

DAIRY SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **READ GENERAL RULES.** All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules. Any attempt to circumvent rules will result in disqualification of exhibitor(s).
2. **ARRIVAL TIMES.** Every effort must be made to arrive in the hours designated on each breed page. Inspectors shall inspect each animal as they are offloaded and are scheduled for specific arrival times. **If you are unable to arrive at the designated time you must call the livestock office so inspector schedules may be adjusted.**
3. **PREMIER AWARDS.** These rules apply unless specific rules for a breed are given. Awards are based on the exhibitor of six or less animals in each breed who accumulates the highest total points under the following system. If a tie occurs the points will be calculated based on the next animal.

ALL BREEDS PLACING:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Milking Females	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Junior Females	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Dry Cow points will be the same as Junior Females.

4. **PREMIER EXHIBITOR.** The exhibitor (See General Rules and Regulations #11) credited with the most points on animals including those in multiple ownership, which he owns and exhibits in the open single class. If an exhibitor for Premier Exhibitor uses partnership or syndicate animals, these animals used in the groups must also be entered under his/her name. Breed rules take precedence, unless indicated differently in specific breed show rules on unique ownership. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Agriculture office which person of a multiple ownership will receive exhibitor points. This must be done before the day of the show.
5. **PREMIER BREEDER.** Awarded to the breeder of animals credited with the most points, regardless of ownership. Rules defining exhibitor and breeder also apply. Breed rules take precedence, unless indicated differently in specific breed show rules on unique ownership. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Agriculture office which person of a multiple ownership will receive exhibitor points. This must be done before the day of the show.
6. **JUNIOR DAIRY SHOWS.** These shows are open to exhibitors who are qualified as Juniors and who have owned or leased cattle by specified dates as established under the rules of their respective breed associations. For Juniors to be eligible for Junior Awards all ring assistance must come from another Junior.
7. **BEST BRED AND OWNED.** For Best Bred and Owned in the Open Show, the animal can be bred by the farm and shown by a family member. For JUNIOR Best Bred and Owned, the JUNIOR must have owned the dam. See respective breed rules concerning specific rules for Bred and Owned. Judge may designate Best Bred and Owned rather than call for a walk-in class.
8. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS.** Junior exhibitors will be treated as adults, but may have their cattle stabled together if requested. Junior owned and leased animals will be judged with open cattle and will be asked to step forward just prior to the time of ribbon presentation (exception: Milking Shorthorn). Classes will follow those of the Open Show. Separate championship classes will be run. Youth Leases will be verified with breed associations. Please make sure they are up to date.
9. **FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP.** Individual breeds may have Junior Fitting and Showmanship contests which will be held open to all youth who exhibit or who are assisting with a farm exhibiting cattle. The exhibitor need not own the animal they show. Exhibitors must comply with the age limitations for their breed as printed in the catalog. Exhibitors will be divided into classes (usually Junior, Intermediate and Senior) by birth date with exhibitors from those breeds present, combined. Register with your breed representative upon arrival.
10. **AGE.** Junior exhibitors MUST provide birth date on the entry form. This will allow us to designate the Junior exhibitors in the catalog.
11. **MILK MARKETING.** Exhibitors may avail themselves of the pipeline milking facilities or transfer system and filter facility. Due to increased concerns about the quality, exhibitors electing to milk by other means may do so, furnishing their own equipment, sanitizing in the parlor before each use, and conveying milk from their cows to the bulk holding vessel as directed by the Milking Parlor Supervisor. A tag indicating sanitizing is complete will be issued for the container. Milk must be transferred immediately after milking for cooling purposes. Non-saleable milk must be disposed of via the sanitary drain in the Milk Room. Any other means of milk disposal, for example pouring down wash rack or aisle drains, is prohibited and grounds for show ejection, forfeit of premiums.
12. **COFFEE SERVICE.** Eastern States Exposition invites dairy cattle herdsman in the Dairy Barn to share coffee.
13. **STABLING REQUESTS.** Stabling requests must be received in the Agriculture office NO later than August 31. Tie ins should be noted on stabling requests.
14. **QUALITY ASSURANCE.** Eastern States Exposition has a commitment to provide opportunities for the development and promotion of the dairy industry. It is our responsibility to provide an environment for a fair and

competitive competition and to make sure the dairy industry is providing a good display of animal husbandry for our fair going public.

