fair-approved dairy records are 4-H dairy project record and FFA dairy record or dairy proficiency award application. Any other record forms should be submitted to the dairy project committee before the Fair for approval.
- Exhibitors must have entered and participated in the appropriate dairy showmanship class for his/her grade.
- Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, or educational activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify dairy cattle to sell cheese at the sale one educational activity must be specific to dairy cattle. See Educational Point Requirements for Oconto County Fair Animal Project Exhibitors document in this premium book for details.
- Qualifying exhibitors of the top four (4) ranked cattle in the Best of Show class, the Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion animals will sell cheese representing their exhibits. Cheese baskets for the sale will be provided by the exhibitor. Best of 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.
- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions.
- An exhibitor qualifying a champion or reserve champion must sell the champion.
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- An exhibitor qualifying two champions or two reserve champions will decide which exhibit to sell.
- Exhibitors qualifying more than one non-champion/reserve entry will decide which exhibit to sell.
- When an exhibitor qualifies more than one entry for the Sale, the next ranked qualifying entry in the class not sold from the same show will be eligible to sell.
- Exhibitors who must decide what entry to sell must report their decision to the department superintendent or chairman of the Sale of Champions committee no later than one hour following the end of the last animal show of the fair.
- If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.
- Exhibitors selling in the Sale of Champions will receive the amount bid for their exhibit minus a percentage determined by the Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair. The percentage covers awards, advertising, and other expenses of the performance project and sale. Exhibitors will be paid as soon after the Fair as all auction payments are received, expenses are calculated, and percentage is determined.

### **OTHER AWARDS:**

- Awards will be presented to individuals receiving top blues in Showmanship, Best of Show, Top Ranked Dairy Animals, and Sale of Champion qualifiers.

- The name of the group receiving the top blue ribbon in Dairy Herdsmanship (large herd; small herd) will be inscribed on the Dairy Herdsmanship plaque that is displayed in the dairy barn.
- 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)
  - Awarded in each cow class of each breed. Exhibitors of cows that 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 a certified testing laboratory to the superintendent's table at the beginning of the breed show. Ribbon award for the entry with the highest milk production will be announced and presented at the conclusion of the judging of that class.
- Lifetime Production Award (Ribbon Only)
  - Awarded for each breed. Exhibitors of cows can qualify their exhibit for the lifetime milk production award by bringing a copy of a production report that includes the lifetime production from a certified testing laboratory to the superintendent's table at the beginning of the breed show. Ribbon award for the entry with the highest lifetime milk production will be announced and presented following the naming of the breed champion.
- Bred and Owned (Ribbon Only)

### **OUTSTANDING DAIRY EXHIBITOR AWARD**

**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.

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

- A. Learning and using genetic selection and production management techniques to breed and develop genetically superior and productive dairy cattle.
- B. Developing the dairy cattle evaluation skills needed to select the best project animals available.
- C. Acquiring herdsman and showmanship skills needed to bring out the best in their dairy project and
- 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 or place in the top 50 percent of their showmanship class.
- B. The individual must:
  1. Demonstrate outstanding showmanship skills. Must have earned a blue ribbon in dairy showmanship.
  2. Make all entries in a timely and accurate manner
  3. Be cooperative with Fair officials and other exhibitors
  4. Maintain a neat and clean personal appearance
  5. Maintain cleanliness and properly display and care for their exhibit animals throughout the Fair
  6. In the opinion of the selection committee, they 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.

**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.

**AGE CLASSIFICATIONS: (Based on Current Year)**

<b>SPRING CALF:</b>	Born March 1 to April 15
<b>WINTER CALF:</b>	Born December 1 to February 28, 2021
<b>FALL CALF:</b>	Born September 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020
<b>SUMMER YEARLING:</b>	Born June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020
<b>SPRING YEARLING:</b>	Born March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020
<b>WINTER YEARLING:</b>	Born December 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020
<b>FALL YEARLING:</b>	Born September 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019
<b>2-YEAR-OLD COW:</b>	Born September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019
<b>3-YEAR-OLD COW:</b>	Born September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
<b>4-YEAR-OLD COW:</b>	Born September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017
<b>5-YEAR-OLD/OLDER COW:</b>	Born before September 1, 2016
<b>DRY COW:</b>	Must have milked 280 days or more in the latest lactation, as documented on the production report from a certified production testing laboratory to be shown as dry.

**CLASS A--HOLSTEIN-REGISTERED**

<b>Premiums for Class A</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
Lot Numbers 1 – 3	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00
Lot Numbers 4 – 7	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
Lot Numbers 8 – 13	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00

**Lot Numbers**

1	Heifer calf, Spring	5	Heifer, spring yearling	9	Cow, 2 years	13	Dry Cow, 3 years & over
2	Heifer calf, Winter	6	Heifer, winter yearling	10	Cow, 3 years		
3	Heifer calf, Fall	7	Heifer, fall yearling	11	Cow, 4 years		
4	Heifer, summer yearling	8	Heifer, yearling, milking	12	Cow, 5 years & 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, OR CROSSBRED**

(Note: crosses between Holstein and Red and White must be shown in either the Holstein or Red and White class. They may not be shown in the crossbred class.)

<b>Premiums for Classes B - H</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
Lot Numbers 1 – 7	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
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**CLUB HERD (RIBBON ONLY)** Superintendents will sign up Club Herds on entry day.**CLASS I--DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP (Danish Judging)** Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, Junior

<u>Premiums for Showmanship</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

Lot Numbers

1	Senior, Grade 9 & up	3	Beginner, Grade 3-5
2	Intermediate, Grade 6-8	4	Group Herdsmanship (Ribbon Only)

**CLASS J—BRED AND OWNED (Ribbon Only)** *(Dairy animals owned and bred by exhibitors. Must show registration papers as you enter the show ring.)*

**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 ½" x 11" or 12" x 12".
- Adventures in Dairyland exhibits are exhibited and judged face to face with the Animal and Veterinary Science exhibits. Bring these exhibits to the Animal & Veterinary Science Dept. 10 area in the Expo Building between 1 and 8 p.m. on Entry Day of the Fair for entry and judging.

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

Lot Numbers

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