

DEPARTMENT R • DAIRY CATTLE SHOWS

September 19 & 20, 2026

Sponsored in part by the WNC Dairy Commission

Superintendent: Open Dairy Cattle: Will Thompson
Open Junior Dairy Cattle: Mike Corn, Fletcher, NC

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 1, McGough Covered Arena *Please bring milking equipment. A portable unit will be available*

Unloading: Sept. 17, Thursday, 2:00 pm.-7:00 pm & Sept. 18, Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Must be in place)

NO OVERNIGHT UNLOADING

Check-in: Entry check-in time will be announced

Judging: Open Dairy Cattle Show: September 19, Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship: September 20, Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Open Junior Dairy Cattle Show September 20, Sunday Immediately following Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship
WNC District Show will run concurrently with the Open Junior Show

Release: After the conclusion of show

BREED, AGE AND GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

(to be used for Open, Junior and WNC Junior Dairy Cattle Shows)

BREED CODES: Ayrshire-AY Guernsey-GU Jersey-JE Brown Swiss-BS Holstein-HO

SPRING HEIFER CALF - Born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026

WINTER HEIFER CALF - Born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

FALL HEIFER CALF - Born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER - Born June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025

SPRING YEARLING HEIFER - Born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025

WINTER YEARLING HEIFER - Born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025

FALL YEARLING HEIFER - Born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024

JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES - Coming from classes eligible for Junior Champion. All bred and owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

FALL YEARLING IN MILK - Born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024

JUNIOR TWO-YEAR-OLD COW - Born March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

SENIOR TWO-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024

THREE-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023

FOUR-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

AGED COW - Born before September 1, 2021

DRY COW - Any cow that has completed a lactation regardless of age. To be designated at time of entry and dry at time of show. Not eligible for other classes unless calved before time of show.

EXHIBITOR'S HERD OF FIVE FEMALES - Group of 5 females any age and must be owned by, with at least 3 bred by, the exhibitor with a maximum of 3 animals that have freshened. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD - The exhibitor winning the most points on not to exceed six animals, and exhibited by himself in the open single classes, shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. The scale of points will be the same as for determining Premier Breeder. (Banner)

PREMIER BREEDER'S AWARD - The Breeder winning the most points on not to exceed six animals in the open single classes, exhibited by himself and/or other exhibitors, shall be designated the Premier Breeder. (Banner)

The point system for determining Premier Breeder is as follows:

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

OPEN DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
2. Cattle are to be tied on a first come first serve basis regarding spaces. NO motel displays or living spaces allowed. **Feed and hay for a single day use only allowed in the barn. NO STOCK PILING ALLOWED.**
3. No companion animals are allowed in the cattle area. (dogs, cats, etc...)
4. Please note the following rules:
 - A. Only the participants, judges and show personnel will be allowed inside the show ring.
 - B. The Open Dairy Show is judged on type only.
 - C. Any exhibitor removing cattle from the barn before the show is over will forfeit all prizes except in special cases determined by the Show Management.
 - D. Exhibitors are expected to wear clean, neat clothing while showing their animals. White shirts and pants are encouraged for the Open Dairy Show.
 - E. All registered animals will be shown in their respective breeds.
 - F. All group classes must be entered under the same exhibitor's name or farm name as entered in other classes.
 - G. **Entries in an open show must be made in the name of the owner as recorded on registration certificate.**
 - H. **Show harness with Exhibitor ID in it must be worn at all times in show ring.**
 - I. **Exhibitors are not allowed to make substitutions between breeds. A limit of two (2) substitutions per exhibitor may be made per show.**
 - J. Open Dairy Cattle Show registration fee is \$10.00 per animal per class. No fee for Best 3 Females or Breeder's Herd of 5.

CLASS	AY	BS	GU	HO	JE
Spring Heifer Calf	RA101	RA102	RA103	RA104	RA105
Winter Heifer Calf	RA106	RA107	RA108	RA109	RA110
Fall Heifer Calf	RA111	RA112	RA113	RA114	RA115
Summer Yearling Heifer	RA116	RA117	RA118	RA119	RA120
Spring Yearling Heifer	RA121	RA122	RA123	RA124	RA125
Winter Yearling Heifer	RA126	RA127	RA128	RA129	RA130
Fall Yearling Heifer	RA131	RA132	RA133	RA134	RA135
* Junior Champion Female					
* Junior Reserve Champion Female					
Fall Yearling In Milk	RA136	RA137	RA138	RA139	RA140
Junior Two-Year-Old Cow	RA141	RA142	RA143	RA144	RA145
Senior Two-Year-Old Cow	RA146	RA147	RA148	RA149	RA150
Three-Year-Old Cow	RA151	RA152	RA153	RA154	RA155
Four-Year-Old Cow	RA156	RA157	RA158	RA159	RA160
Aged Cow	RA161	RA162	RA163	RA164	RA165
Dry Cow	RA166	RA167	RA168	RA169	RA170
* Senior Champion Female					
* Senior Reserve Champion Female					
** GRAND CHAMPION					
** RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION					

