

DAIRY CATTLE

Department 1

Check-In

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

Judging

Pavilion 2 - Showing A, Conference - 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

Jessica Arnold, Paula Bakken, Jillian Beaty, Gwen Boettcher, Juli Cooper, Mary Elvekrog, Karsen Haag, Dawn Haag, Virgil Haag, Kim Houser, Melissa Knudson, Abbey Meffert, Tom Sarbacker, Vicki Sarbacker, Donna Skogen, Darin Skogen and Doug Syvrud

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 Dane County Fair, ALL exhibitors must submit their educational requirements card (found at the Dane County Fair website), by **June 1**, stating at least one educational event/program they have participated in. ****NEW THIS YEAR** Youth must provide YQCA Certificate number and Education Card uploaded in FairEntry by June 1, with entry submission.** Should you have any questions on what events qualify or to confirm you have met the stated requirements, contact the Dane County Fair Entries at [entries.danecountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:danecountyfair@gmail.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 3** to allow Superintendents an opportunity to better plan and assign stalling locations. Leaders can report numbers via the web at: <https://bit.ly/4ID2TFi>

Dairy Showmanship Clinic

Interested in improving your basic dairy showmanship skills?
 Join us for a showmanship clinic in Pavilion 2, Showing A
 on Thursday, July 16 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 13.
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, 2026 (must be 4 months old day of show)
Winter Calf: Born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
Fall Calf: Born September 1 - November 30, 2025
Summer Yearling: Born June 1 - August 31, 2025
Spring Yearling: Born March 1 - May 31, 2025
Winter Yearling: Born Dec. 1, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024
Fall Yearling: Born September 1 - November 30, 2024
Two-Year-Old: Born September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2024
Three-Year-Old: Born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023
Four-Year-Old: Born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
Five-Year-Old & Older: Born before September 1, 2021
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	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
	Grade	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Yearlings	Registered	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
	Grade	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Cows (age 2 and older)	Registered	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00
	Grade	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Dam & Daughter		\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
3 & 4 Animal Exhibits		\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
Showmanship		\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
Clean Barn		\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

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 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.

CLASS J. Herd Entries

- 1) Dairy Herd
- 2) Club Herd - **Club entry only**

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 L.

Clean Barn Exhibit - CLUB/CHAPTER ENTRY ONLY 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.

**Little Britches Show - Sat., July 18 - 1 p.m.
Pavilion 2 - Showring 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 at 608-333-1699