



DAIRY CATTLE

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EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday July 14, 2025

Entry Fees: \$5.00 per class (including group classes)

Late Entry Fee 7/14/2025 or after: \$15.00 per class, (including group classes, open and junior classes)

(The late fee is instead of the \$7 early entry fee, not in addition to)

Entries made on 8/1/25 or later must call the office at (716) 649-3900 ext. 6480 or 6499

Erie County Fair Email: entries@ecfair.org

Join us in celebrating 2025 4H, FFA, & Youth Livestock Expo Champions at the Breakfast with Champions Event on Sunday, August 17th at 9:00am. \$27 tickets can be purchased at www.ecfair.org

Dairy Schedule

Arrival: Tack can begin to arrive Sunday, August 3rd **between the hours of 9:00am & 4:00pm** and on Monday, August 4th between the hours of 8:30am & 9:00pm. After these hours the gates to the Fairgrounds will be locked. Animals can arrive Tuesday, August 5th at 12:00pm-8:00pm and Wednesday, August 6th at 6:00-10:00am.

Check-in: Wednesday, August 6th. Exhibitors must be by their animals (with animal registration papers)

Exhibitor Meeting: Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00pm- Livestock Arena

Jr. Showmanship: Friday, August 8th at 3:00pm- Showplex

Heifer Show (All Breeds): Saturday, August 9th at 11:30am - Showplex

Cow Show (All Breeds): Sunday, August 10th at 11:30am- Showplex

Showmanship Judge #1: TBD

Showmanship Judge #2: TBD

Heifer/Cow Show Judge #1: TBD

Heifer/Cow Show Judge #2: TBD

Release: Sunday, August 10th at 11pm - 12am, Monday, August 11th 6am-9am & Monday, August 11th 6pm-9pm. All dairy cattle and tack must be removed from the barns by 10:00pm.

**Supplies may be brought in from 9pm-9am each day. Vehicles must be parked in respective lot after unloading. NO vehicle parking in front of barns after unloading.*

Twist of Fate Tack Shop will be returning this summer! Call (860) 759-9335 with your supply order!

Release Schedule

For your safety and the safety of the public the Erie County Fair has a release schedule. This program was designed to eliminate the congestion of trucks and trailers on the Fairgrounds during release times. Each exhibitor will receive a time slot. Each time slot will be 30 minutes. You will only be allowed into the Fairgrounds with your truck and trailer for that time slot assigned. The exhibitor's that have the longest travel time will receive the earliest time slot. Multiple trips will also be considered. It is in each exhibitor's best interest to help each other load animals and tack. Arrangements must be made with the show management prior to show day. Early release form must be given to superintendent at the exhibitors meeting.

