

DAIRY CATTLE

Department 1

Check-In

Wednesday, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Near Door 22

Judging

Pavilion 2 - Showring A, Danish Judging
 Friday 9 a.m., Class A Dairy Showmanship
 Friday 1 p.m., Class B Grade Holsteins
 Saturday 9 a.m., Classes: C Registered Holsteins
 D Guernseys
 E Brown Swiss
 F Jersey
 G Ayrshire
 H Milking Shorthorn
 Saturday 12 p.m., Class I & J Herd Entries, following Class C

Department Chairperson

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Superintendents

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Eligible 4-H Project Areas

Animal Sciences - Dairy

Education Requirements for All (4-H, FFA, etc.) Dairy Exhibitors

ALL dairy exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Junior Breed Association, etc.) **must meet YQCA requirements. Youth must complete a training program each year by either attending an in-person session or completing an online course.** Visit <https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/dairy-department> for more information.

To exhibit dairy cattle at the 2024 Dane County Fair, ALL exhibitors must submit their educational requirements card (found at the Dane County Fair website), by **June 15**, stating at least one educational event/program they have participated in. **Youth must upload YQCA and Education Requirement Forms online. No mailed forms will be accepted.** Should you have any questions on what events qualify or to confirm you have met the stated requirements, contact the Dane County Fair Office at info@danecountyfair.com. NO exceptions will be made.

*All exhibitors **MUST** enter Showmanship in the species they exhibit at the DCF. Exhibitors who are not entered in showmanship will automatically be entered prior to the Fair. If an exhibitor does not wish to participate in showmanship, they can scratch on-site at the Fair.*

Regulations

1. A Stalling Request Form must be completed by all Dairy clubs to indicate the number of calves, yearlings and cows. Clubs wanting to be stalled adjacent to one another must both submit a form indicating as such. Club leaders **must** notify Fair Staff of final exhibitor and animal numbers by **July 4** to allow Superintendents an opportunity to better plan and assign stalling locations. Leaders can report numbers via the website at: [YouthExhibitors/PremiumBook/Dairy/DairyStallingRequest link](#)

Dairy Showmanship Clinic

Interested in improving your basic dairy showmanship skills?
 Join us for a showmanship clinic in Pavilion 2, Showring A
 on Thursday, July 18 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Exhibitors must house and tie their animals with the club they submit entries with.
3. Upon arrival to the Fair on check-in day, veterinarians will inspect animals for general health (warts, ringworm, etc.). Infected animals will be sent home at the discretion of the veterinarian. Inspection must be completed by 8 p.m. Wednesday to remain on the grounds. Animals and registration papers must be brought to the Dairy check-in area in Pavilion 2 to be evaluated for health check-in, prior to stalling.
4. **All exhibitors** are responsible for the general housekeeping and clean-up in their area. All animal exhibitors must work together to keep the grounds clean. Livestock exhibitors must clean-up after their animals and regularly dispose of waste in an appropriate manner. Wheelbarrows may not be left with manure. Common water tubs are not allowed.
5. **Exhibitors must be capable of controlling their animal in the showing.** Any exhibitor not capable of controlling his or her animal may be excused by the superintendent(s) or judge.
6. Entry Regulations:
 - a) Exhibitors may not enter more than one animal per lot.
 - b) Grade 3: You may show one animal - spring, winter or fall heifer calf.
 - c) Grade 4: You may show two animals - spring, fall or winter calves. A yearling may be shown by a fourth grader if the animal was a project the previous year.
 - d) Grade 5 or over: You may show up to four animals; five, if at least one is a cow.
 - e) Up to three managerial animals may be shown.
 - f) All animals must be purchased before **June 1** of exhibit year.
 - g) Animal registration of ownership in exhibitor's name must be completed before **June 1** of exhibit year for all registered lots. *****Wisconsin State Fair dairy rules and regulations will be referenced should managerial/ownership questions arise for the Dane County Fair.*****
7. All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 12.
8. Tents are prohibited throughout the animal housing area.
9. Long white pants and white shirts are required for show.
10. **Terms:**
 - Ownership Animal: Registered in the name of the junior exhibitor or in the name of the exhibitor as a co-owner.
 - Managerial Animal: Animal shown but not owned by exhibitor.
11. **Base Dates:**
 - Spring Calf: Born on or after March 1, 2024 (must be 4 months old day of show)
 - Winter Calf: Born December 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024
 - Fall Calf: Born September 1 - November 30, 2023
 - Summer Yearling: Born June 1 - August 31, 2023
 - Spring Yearling: Born March 1 - May 31, 2023
 - Winter Yearling: Born Dec. 1, 2021 - Feb. 29, 2023
 - Fall Yearling: Born September 1 - November 30, 2022
 - Two-Year-Old: Born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
 - Three-Year-Old: Born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021
 - Four-Year-Old: Born September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020
 - Five-Year-Old & Older: Born before September 1, 2019
 - Dry Cow: Over 2 yrs. old and has milked a minimum of 280 days and is in dry form