PREMIUMS	1st Place \$50	2nd Place \$45	3rd Place \$40	4th Place \$35	5th Place \$30
(* Rosette, **Banner)	6th Place \$28	7th Place \$26	8th Place \$24	9th Place \$22	10th Place \$20

Junior Best Three Females (Rosette)	RA171	RA172	RA173	RA174	RA175
PREMIUMS	1st Place \$60	2nd Place \$55	3rd Place \$50	4th Place \$45	

Breeder's Herd of Five Females (Rosette)	RA176	RA177	RA178	RA179	RA180
PREMIUMS	1st Place \$250	2nd Place \$225	3rd Place \$200	4th Place \$175	

Showmanship - Open to all Youth

CLASS

RB500	Beginner – Non-competitive youth 8 and under*
RB501	Novice - 8 years old and under **
RB502	Junior – 9 - 13 years old **
RB503	Senior – 14 - 18 years old **
RB504	Senior Plus – 19 - 21 years old **

PREMIUMS \$10 per exhibitor
 (* Ribbon Only, ** Buckles for 1st)

OPEN JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
2. Is open to exhibitors ages 21 and under as of January 1 of the current year.
3. No exhibitor in the Junior Dairy Show may show more than three animals.
4. All exhibitors are expected to have personally cared for the animals prior to the show.
5. All animals must be shown without assistance. Adults, other than officials, will not be allowed in the ring during the show unless requested by a show official. (Exception: Junior County Herd.)
6. **Registration papers or DHIA calf pages must be presented to the Junior Show superintendent.**
7. Cattle are to be tied on a first come first serve basis regarding spaces. NO motel displays or living spaces are allowed. **Feed and hay for a single day use only allowed in barn. NO STOCK PILING ALLOWED.**
8. **One substitution will be allowed only when such substitution replaces an animal which dies, becomes sick, was injured or deleted by the Superintendent. Only one such qualified substitute will be allowed per exhibitor.**
9. Breed and age classification same as listed in Open Dairy Cattle Show.
10. **Show harness with Exhibitor ID in it must be worn at all times in show ring.**

OPEN JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE CLASSES

CLASS	AY	BS	GU	HO	JE
Spring Heifer Calf	RC201	RC202	RC203	RC204	RC205
Winter Heifer Calf	RC206	RC207	RC208	RC209	RC210
Fall Heifer Calf	RC211	RC212	RC213	RC214	RC215
Summer Yearling Heifer	RC216	RC217	RC218	RC219	RC220
Spring Yearling Heifer	RC221	RC222	RC223	RC224	RC225
Winter Yearling Heifer	RC226	RC227	RC228	RC229	RC230
Fall Yearling Heifer	RC231	RC232	RC233	RC234	RC235
* Junior Champion (Per Breed)					
* Junior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					
Fall Yearling In Milk	RC236	RC237	RC238	RC239	RC240
Two-Year-Old Cow	RC241	RC242	RC243	RC244	RC245
Three-Year-Old Cow	RC246	RC247	RC248	RC249	RC250
Four-Year-Old Cow	RC251	RC252	RC253	RC254	RC255
Aged Cow	RC256	RC257	RC258	RC259	RC260
Dry Cow	RC261	RC262	RC263	RC264	RC265

*** Senior Champion (Per Breed)**

*** Senior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)**

*** GRAND CHAMPION (Per Breed)**

*** RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION (Per Breed)**

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$50	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$30	4 th Place \$25	5 th Place \$22
	6 th Place \$17	7 th Place \$17	8 th Place \$17	9 th Place \$17	10 th Place \$17

(*Rosette)

Junior County Herd (Rosette)

RC266 RC267 RC268 RC269 RC270

This class will consist of five (5) females of one breed shown by junior exhibitors from one county.

Please specify on the entry form to whom the premium check should be made payable.