General Dairy Cattle Rules

- 1) All exhibitors must purchase either an \$20.00 Exhibitor's wristband or a \$100 Erie County Agricultural Society Membership. If your animals do not arrive to the fair, you will not receive your exhibitor wristbands.
- 2) If more passes are needed for your help, \$12.00 one-day "workers" passes can be purchased (quantity may be limited).
- 3) All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by Erie County Fair Staff inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated and can result in forfeit of premiums and removal from fair.
- 4) Youth exhibitors may enter any animal in the Open Class department. However, when entering in the open class the youth must pay ALL appropriate fees; this includes the exhibitor wristband, entry fees, and late fees.
- 5) Exhibitors must be at least 4 years of age to exhibit livestock at the Erie County Fair.
- 6) **Entry fees do not guarantee "tack space"**. In divisions where entries do not exceed available space "tack pens" will be assigned by the superintendent
- 7) Cattle may be shown on a signed transfer. An official Registration Certificate must be shown on each animal. These will be checked for identification, ownership, and birth date.
- 8) Breeds will be split into two rings based on entry numbers, they will then show in alphabetical order and rotate breeds per class
- 9) If showing Junior Show animal MUST be entered in Junior exhibitors name for both the Open & Junior Show.
- 10) **A Junior Show for EVERY breed will be offered.**
 - a. **To be eligible for the Junior Show the animals MUST also be entered in the Open Show. When making entries you MUST click the box on the entry system that says "Junior Show Entry" in order to be entered in the Junior Show. This must be done on each animal.**
 - b. **The Junior and Open Shows will run simultaneously therefore Juniors will be asked to take two steps forward in the Open Show classes to collect junior placings.**
 - c. **We will abide by individual breed association junior ownership rules per breed.**
 - d. **No premiums will be paid for the Junior show.**
- 11) Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm where the herd is a unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor.
- 12) Cattle will be allowed to show in two breeds; however, two entry fees must be paid.
- 13) Rules of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Standards for the Conduct of Agriculture and Markets for Fairs and Summary of Livestock Health Requirements shall apply.
- 14) Any calf under 4 months of age may not be entered in any class for competition.
- 15) Initial sawdust bedding will be supplied to exhibitors. However, if the exhibitor wishes to have shavings or straw, they must bring it or buy it from a purveyor on the grounds. The Fair will not be providing straw or shavings.
- 16) **No changes in barn layouts unless approved by the Show Management. Late entries will be accommodated in the best way possible.**
- 17) The Show Management will grant permission only for late arrival or early removal of animals being shown at a competing show which conflicts with above times. Early removal must ONLY be done AFTER THE SHOW IS COMPLETE. Unapproved early removal will result in forfeiture of premiums and the privilege of showing at the Erie County Fair in the future unless Fair management has granted permission to release animals and a letter from competing show must be on file.
- 18) The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the decision of the Show Management, or such referee appointed shall be final.
- 19) The judge may, in his discretion, require any animal to be milked before him in the ring.
- 20) Exhibitors & workers are required to wear shirts and shoes while on the Fairgrounds.
- 21) A milking parlor is available. The parlor has twelve (12) walk through parlor stalls. Milk is measured in weighed by LED weight read out and recorded for each cow before it goes to the storage tank. Exhibitors will be paid current milk price for their milk, after a percentage for parlor operation. The hours of operation will be subject to the discretion of the milking parlor operator but will be available for three times a day milking. Abusive behavior will not be tolerated, and that person(s) will be removed from the Fairgrounds and premium money will be forfeited. **NO SHOTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE GIVEN IN THE PARLOR.** The parlor is operated by strict health requirements for fluid milk. **NO** cow will be milked in the milking parlor that:
 - a. Is producing colostrum milk
 - b. Is producing mastitic milk
 - c. Is producing flaky milk
 - d. Is being treated with an antibiotic
 - e. All cows that currently use BST are not allowed to milk into the tank in the milking parlor. The plant that is taking our milk requires the milk to be BST free. Those that use BST must be prepared to bring a portable milking machine and may only dump milk in the area approved by the parlor superintendent.
- 22) These guidelines are the only means of assuring a satisfactory market and price for the milk. If any of the aforementioned is detected in a tank, the entire tank of milk must be disposed of, and nobody is paid for that tank of milk.
- 23) No milk checks of less than \$10.00 will be paid to exhibitors.
- 24) **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS MILK TO BE DISPOSED OF IN THE FAIRGROUNDS SEWER SYSTEM. ALL MILK NOT COLLECTED IN THE MILKING PARLOR TANK SHOULD BE DUMPED IN THE WASHRACK GUTTER ONLY. NO MILK IS TO BE DUMPED IN THE STORM SEWER. ALL ANIMAL WASTE MUST BE TAKEN TO THE MANURE BOXES AND NOT LEFT ON PAVEMENT TO MIX WITH RUN-OFF OR STORM WATER. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SHOW MANAGEMENT.**
- 25) A production premium will be given in cow classes based on production per day of life from date 24 months. Official DHIC Forms and DHIR individual cow records will be accepted.

General Dairy Cattle Rules Continued

- 26) The Erie County Fair insists that the exhibitor use good judgment when preparing dairy cattle and that the preparation is natural and appropriate for each individual animal. Judges, exhibitors, and management will be encouraged to monitor this and report indiscretion to the show management. To keep uniformity between New York State Shows the length of the topline hair is **not to exceed 1 ½"**, and all toplines are subject to measurement before entering the show ring. Artificial substances are prohibited in topline including but not limited to: foreign objects, hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber. If an animal comes to the show ring and this limit is exceeded the animal **WILL NOT** show.
- 27) All exhibitors **MUST** have the correct show number corresponding to the correct animal to enter the show ring.
- 28) Radios are allowed, if not within reasonable volume a fine will be levied and the radio will be confiscated. No radios are allowed in wash rack area.
- 29) For an animal to show in a group class it must be shown in an individual class first.
- 30) Livestock trailers will continue to be parked in the lot on McKinley Parkway. Please see Dairy Cattle Superintendent for clarification.
- 31) Stalling from year to year will change due to layout changes. Location may vary from year to year.
- 32) Pop-up tents are allowed in the barns (with tops on).
- 33) If you are planning on camping in the livestock lot, please note that payment does not guarantee a spot. You will be notified & refunded if camper lot is full.

Protest:

- a. Protests regarding any livestock competitions and events held by the Erie County Agricultural Society, during the Erie County Fair, in Hamburg, NY (Youth Livestock Expo & Open Class Livestock Shows) must be made in writing on the appropriate form (link here), plainly stating the reason for the complaint or appeal. This form along with a \$300 cash deposit must be submitted to the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society The deposit shall be refunded **only** if the protest is sustained by the Erie County Agricultural Society CEO. If the protest is not sustained, the \$300 will be donated to the Erie County Agricultural Society scholarship fund.
- b. Classification and Judges opinion are not eligible for protest.
- c. Protests against the exhibition of animals shall be filed at least 3 hours before the start of the show that the animal/ exhibitor is being made against will show in.
- d. The CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society may hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
- e. The written decision of the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society shall be final and shall be served by certified mail to the party making the protest within five days of the date on which the protest was heard.
- f. Exhibitors of animals at livestock competitions shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show.