Premiums		Blue	Red	White	Pink
Calves	Registered	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$5
	Grade	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
Yearlings	Registered	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
	Grade	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
Cows (age 2 and older)	Registered	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
	Grade	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$5
Dam & Daughter		\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2
3 & 4 Animal Exhibits		\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Showmanship		\$3	\$2.50	\$2	\$1.50
Clean Barn		\$5	\$3	\$2	\$1

CLASS A. Dairy Showmanship

Regulations

1. Persons showing in Showmanship must enter an animal shown in their name at the Dane County Fair.
2. Previous Master Showman participants (if not named Champion) may participate in Showmanship.

Lots

- 1) Exhibitors grade 3
- 2) Exhibitors grades 4 - 5
- 3) Exhibitors grades 6 - 7
- 4) Exhibitors grades 8 - 9
- 5) Exhibitors grades 10 - 11
- 6) Exhibitors grades 12+

***The Overall Showmanship Champion will go on to participate in the 2024 Master Showman Contest.

CLASS B. Grade Holstein

- 1) Spring Heifer Calf (grades 3 - 5)
- 2) Spring Heifer Calf (grades 6+)
- 3) Winter Heifer Calf (grades 3 - 5)
- 4) Winter Heifer Calf (grades 6+)
- 5) Fall Heifer Calf (grades 3 - 5)
- 6) Fall Heifer Calf (grades 6+)
- 7) Summer Yearling Heifer
- 8) Spring Yearling Heifer
- 9) Winter Yearling Heifer
- 10) Fall Yearling Heifer
- 11) Cow (age 2 & under 3)
- 12) Cow (age 3 & under 4)
- 13) Cow (age 4 & older)
- 14) Dry Cow (age 3 & older)

CLASS C. Registered Holstein

- 1) Spring Heifer Calf (grades 3 - 5)
- 2) Spring Heifer Calf (grades 6+)
- 3) Winter Heifer Calf (grades 3 - 5)
- 4) Winter Heifer Calf (grades 6+)
- 5) Fall Heifer Calf (grades 3 - 5)
- 6) Fall Heifer Calf (grades 6+)
- 7) Summer Yearling Heifer
- 8) Spring Yearling Heifer
- 9) Winter Yearling Heifer
- 10) Fall Yearling Heifer
- 11) Cow (age 2 & under 3)
- 12) Cow (age 3 & under 4)
- 13) Cow (age 4 & under 5)
- 14) Cow (age 5 & older)
- 15) Dry Cow (age 3 & older)

CLASS D. Guernsey

Grade Registered

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| 1) | 2) | Spring Heifer Calf |
| 3) | 4) | Winter Heifer Calf |
| 5) | 6) | Fall Heifer Calf |
| 7) | 8) | Summer Yearling Heifer |
| 9) | 10) | Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 11) | 12) | Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 13) | 14) | Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 15) | 16) | Cow (age 2 & under 3) |
| 17) | 18) | Cow (age 3 & under 4) |
| 19) | | Cow (age 4 & older) |
| | 20) | Cow (age 4 & under 5) |
| | 21) | Cow (age 5 & older) |
| 22) | 23) | Dry Cow (age 3 & older) |

CLASS E. Brown Swiss

Grade Registered

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|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| 1) | 2) | Spring Heifer Calf |
| 3) | 4) | Winter Heifer Calf |
| 5) | 6) | Fall Heifer Calf |
| 7) | 8) | Summer Yearling Heifer |
| 9) | 10) | Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 11) | 12) | Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 13) | 14) | Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 15) | 16) | Cow (age 2 & under 3) |
| 17) | 18) | Cow (age 3 & under 4) |
| 19) | | Cow (age 4 & older) |
| | 20) | Cow (age 4 & under 5) |
| | 21) | Cow (age 5 & older) |
| 22) | 23) | Dry Cow (age 3 & older) |

