

A young boy in a teal shirt is petting a black and white cow in a barn. The cow has a tag on its ear with the number '09'. The background shows other people and cows in a large, well-lit barn.

# 89TH ANNUAL OZARK EMPIRE FAIR

# DAIRY CATTLE HANDBOOK



OZARK EMPIRE  
FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER

# DAIRY CATTLE

**ARRIVAL:** All Dairy Cattle may arrive on the Fairgrounds starting at 12 p.m. Monday, July 28, and must be in place by 12 p.m. Wed., July 30.

**ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY ARRIVAL PERMITTED.**

**RELEASE:** All Dairy Cattle will be released after the Supreme Drives on Saturday August 2 and must be off the grounds by 11 p.m.

## JUNIOR SHOW & EVENT SCHEDULE

*Times listed below are the estimated start time.  
Start times dependent on entries checked-in.*

### THURSDAY, JULY 31

8:30 a.m. Junior Dairy Show | Noel Boyd Youth Livestock Facility

8:30 a.m. Brown Swiss	12:00 p.m. Jersey
10:00 a.m. Guernsey	2:00 p.m. Milking Shorthorn
10:30 p.m. Holstein	2:30 p.m. Ayrshire

*Junior Dairy Supreme will begin 1 hour following the conclusion of the Junior Show.*

## OPEN SHOW & EVENT SCHEDULE

*Times listed below are the estimated start time.  
Start times dependent on entries checked-in.*

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 a.m. Open Dairy Show | Noel Boyd Youth Livestock Facility

RING A	RING B
8:00 a.m. Brown Swiss	8:30 a.m. Guernsey
10:00 a.m. Jerseys	9:00 a.m. Holstein
12:30 p.m. Ayrshire	11:30 a.m. Milking Shorthorn

*Open Dairy Supreme will begin 1 hour following the conclusion of the Open Show.*

## RULES AND REGULATIONS:

**Junior Show Ownership Rule:** The junior exhibitor must be listed as a recorded owner on the registration certificate, either (1) as the sole owner or (2) by his/her name in joint ownership.

- Exhibitors entering open classes in this division should familiarize themselves with the General Rules and Regulations and Livestock Entry Rules of the Ozark Empire Fair before completing entry form.
- Exhibitors entering junior classes should familiarize themselves with the Junior Show Rules, General Rules and Livestock Entry Rules before completing entry form.
- Entries are to be made strictly online. Paper entries will not be accepted. You can find the entry link on the livestock page at [www.ozarkempirefair.com](http://www.ozarkempirefair.com).
- Registration and health papers will be checked against information on entry form upon arrival at Fairgrounds.
- Entries close June 15.** Late entries may be accepted through July 1. Late fees must be applied in the other fees section of ShoWorks before checking out.
- SEE SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS, LIVESTOCK ENTRY RULES AND PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOWRING CODE OF ETHICS.**
- Show management reserves the right to split any class by animal age where entries warrant.
- Stalls and location in barns will be designated only by superintendent.
- To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, except where otherwise specified. **Registry certificate and certificate of ownership in a breed association must be produced, showing the exhibitor to be the owner.**
- Group classes are \$5 to enter. All entries for group classes must be made prior to the entry deadline of July 1. No ringside entries will be accepted upon arrival of the fairgrounds.**
- Animals at the following levels of a genetic recovery program are ineligible to compete at the Ozark Empire Fair.**

**AYRSHIRE: OA and PR animals**

**BROWN SWISS: ID (369 prefix)**

**GUERNSEY: OA and PR animals**

**JERSEY: OA and PR animals**

**MILKING SHORTHORN: 36000 and 37000 prefix**

## SHOW PRIZE MONEY OFFERED:

All Champions and Reserve Champions will receive Banners.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Individual Classes.....	\$45	\$35	\$25	--	--	--
Group Classes.....	\$30	\$20	\$10	--	--	--
Junior Classes.....	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5

## POINT SCALE FOR PREMIER BREEDER/EXHIBITOR

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Senior Females	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Junior Females	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

(Group Classes do not count)

An **EXHIBITOR AND BREEDER** will be defined as: "Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm, and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for Premier Exhibitor, Premier Breeder, Dairy Herd and Best Three Females classes."