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$100	2 nd Place \$75	3 rd Place \$50	4 th Place \$25
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CLASS

RC280 Costume Class

- A. Any exhibitor in the Junior Dairy Show may participate. The exhibitor may have the assistance of one other junior age person while in the ring. Exhibitors may use any ideas they wish on how to “dress” or “decorate” their dairy animals to represent any personality, place or thing, with emphasis on dairy production. Costumes may consist of any material if it is not considered harmful to the animal or potentially harmful to other exhibitors. A 5 - 10 minute period will be allowed for “finishing touches” after the animals enter the ring.
- B. Presence in the show ring constitutes entry in the class.

Judging for Class RB280 as follows:

	Points
Relation to milk industry	50
Safety to animals and exhibitors	20
Attractiveness	10
Originality and creativeness	10
Presentation	5
Promptness entering ring	5
Total	100

\$200 prize money will be equally divided among all participants in class RB280.

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Junior Dairy Cattle Shows are sponsored by the WNC Dairy Commission and the WNC Youth Livestock Expo. The WNC Dairy Commission will sponsor ribbons, trophies, and pay all premiums.
2. The Junior Dairy show is open to any youth aged 21 and under as of January 1 of the current year and living in Western North Carolina in the counties of Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, Cleveland, Catawba, Lincoln, Alexander, and all counties west.
3. Cattle are to be tied on a first come first serve basis regarding spaces. NO motel displays or living spaces are allowed. **Feed and hay for a single day use are only allowed in the barn. NO STOCK PILING ALLOWED.**
4. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
 - A. Any exhibitor removing cattle from the barn before the show is over will forfeit all prizes except in special cases determined by the steering committee.
 - B. Exhibitors are expected to personally care for the animals prior to the show.
 - C. Exhibitors are expected to wear clean, neat clothing while showing their animals. 4-H and FFA members may wear their respective attire. White shirts and appropriate pants are acceptable.
 - D. Each Junior dairy cattle exhibitor can show a maximum of three animals and can bring an extra animal to clip. These animals can be in any combination of calves, yearlings or cows as long as they are in separate classes.
 - E. **One substitution will be allowed only when such substitution replaces an animal which dies, becomes sick, was injured or deleted by the Superintendent.**
- F. The decision of the WNC Dairy Show Rules Committee on any questions will be final.
- G. Registration papers or DHIA calf pages must be presented to the Junior Show Superintendent. Grade animals

must have a DHIA calf page to be shown. These animals must have some type of identification that management can use to verify birth dates.

- H. Breed and age classifications are the same as listed in Open Dairy Cattle Show.
- I. The judge shall have the right not to award a first-place premium if no animal merits the placement.
- 5. A rotating WNC Herdsman Trophy will be awarded to the county designated by an anonymous committee of dairy businesspeople. This trophy will be the responsibility of the WNC Dairy Commission.
- 6. No exhibitor in the WNC District Junior Dairy Show may show more than three animals.
- 7. **Show harness with Exhibitor ID in it must be worn at all times in show ring.**

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW CLASSES

CLASS	AY	BS	GU	HO	JE
Spring Heifer Calf	RD401	RD402	RD403	RD404	RD405
Winter Heifer Calf	RD406	RD407	RD408	RD409	RD410
Fall Heifer Calf	RD411	RD412	RD413	RD414	RD415
Summer Yearling Heifer	RD416	RD417	RD418	RD419	RD420
Spring Yearling Heifer	RD421	RD422	RD423	RD424	RD425
Winter Yearling Heifer	RD426	RD427	RD428	RD429	RD430
Fall Yearling Heifer	RD431	RD432	RD433	RD434	RD435
*Junior Champion (Per Breed)					
*Junior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					
Fall Yearling In Milk	RD436	RD437	RD438	RD439	RD440
Two-Year-Old Cow	RD441	RD442	RD443	RD444	RD445
Three-Year-Old Cow	RD446	RD447	RD448	RD449	RD450
Four-Year-Old Cow	RD451	RD452	RD453	RD454	RD455
Aged Cow	RD456	RD457	RD458	RD459	RD460
Dry Cow	RD461	RD462	RD463	RD464	RD465
* Senior Champion (Per Breed)					
* Senior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					
* Grand Champion (Per Breed)					
* Grand Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$45	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$35	4 th Place \$30	5 th Place \$25
	6 th Place \$20	7 th Place \$20	8 th Place \$20	9 th Place \$20	10 th Place \$20

(* Denotes ribbon or banner only.)

PREMIER JUNIOR DAIRY EXHIBITOR AWARD

The NC Mountain State Fair reserves the right to present an award at the conclusion of the Junior Dairy Shows to the Junior Dairy exhibitor that excels in total herdsman ship, showmanship, and total sportsmanship. Entry is made in this class by everyone showing in the District Junior Dairy Show. Judging will be done during the entire show.