CLASS F. Jersey

Grade Registered

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| 1) | 2) | Spring Heifer Calf |
| 3) | 4) | Winter Heifer Calf |
| 5) | 6) | Fall Heifer Calf |
| 7) | 8) | Summer Yearling Heifer |
| 9) | 10) | Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 11) | 12) | Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 13) | 14) | Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 15) | 16) | Cow (age 2 & under 3) |
| 17) | 18) | Cow (age 3 & under 4) |
| 19) | | Cow (age 4 & older) |
| | 20) | Cow (age 4 & under 5) |
| | 21) | Cow (age 5 & older) |
| 22) | 23) | Dry Cow (age 3 & older) |

CLASS G. Ayrshire

Grade Registered

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|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| 1) | 2) | Spring Heifer Calf |
| 3) | 4) | Winter Heifer Calf |
| 5) | 6) | Fall Heifer Calf |
| 7) | 8) | Summer Yearling Heifer |
| 9) | 10) | Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 11) | 12) | Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 13) | 14) | Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 15) | 16) | Cow (age 2 & under 3) |
| 17) | 18) | Cow (age 3 & under 4) |
| 19) | | Cow (age 4 & older) |
| | 20) | Cow (age 4 & under 5) |
| | 21) | Cow (age 5 & older) |
| 22) | 23) | Dry Cow (age 3 & older) |

CLASS H. Milking Shorthorn

Grade Registered

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| 1) | 2) | Spring Heifer Calf |
| 3) | 4) | Winter Heifer Calf |
| 5) | 6) | Fall Heifer Calf |
| 7) | 8) | Summer Yearling Heifer |
| 9) | 10) | Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 11) | 12) | Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 13) | 14) | Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 15) | 16) | Cow (age 2 & under 3) |
| 17) | 18) | Cow (age 3 & under 4) |
| 19) | | Cow (age 4 & older) |
| | 20) | Cow (age 4 & under 5) |
| | 21) | Cow (age 5 & older) |
| 22) | 23) | Dry Cow (age 3 & older) |

CLASS I. Dam & Daughter

- 1) Holstein
- 2) Colored Breeds

Dam and Daughter - Identified Grade, Qualified or Registered: Group to consist of dam and one daughter. Both animals must be carried as projects during current year. Dam must be either owned or carried as a managerial project by exhibitor.

**Little Britches Show - Sat., July 20 - 1 p.m.
Pavilion 2 - Showing A**

**Ages 4 years through 2nd grade. Entry form and Contest details
on the Dane County Fair Website under Youth Exhibitors.
Questions - Contact Pam Allen**

CLASS J. Herd Entries

- 1) Dairy Herd
- 2) Club Herd

Dairy Herd - Three animals from three different lots shown by one exhibitor.

Club Herd - Defined as an exhibit of four animals from an approved youth group owned by at least two different exhibitors all whom must be members of that same club. Make entries in name of club or chapter. Large clubs may have more than one entry but will receive premiums on only the highest placing one entry.

CLASS K. Miss Q Contest

- 1) Miss Q Contest - See rules, opposite column

CLASS L. Clean Barn Exhibit

Regulations

Awarded on a club basis. Clubs and chapters are judged on how well they keep their animals, feed storage, area between the barns and around wash racks, etc. in a neat and orderly fashion. Entry by club only. Award will be based on:

1. The cleanliness and neatness of livestock exhibit.
2. The attractiveness of feed, bedding and equipment storage.
3. The regular disposal of waste.
4. The cleanliness and neatness of aisles.
5. Safety and courtesy of club members to each other, leaders, superintendents, judges and spectators.
6. Added consideration will be given to groups with all identification cards and award stickers posted.
7. **No clipping** of livestock is allowed in walkways during the Fair.
8. **Bedding Rule:** Bedding should not be used in excess. Use only enough to keep the exhibit clean and the animals comfortable. This will be a primary criteria in evaluating bedding for the Clean Barn Award.

Lots

- 1) Club - 1 to 2 dairy members
- 2) Club - 3 to 5 dairy members
- 3) Club - 6 & up dairy members

Special Awards and Sponsorships

Mystic Valley Supreme Senior Champion Award - All Senior champions are eligible. Award provided by *Mystic Valley Dairy - The Breunig Family*.