Special Awards

Endowment Fund Award: This award will be presented to a Holstein, Color Breed or Beef exhibitor. The award will be given to the exhibitor that best promotes the industry, through educational displays and communication with the public. The Endowment Fund Award will be judged by an anonymous person chosen by Show Management. Please note: this award is separate from the Herdsman Award.

Champion Udder Contest: A banner will be awarded to one cow in each breed for the best udder. This award will be chosen from the winners of the Best Udder award in classes 11 – 34.

A Premier Breeder Banner (Senior and Junior Show separately) will be awarded to the breeder of animals credited with the most points on not to exceed five (5) animals in the open classes, exhibited by himself and/or other exhibitors. When determining the Premier Breeder, the breeder of the animal shall be the name of the person, farm, or partnership, as it appears on the registry certificate. Exhibitors will tally their own points on forms provided by Show Management.* Results will be verified by Show Management.

A Premier Exhibitor Banner (Senior and Junior Show separately) will be awarded to the exhibitor credited with the most points on not to exceed five (5) animals owned and exhibited in the open individual classes. In the case of multiple ownership, all points awarded for Premier Exhibitor will be credited to the individual, partnership or syndicate who is exhibiting the animal. Exhibitors will tally their own points on forms provided by Show Management.* Results will be verified by Show Management.

***NOTE:** Points sheets will be due at the conclusion of the show. Premier Breeder and Exhibitor will be awarded by 8pm on the show day.

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place
Cows	20	18	16	14	12
Heifers	10	8	6	4	2

Dairy Cattle Premium Schedule*For classes # 1 - 10*

# of Entries in Class	Placings														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	\$37.50														
2	\$40.00	32.50													
3	\$42.50	35.00	27.50												
4	\$43.75	36.25	31.25	21.25											
5	\$48.75	41.25	33.75	26.25	18.75										
6	\$53.75	46.25	38.75	31.25	23.75	16.25									
7	\$58.75	51.25	43.75	36.25	28.75	21.25	13.75								
8	\$63.75	56.25	48.75	41.25	33.75	26.25	18.75	11.25							
9	\$68.75	61.25	53.75	46.25	38.75	31.25	23.75	16.25	11.25						
10	\$71.25	63.75	56.25	48.75	41.25	33.75	26.25	18.75	13.75	11.25					
11	\$73.75	66.25	58.75	51.25	43.75	36.25	28.75	18.75	16.25	13.75	11.25				
12	\$76.25	68.75	61.25	53.75	46.25	38.75	31.25	23.75	18.75	15.00	13.75	11.25			
13	\$78.75	71.25	63.75	56.25	48.75	41.25	33.75	26.25	18.75	16.25	15.00	13.75	11.25		
14	\$80.00	73.75	65.00	57.50	50.00	42.50	35.00	27.50	20.00	18.25	16.25	15.00	13.75	11.25	
15	\$81.25	73.75	66.25	61.25	53.75	46.25	38.75	31.25	23.75	18.25	16.25	15.00	13.75	12.50	11.25

Dairy Cattle Premium Schedule*For classes # 11 - 46*

# of Entries in Class	Placings														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	\$58.75														
2	\$61.25	53.75													
3	\$63.75	56.25	48.75												
4	\$65.00	57.50	50.00	40.00											
5	\$69.50	62.50	55.00	47.50	40.00										
6	\$75.00	67.50	60.00	52.50	45.00	37.50									
7	\$80.00	72.50	65.00	57.50	50.00	40.00	35.00								
8	\$85.00	77.50	69.50	62.50	55.00	47.50	40.00	32.50							
9	\$90.00	82.50	76.25	67.50	60.00	52.50	45.00	37.50	32.50						
10	\$92.50	85.00	77.50	69.50	63.75	55.00	47.50	40.00	35.00	32.50					
11	\$95.00	87.50	80.00	72.50	65.00	57.50	50.00	40.00	37.50	35.00	32.50				
12	\$97.50	90.00	82.50	75.00	67.50	60.00	52.50	45.00	40.00	36.25	35.00	32.50			
13	\$100.00	92.50	85.00	77.50	69.50	62.50	55.00	47.50	40.00	37.50	36.25	35.00	32.50		
14	\$101.25	93.75	86.25	78.75	71.25	65.00	56.25	48.75	41.25	40.00	37.50	36.25	35.00	32.50	
15	\$102.50	95.00	87.50	81.25	75.00	67.50	60.00	52.50	45.00	40.00	37.50	36.25	35.00	33.75	32.50