15. LARGE BALES. Large square or round bales delivered by the Feed Store must be untied. An additional delivery fee may be charged.

16. HORNS. Animals with horns over 2" may not be exhibited.

17. TENTS. One 12'x12' tent will be allowed per exhibit - NOT exhibitor.

18. New for 2024 - Exhibitor Attire: White pants are mandatory to enter the ring for any class in the open or junior shows, with the exception of group classes. Junior show youth must wear the designated junior show shirt in both showmanship and the breed show. If a breed/show designated shirt is not supplied, white shirts shall be worn in showmanship. Shirts with farm names or agricultural logos shall not be worn in the ring, with the exception of a junior show designated shirt. If you need accommodation with regard to the dress code, please contact the dairy office.

Eastern States Exposition endorses the PDCA Code of Ethics in all their breed shows. Though the Exposition realizes that there are certain management practices that are required to ensure the health of a dairy animal while on exhibition, the Exposition will not tolerate any unethical practices to enhance the appearance of the animal. Show Management reserves the right to use technology to test body fluids, such as milk, and to use the examination technology of ultrasound to detect unethical practices.

Exhibitor, by making an entry, is consenting to the collection of materials, e.g. milk, and photographic examination of the animal. By making an entry, the owner or exhibitor, as well as any individual handling or fitting the animal, is agreeing to supply proper animal and personal identification when asked by ethics personnel or Show Management.

Practices constituting a major violation will be subject to review by the Ethics Committee.

Major violations are defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of dairy cattle. These include:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease or other substances as detected by testing that cause changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
3. Administration of an injected or applied anesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other body parts.
4. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g. administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen) though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
5. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, Show Management or other exhibitors while in the show ring, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
6. Challenging, threatening, criticizing or interfering with an Ethics Committee member or volunteer appointed by Show Management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
7. Not providing proper animal and/or personal identification will result in a major ethics violation and the suspect animal could be disqualified from showing.
8. These major violations will be reported to Show Management and can result in animals or exhibitor, owners or representatives being barred. Serious and minor violations as defined in the PDCA Code of Ethics may also be reported to Show Management.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE

Complaints of alleged violations may be presented to the Director of Agriculture. The complaints of alleged violations received by the above individuals will be presented to the Ethics Coordinator for review by the Ethics Committee.

Following the judging of the milking cow classes, the first place cow, the third place cow and one random select will be ultrasounded and a milk sample may be taken. Any second place cows will be tested if awarded a Reserve ribbon.

Following the evaluation of the ultrasound readings and upon the receipt of the milk sample analysis or other lab reports, the Ethics Coordinator will submit a report to the Director of Agriculture and Education if any violations have occurred. This reporting will happen approximately 2 weeks after the end of the show.

The Director of Agriculture and Education will then immediately notify the accused individuals that a major violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics has occurred and all of the supporting evidence will be shared

confidentially with the exhibitor. Approximately two weeks later an ethics hearing will be scheduled.

If found guilty of a major violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics, the individual, the exhibitor and/or owner, the representative and/or the animal, will be barred from participating at Eastern States Exposition for a minimum of one year and up to three years. The identity of the animal(s), exhibitors and/or representatives that are barred will be kept confidential.

Barring an exhibitor or representative and/or an individual will result in animals owned fully or in partnership by that individual, farm and/or affiliated entity not being allowed to enter or exhibit in any Eastern States Exposition show. That individual will also be ineligible to serve on an official committee, be present in the show ring and/or serve in any other ESE official capacity for the length of the barred term.

An animal found in violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will forfeit all class and/or futurity monies.

IN 2024, BROWN SWISS, RED AND WHITE, HOLSTEINS, JERSEY, AYRSHIRES & MILKING SHORTHORNS WILL BE TESTED.

