



## 4-H/FFA YOUTH DAIRY SHOW RULES

**Superintendent: Jubilee Lassiter: 904-755-2467**

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**Online entries open November 6, 2023 and close at midnight March 15, 2024. No paper entries.**

**SHOW:** Friday, April 5, 2024 | 6:00 PM

**CHECK IN 4/4/2024:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM | **BY APPOINTMENT:** 4/3/2024  
(must call superintendent a week in advance)

**CHECK OUT 4/6/2024:** 11:00 PM | **4/7/2024:** 10:00 AM

**ELIGIBILITY:** The 4-H/FFA Youth Dairy Show is open to 4-H and FFA members in good standing. Youth must be present to show animals.

- Mini Moo - This show is for showmanship only for youth ages 5 -7 and youth age 8 who have not shown in a dairy show. A Mini Moo entry form can be completed online. This show will be judged on the exhibitor's ability to exhibit the animal and their knowledge about the animal. Animals must be between the ages of four months and one year old and a dairy breed. Participants must use an animal of an older exhibitor entered in the 4-H/FFA Dairy Show. Entries may be limited due to available calves.
- There will be a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Show: JUNIOR: 8-10, INTERMEDIATE:11-13 SENIOR: (not graduated)14-18. Age as of September 1, 2023.
- With showmanship being held as the first event in the show, the exhibitor is expected to continue showing throughout the entire show accordingly. If you are awarded showmanship, the judge has the ability to pull your award due to lack of showmanship expressed. Therefore, you will have to forfeit the honor and premium money. The next exhibitor in placing will receive the award and so on.
- Fitting and Grooming - Youth exhibitors are judged on how well their animals are fitted for the show and on the exhibitor's ability to show a dairy animal in the ring. Seniors are expected to take full responsibility for their animals. This includes but is not limited to feeding, watering, walking or grooming. If you need help with your animal check with the superintendent first. **If you receive any help in grooming your animal, you will be disqualified from the fitting and grooming and showmanship contest.**

### **ORDER OF SHOWS:**

- Mini Moo
- Jr. Showmanship
- Intermediate Showmanship
- Sr. Showmanship
- Fitting and Grooming
- Holstein
- Brown Swiss
- Jersey
- Guernsey

### **ANIMAL CATEGORY: (2)**

- Registered Animals
- Graded Animals

**\*Please note, the number of exhibitors may be limited based on available facilities. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED NO LATER THAN MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> IF THERE WILL BE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR ENTRY.**

## **SPECIFIC SHOW RULES:**

- All animals in this show must comply with Florida state health rules. If your animal has an RFID tag that cannot be read by hand you are responsible to provide a reader. Only females of the four major dairy breeds can be shown. Grade animals must possess characteristics of their particular breed. Crossbred animals are not allowed. No animals are to be moved through the barn **for any reason** during the fair hours, unless authorized and accompanied by a Superintendent.
- At all times upon exhibiting your animal in the show ring, exhibitors must adhere to the following: Clothes and person must be neat and clean; white long-sleeved shirt with collar and white pants are preferred. Durable protective shoes are required when large animals are exhibited. If you are not in appropriate attire, you will not be able to compete.
- A member may enter NO more than three (3) animals in the entire show. A member may bring a fourth dairy animal if it is bred by exhibitor, but will not be eligible to compete in class or show.
- All dairy show animals must have been owned and under the control of each 4-H or FFA member on his/her premises (land under his/her control) or FFA Agricultural Barn. Registration papers and/or grade identity papers of all animals must be available upon arrival and presented to the Superintendent and must show the member's name as owner for at least sixty (60) days.
- ALL animals must be polled or dehorned. Scurs and a small amount of secondary growth of horns may be accepted or determined to be unsafe based upon the animals' behavior and its ability to be handled. This decision will be made by the Livestock Committee.
- Due to the high cost of animals, the practice of leasing animals for the show is permitted, but it must be under the exhibitor's direct care for at least 60 days prior to the opening of the Fair. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor or the family of the exhibitor. No "borrowing" from another breeder will be allowed.

## **CLASSES:**

**A Jr Champion and Jr Reserve Champion in both categories will be chosen from classes 1 thru 7**

1. Junior calves born September 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023
2. Intermediate heifer calves born June 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
3. Senior heifer calves born March 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023
4. Winter yearlings born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
5. Junior yearlings born September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022
6. Summer yearlings born June 1, 2022- August 31, 2022
7. Senior Yearlings born March 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022

**A Sr Champion and Sr Reserve Champion in both categories will be chosen from classes 8 thru 13**

8. Junior two-year old, born September 1, 2021- February 28, 2022
9. Senior two-year old, born March 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
10. Junior three-year-old, born September 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021
11. Senior three-year-old, born March 1, 2020- August 31, 2020
12. Four-year-old, born March 1, 2019 - February 28, 2020
13. Aged Cows, born before March 1, 2019

**AWARDS:**

The Danish System of Judging will be used. Blue, Red, & White Ribbons will be awarded, with Premium Money as follows:

All premium award money will be forfeited if not collected by the end of the Fair.

|                   | <i>Breed Champion</i> | <i>Reserve Breed</i> | <i>Blue Ribbon</i> | <i>Red Ribbon</i> | <i>White Ribbon</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Registered Animal | <b>\$125 Banner</b>   | <b>\$75 Banner</b>   | <b>\$50</b>        | <b>\$40</b>       | <b>\$30</b>         |
| Graded Animal     | <b>\$125 Banner</b>   | <b>\$75 Banner</b>   | <b>\$40</b>        | <b>\$30</b>       | <b>\$20</b>         |

|                   | <i>Overall Grand Champion</i> | <i>Overall Reserve Champion</i> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Registered Animal | <b>Buckle &amp; Banner</b>    | <b>Buckle &amp; Banner</b>      |
| Graded Animal     | <b>Buckle &amp; Banner</b>    | <b>Buckle &amp; Banner</b>      |

**SHOWMANSHIP**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | <b>\$100</b> | <b>Buckle &amp; Banner</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | <b>\$75</b>  | <b>Banner</b>              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | <b>\$50</b>  | <b>Banner</b>              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | <b>\$25</b>  | <b>Banner</b>              |

**FITTING & GROOMING**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | <b>\$100</b> | <b>Buckle &amp; Banner</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | <b>\$75</b>  | <b>Banner</b>              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | <b>\$50</b>  | <b>Banner</b>              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | <b>\$25</b>  | <b>Banner</b>              |

**HERDSMAN AWARD:**

The Herdsman Award is determined by the appearance of the stall and surrounding area; also, the appearance of the animal, and the appearance, attitude and knowledge of the exhibitor.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | <b>\$60</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | <b>\$50</b> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | <b>\$40</b> |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | <b>\$30</b> |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place | <b>\$20</b> |

All exhibitors will be judged for this award during the **hours the fair is open** on Thursday, Friday (until 2:00 when we close the barn for the show), and Saturday until the Fair closes.

**BRED BY EXHIBITOR:**

A \$50 exhibitor fee will be paid for an animal classified as bred by exhibitor. This animal is not eligible to compete in classes or show and will be limited to one (1) animal per exhibitor.

**CLAY COUNTY SPIRIT AWARD: Winner \$20**

The Clay County Spirit Award is given to one individual who exemplifies what the Clay County fair is all about. This contest will be judged from check-in to check-out.