## JUNIOR DAIRY ALL BREEDS SHOWMANSHIP

Three Classes will be offered for the Junior Dairy Show based on age of youth as of January 1, 2025.

Classes; **Junior** (Ages 8-11); **Intermediate** (Ages 12-15); **Senior** (Ages 16-21)

### DFA SUPREME DRIVE PREMIUMS

DFA sponsors \$2,500 towards the Open and Junior Supreme Dairy Drives. The money should be allocated as follows:

- \$1,000 - Open Show Supreme
- \$1,000 - Junior Show Supreme
- \$250 - Supreme Junior Heifer, Open
- \$250 - Supreme Junior Heifer, Junior Show

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ALL animals need to be entered into the CORRECT exhibitor/owner's name. Premium checks will be made to the name of the exhibitor AS ENTERED on ShoWorks.

\*Supreme Dairy premiums will be sent out separately than regular class premiums\*

**OPEN SHOW SPECIAL AWARDS**

**SUPREME CHAMPION:** The Grand Champion of each breed will compete. All Cows will show milked out.

**PRODUCTION AWARDS AND MILK CHAMPION:** The cow with the highest production record in each class of 3-year-old, 4-year-old, 5-year-old, aged cows and dry cows. Record must be twice daily/305 day actual milk record completed in 2023 or 2024.

If milking 3X daily: 85% of 3X = 2X milking. **DHIA/DHIR** sheet must be submitted to superintendent at time entries are checked in order to be eligible. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The Milk Champion of the breed will be selected from these winners.

**BEST UDDERED COWS:** The two best uddered cows will be selected by the judge from each of the milking classes following the judging of that class. The selection will be based on udder alone. Milk out is at the discretion of the judge. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners.

**PREMIER BREEDER:** Banner awarded to the breeder in each breed winning the most points on no more than eight animals in open single classes exhibited by the breeder and/or other exhibitors.

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR:** Banner awarded to the exhibitor in each breed winning the most points on no more than eight animals in open single classes exhibited by himself or herself.

**YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST**

A Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be held Friday, August 1 at 3 p.m. in Noel Boyd Youth Livestock Facility. Competition is open to the world but limited to youth. Number of classes based on total number of entries

**Peewee:** 8 & Under  
**Junior:** Ages 8 to 12

**Intermediate:** Ages 13 to 18  
**Senior:** Ages 19 & Over

**YOUNG EXHIBITOR FUN CLASS**

Show time: **15 minutes before Supreme selection Saturday, August 2**, in Noel Boyd Arena.

1. Any child 2-8 years (as of 7/1/25) may compete.
2. Calf must have been entered in current Fair.

**DAIRY BREEDS AND CLASSES:** Class numbers are the same for all breeds.

Mark entry form with the appropriate class AND the breed:

**AYRSHIRE**  
**BROWN SWISS**  
**GUERNSEY**

**HOLSTEIN**  
**JERSEY**  
**MILKING SHORTHORN**

**JUNIOR:** Use class numbers listed in the left-hand column below and choose the breed.

JR	OPEN	
Y01	01	Spring heifer calf, born on or after 3/1/2025
Y02	02	Winter heifer calf, 12/1/2024- 2/29/2025
Y03	03	Fall heifer calf, 9/1 - 11/30/2024
Y04	04	Summer heifer calf, 6/1 - 8/31/2024
Y05	05	Spring yearling heifer (not in milk), 3/1 - 5/31/2024
Y06	06	Winter senior yearling heifer (not in milk), 12/1/2023 - 2/28/2024
Y07	07	Fall yearling heifer (not in milk), 9/1 - 11/30/2023
<b>Y08</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Junior Champion</b>
<b>Y09</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>Reserve Junior Champion</b>
--	10	Junior Get-of-Sire
--	11	Junior Best Three Females
Y10	12	Dry Cow, Any Age
--	13	*Production, Dry Cow, Any Age
Y11	14	Junior 2-year-old cow, born 3/1-5/31/2023
Y12	15	Summer Junior 2-year-old cow, born 6/1 - 8/31/2023
Y13	16	Senior 2-year-old cow, born 9/1/2022 - 2/28/2023
Y14	17	Junior 3-year-old cow, born 3/1 - 8/31/2022
--	18	*Production, Junior 3-year-old cow
Y15	19	Senior 3-year-old cow, born 9/1/2021- 2/28/2022
--	20	*Production, Senior 3-year-old cow
<b>Y16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Intermediate Champion</b>
<b>Y17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Reserve Intermediate Champion</b>
Y18	23	4-year-old cow, born 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2021
--	24	*Production, 4-year-old cow
Y19	25	5-year-old cow, born 9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020
--	26	*Production, 5-year-old cow
Y20	27	Aged cow, 6 years and over, born before 9/1/2019
--	28	*Production, aged cow, 6 years and over
--	29	Milk Champion * See Production Award Rules
<b>Y21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Senior Champion</b>
<b>Y22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Reserve Senior Champion</b>
<b>Y23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Grand Champion</b>
<b>Y24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Reserve Grand Champion</b>
<b>Y25</b>	--	<b>4-H/FFA District Grand Champion</b>

JR	OPEN	
--	34	Dairy Herd
--	35	Best Three Females
--	36	Produce-of-Dam
--	37	Dam-Daughter
--	38	Breeder's Herd

**GROUP CLASS DEFINITION:**

**Dairy Herd:** Four cows that have freshened, all owned by exhibitor. Limit one entry per exhibitor.

**Best Three Females:** Any age, all bred by and at least two owned by exhibitor. Limit one entry per exhibitor.

**Produce-of-Dam:** Two females, any age, produce of one cow. Dam must be named, but animals need not both be owned by exhibitor. (In Produce-of-Dam classes, ownership certificate will not be required. Animals to compose a competitive group need not be named in the application for entry, but must be named at the time they are shown. **Dams of Produce-of-Dam classes are to be named at the time of making entry.**)

**Dam-Daughter:** A cow and one female offspring of any age. Animals need not both be owned by exhibitor. Limit one entry per exhibitor.

**Junior Get-of-Sire:** Four heifers under two years of age, none of which have freshened, the get of one sire. Sire must be named. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry sired by the same bull. At least two animals must be bred and owned by exhibitor.

**Breeder's Herd:** Five animals - two cows, two under two years, and one any age. All five animals must be owned by exhibitor, and at least three must be bred by exhibitor. Limit one entry per exhibitor.

**All group class entries must be submitted prior to the July 1st deadline. No ringside entries will be accepted upon arrival at the fair. \$5 per class.**

**The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics | Adopted May 5, 2015**

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.

PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations.

The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care & management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to & between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner & in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety & welfare of the livestock & the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication &/or prohibited substance, or residue.

The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

**Grooming and Preparation:**

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (2009), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility. Specifically:

1. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited (effective 6/1/2015). However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

**Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices:**

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics & will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:

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:
  - a. with an irritant or counter-irritant,
  - b. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
  - c. using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
  - d. plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

**Exhibitor Responsibility:**

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter &/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, &/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

**Show Ethics Committee**

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative(s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General Manager), the official show veterinarian, and Extension representative.

The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect animals and related material to determine if violations have occurred.

**Violations: Reporting and Investigation**

Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management, and/or the Ethics Committee.

**Before An Animal is Shown**

If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management.

Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:

1. If, at the Exhibitor's discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.
2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

**During and After An Animal is Shown**

All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milkout may be called for. This call may be by breed association rule, or by request of an authorized representative of the national breed association, the judge, the Ethics Committee, or show management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and the supporting evidence and invited to defend or explain the allegations.

Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association. Sanctions may include any one, or combination of the following:

Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

- forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
- written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor");
- Disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition;
- disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;
- publication of offense.