DAIRY AWARDS - ALL BREEDS ELIGIBLE

QUEEN OF THE MILKY WEIGH

CABOT CREAMERY awards pitchers to the owner of the cow in each breed that produces the most milk during a 36-hour period at the show. To be eligible, cows must be milked in the parlor, and must be registered with parlor attendants. The milkings to be included will be announced at arrival time. Holstein awards will go to the cow with the highest DHI record for milk production.

PRODUCTION AWARDS

FIGHTBAC INC. awards two cans of Fightbac to every winner of their respective production class. Please see respective breeds for specific rules.

GRAND CHAMPION FLOWER BLANKETS

CABOT CREAMERY awards flower blankets to the Grand Champion Female of each dairy breed. Winners are selected at the conclusion of each breed show.

HERDSMAN'S CANE

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION awards a suitably engraved stockman's cane to be presented to a herdsman in the specific breeds by vote of the exhibitors. Awards are based on sportsmanship and cooperation with other exhibitors. The winners will be announced before release time.

HERDSMAN'S TROPHY

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION offers a trophy to the Champion Overall Dairy Herdsman. The name of the recipient will be engraved upon the permanent Herdsman Plaque. The name of the contenders among the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Jersey, Holstein, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn and Red & White Cattle breeds will be announced prior to their release. The winner will be announced the last day of the Fair.

DAIRY CATTLE HERDSMANSHIP EXHIBIT CONTEST

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION will award three cash prizes, one of \$50 and two of \$25 each, and Meritorious Exhibit rosettes in each breed, to the herdsman in the Dairy Barn who demonstrate that they are expert herdsman, whose example is worthy of being emulated by all herdsman. The following will be taken into consideration:

- 1) Orderliness and cleanliness of stalls and animals
- 2) Promptness in having stalls cleaned by 9am
- 3) Neat arrangements of equipment, feed and forage
- 4) Personal appearance of herdsman and helpers
- 5) Observance of all rules and regulations
- 6) Cooperation with officials in promoting the show and showings

7) Exhibit area decorated so as to show off the cattle to their advantage. Excessive decorations will be discriminated against. The cattle should be easily seen and prominent. Decorations should also take into consideration safety of entries, exhibitors and spectators, and must comply with Fire Prevention Regulations. An anonymous committee appointed by the Director of Agriculture and Education, to include an exhibitor from another breed, the breed superintendent, breed person and a spectator, will serve as judges of the contest.

TRANS OVA PEOPLE'S CHOICE DAIRY AWARD

TRANS OVA GENETICS will sponsor a belt buckle and a \$500 Trans Ova Genetics gift certificate awarded to the owner of the animal that is selected as the 2024 People's Choice Dairy Cow. Voting is to be held on social media after the conclusion of the Fair. This replaces the 2023 competition previously known as the Virtual Supreme Dairy Champion. Grand Champion of each dairy breed will be automatically entered into the contest. Winner will be announced through social media and awards will be distributed mid-November 2024.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 NEW ENGLAND GREEN PASTURES DAIRY FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS



Connecticut - UConn Kellogg Dairy Center, Storrs, CT. Pictured left to right are: Craig Jones, Paul Bleimeyer, James Civitello, John Paul Williamson, Mary Margaret Smith, Michael Watson, Tyler Bentley, Bedford Lawrence, Lisa Nowak. Missing from the photo-Mary Kegler, Aubrey Grabber and James Dunn.



Maine - Green Vale Farm, Newburgh, ME. Pictured left to right are Ethan, Cindy and Keith Miller, Heath, Heather and Makayla Miller



New Hampshire - Huckins Farm, New Hampton, NH. Pictured left to right are Josh Marshall, Matty Huckins, Catherine Ells and Kylie Ells.



Massachusetts - High Lawn Farm, Lee, MA. Pictured left to right are Aaron Cuevas, Mason Gilligan, Amye Gulezian, Gerardo Gonzalaz, and Roberto Laurens.



Vermont - Ackermann Dairy Farm, Hardwick, VT. Pictured left to right are Andee, Sara, Jim and Allie Ackermann.

New England Green Pastures Committee