SHOWMANSHIP:

There will be a Showmanship Show on Friday, August 8th at 3pm in the Showplex. Exhibitors can sign up at the exhibitor meeting. There will be no entry fee charged or premiums paid. A Grand & Reserve Champion will be chosen & given rosettes. The class breakdown is as follows:

- Adult Showman- 22 years old and older
- Senior Showman – 17 - 21 years old
- Intermediate Showman – 13 – 16 years old
- Novice Showman- 1st year showman
- Junior Showman – 9 – 12 years old
- Pee Wee Showman – 4 - 8 years old
- Little Britches – 4-8 years old (this class will not be placed it will be just for participation)

DAIRY CATTLE DIVISIONS:**AYRSHIRE****BROWN SWISS****GUERNSEY****HOLSTEIN****JERSEY****LINEBACK****MILKING SHORTHORN****RED & WHITE****OTHER DAIRY BREEDS**

Heifer Classes will take place on Saturday, August 9th at 11:30am

Two rings and two judges

1. **Spring Calf** – born after 3/1/2025 and over 4 months of age
2. **Winter Calf** – born between 12/1/24 and 2/28/2025
3. **Fall Calf** – born between 9/1/24 and 11/30/24
4. **Summer Yearling** – born between 6/1/24 and 8/31/24
5. **Spring Yearling** (not in milk) – born between 3/1/24 and 5/31/24
6. **Winter Yearling** (not in milk) – born between 12/1/23 and 2/28/24
7. **Fall Yearling** (not in milk) – born between 9/1/23 and 11/30/23
Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Female
10. **Junior Best 3 Females** – all bred and 1 owned by exhibitor (entries must have been exhibited in classes 1 – 7)

Supreme Champion Heifer of the Junior Show- Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer of the Junior Show – Banner

Supreme Champion Heifer - \$90 & Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer – Banner

**To be selected immediately following the conclusion on the heifer classes*

Cow Classes will take place on Sunday, August 10th at 11:30am

Two rings and two judges

11. **Fall Yearling** (in milk)- born between 9/1/23 and 11/30/23
13. **Junior 2 Year Old** (in milk) – born between 3/1/23 and 8/31/23
15. **Senior 2 Year Old** (in milk) – born between 9/1/22 and 2/28/23
17. **Junior 3 Year Old** (in milk) – born between 3/1/22 and 8/31/22
20. **Senior 3 Year Old** (in milk) – born between 9/1/21 and 2/28/22
23. **4 Year Old** (in milk) – born between 9/1/20 and 8/31/21
26. **5 Year Old** (in milk) – born between 9/1/19 and 8/31/20
29. **Aged Cow** – born 8/31/18 or before
32. **125,000 Holsteins (100,000 for the Color Breeds) Pound Cow**-proof and/or 3,500-Pound Protein Cow. Proof of actual production must be presented on show day. (Cow may be shown in only 1 individual class.)
Best Udder Awards will be awarded in classes listed 11 – 34. The Premiums are \$30 and \$23.75
A Production Award will be awarded in classes listed 17 – 34. The Premium is \$23.75.
Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Female
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female
Champion Udder
40. **Senior Best 3 Females** – all bred and 1 owned by exhibitor (entries must have been exhibited in classes 11-33)
41. **Breeder's Herd of 5 Females** – all bred and owned, consists of 2 females over 2 years of age that have calved, 2 females under 2 years of age and one of any age.
42. **Dairy Herd** – all owned by exhibitor, consists of 4 cows that have calved at least once.
43. **Produce of Dam** – 2 animals any age, progeny of one dam.
44. **Dam and Daughter**- Cannot use one animal for multiple groups.

Supreme Champion Cow of the Junior Show – Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Cow of the Junior Show- Banner

Supreme Champion Dairy Cow – \$175.00 & Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Cow- Banner

**To be selected immediately following the conclusion on the cow classes*

Herdsmanship:

Three awards will be given. 1st place: \$62.50 and a banner, 2nd place: \$37.50, 3rd place: \$18.75.

The Dairy Cattle Top Herdsmanship will be awarded in Memory of Dean Sharp.

Herdsmanship awards are at the discretion of management and may not be awarded if exhibits do not warrant award.

The following criteria will be considered for Herdsmanship judging:

- Stall decorations should follow the theme. This year's theme is "**Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair**".
- Cleanliness of animals, well groomed, neat, attractively arranged and properly spaced
- Adequate packed bedding, clean & dry
- Aisles clean & neat, adequate width for visitors & feed, equipment clean and stored neatly, manure storage not overflowing, trash picked up
- Appearance & attitude of exhibitor, knowledgeable, courteous, friendly.
- Friendliness toward other exhibitors
- Clothes & person neat & clean