Maurice & Geraldine Cooper Supreme Heifer Memorial Award - All Junior Champion females are eligible. Traveling trophy and \$50 cash award presented to the Supreme Champion Heifer.

Maurice & Geraldine Cooper Reserve Supreme Heifer Memorial Award - All Junior Champion females are eligible. \$25 cash award presented to the Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer.

Max Gefke Memorial Trophy - Travelling trophy given to the Grand Champion Registered Holstein.

Compeer Financial - Award to Champion Showman of each age group.

Dane County Holstein Breeders - Award for first place in each Class as well as Dam and Daughter for Registered and Grade Holsteins.

Miller & Sons Supermarket - All ribbons. Award and rosette to Champion and rosette to Reserve Champion in each division.

P&D Livestock and Grain - Awards to first place in each class for Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn.

Clean Barn Award - Awards to first place in each division for Clean Barn Award.

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative - Dairy Dept. support

Dairy Department Pizza Party

Thursday, July 18 - 6:00 p.m.
Pavilion 1 - Mezzanine (upper level)

VAS Miss Q Contest

(Open to all milk cows)

**Friday, July 19 - 5:00 p.m. Pavilion 2 - Showing A
Following the Grade Holstein Show**

Rules

1. Open to all 4-H, FFA and Dairy Breed Association exhibitors enrolled in the dairy project with registered or grade dairy cows entered at the Fair.
2. Eligible animals must be on a processed DHI testing program. Cows on Profitest are not eligible.
3. Cows must be identified with an official number (i.e. registration or official eartag) that corresponds to the identification reported on the cow's DHI record.
4. Class Entry - Can be entered in FairEntry under Miss Q! ****NEW THIS YEAR**** A minimum of five cows are required to be entered in a variety of classes in order to host the Miss Q contest.
 - a. Classes are based on the cow's number of lactations and include: Lactation 1, 2, 3 and 4 or greater.
 - b. Only animals pre-entered for the Miss Q contest submitted with Fair entries are eligible to participate in the contest and corresponding auction.
 - c. Each exhibitor entering the contest must submit a minimum of two (2) names and addresses of potential buyers with their entry. ***Free admission tickets will be provided to potential buyers.***
 - d. An Udder Health Management Cow List or an Individual Cow Record (ICR) from May 2023, or most current DHIA test day must be uploaded via FairEntry at the time exhibitor submits entries for the Fair, or emailed to the Fair (entries.danecountyfair@gmail.com) by June 22nd.
5. Winning Entries
 - a. The animal in each class with the lowest lactation Average Linear Score will be declared the winner.
 - i.) The Average Linear Score used in the competition will be for the current lactation as long as the cow has more than two tests.
 - ii.) If a cow has less than two tests recorded in the current lactation, the Average Linear Score used in the competition will be from her previous lactation.
 - iii.) Dry Cows are eligible for the competition.
 - iv.) Cows shown in a dry cow class, that do not have a recorded dry date, will compete using the Average Linear Score from the current lactation.
 - v.) Cows showing in a dry cow class that do have a recorded dry date will compete using the Average Linear Score from the recently completed lactation.
 - b. In case of tie, the animal with the most test dates in that lactation will be declared the winner.
 - c. If a tie cannot be broken, all animals with the lowest lactation Average Linear Score in that lactation class will sell one (1) pitcher of milk in the auction.
 - d. If a lactation class has no entries, there will be no winner for that class. Another class cannot have two winners to make up for the class with no entries.
6. Each exhibitor is allowed to win only one (1) Miss Q Contest lactation class and thereby sell only one (1) pitcher of milk.
7. Each Exhibitor may only participate in one (1) Miss Q Contest per year.
8. VAS will recognize and award only one winner in each of the lactation classes, except in case of a tie as stated in 5b. If each class does not have an entry, the number of winners will be adjusted accordingly as stated in rule number 5d above.
9. Winning exhibitors will receive the proceeds from the sale one (1) pitcher of milk, less a 3% Dane County Fair Association Fee. Companies/individuals purchasing a pitcher will be invoiced by the Dane County Fair. The Dane County Fair will pay the participants, less 3%, once payment from purchasers has been received.
10. For more information about the Miss Q Contest please call Pam Allen at (608) 333-1699. Or if you have questions regarding the awards contact your local DHI Field Technician or Regional Sales Manager at 1-800-236-0097.