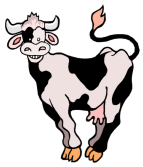

Pasco County Fair Youth Dairy Show Rules

All functions occur at the Albert A. Barthle Livestock Arena on the Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City, Florida unless stated otherwise.

QUICK REFERENCE

Entry Deadline:	**December 4, 2026**
Record Book, Poster, Decorated Cow:	**January 31, 2027 3-5pm Clayton Hall**
Arrive at Fair:	**February 21, 2027 8:30am-10:00am**
Release from Fair:	**February 21, 2027 - After show**

Entry Rules and Regulations

1. **Entry forms:** MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 4, 2026. ENTRIES POSTMARKED AFTER DECEMBER 4, 2026 WILL NEED TO SEND A $25.00 LATE FEE. ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 15, 2027 WILL NOT RECEIVE A DAIRY EXHIBITOR T-SHIRT. Mail forms along with registration fees to the Pasco County Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show Committee, Tammy Hanlon, Pasco County Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show, 36722 County Road 52, Dade City, FL 33525

2. **Arrival:** Dairy cattle entry into the Fair will be between 8:30 and 10:00a.m. on Sunday, February 21, 2027.

3. **Show Time:** Dairy Show will be Sunday, February 21, 2027, Showmanship classes beginning at 1:00 p.m. -followed immediately by Conformation classes.

4. **Departure:** Dairy cattle will be released from the Fairgrounds on Sunday, February 21, after the show.

5. **Eligibility:** Entries are limited to Florida FFA Chapter members, 4-H Club members and other independent youth exhibitors enrolled in school. Minimum age is 5 years old and maximum is 19 years of age as of September 1, 2026. You must however, meet the following requirements in order to show: 1) must complete the entry form and pay entry fees no later than the dates above. 2) exhibitors, with the help of their parents, must read and understand the Pasco County Fair General Rules located at www.pascocountyfair.com. These rules include Safe Handling Practices, IAFE National Code of Show Ethics, and The Livestock Addendum.

6. Exhibitors must complete an ethics class by January 18, 2027 to show in the Dairy Show. Dates are available on the Florida State Fair Website at http://www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics.

7. All animals must have been owned or leased and cared for by the youth by entry date. Substitutions must be cleared with the dairy committee.

8. **Acceptable Breeds--** Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein or Jersey. Both grade and registered animals are eligible. All grade animals must have an identification certificate issued by the respective breed registry association. The Grade ID Certificate must show positive identity of the animal, the animal's date of birth, owner, and specify how long the animal has been owned by the present owner. Grade ID papers can be provided by Chris Decubulis from the University of Florida. Email: cdecube@ufl.edu

9. There will be a $10.00 (non-refundable) **exhibitor fee** and a $5.00 (**non-refundable**) registration fee **per animal**, to be submitted **with entry form.** Make all checks payable to the **Pasco County Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show.** ***ONE EXHIBITOR PASS WILL BE PROVIDED PER EXHIBITOR.*** We encourage all families of Dairy Exhibitors to purchase a family pass for the Pasco County Fair. This pass will allow all "immediate" members of the family to enter the fair on a daily basis throughout the length of the fair. No passes will be sold in the month of February.

10. **Record Books**---The Pasco County Fair Youth Dairy Show Committee has adopted a set of record books based upon the age of the exhibitors. Parents are encouraged to help their child with the completion of the record book as needed, not do it for them. All record books will be judged and will receive a ribbon based on their score. All conformation exhibitors' must maintain a Pasco County Fair Dairy record book on their project animal(s) to be considered for overall exhibitor.
Completed record books must be presented on/or before Sunday, January 31, 2027 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at Clayton Hall to be judged. Record Books may be submitted to the **Pasco County Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Committee, 36722 County Road 52, Dade City, FL 33525**

11. **Poster Contest--**Exhibitors are encouraged to enter the "Dairy Poster Contest". Possible poster topics may include but are not limited to dairy breeds, dairy by-products, history of milk containers, the parts of a dairy cow, etc. All posters must be designed on regular poster board and be no larger than 14" x 22". **THE EXHIBITORS NAME, AND GRADE MUST BE ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE BACK OF THE POSTER.** Posters must be turned in by Sunday, January 31, 2027 at the same time as the record books. Each person turning in a poster will receive 10 points towards "Overall Exhibitor". To be considered for overall exhibitor, posters may only be entered in the fair 1 time. (Cannot be re-used from year to year)

12**. Cow Decorating Contest—**Use your creativity to create a decorated cow picture. You can use a picture of your animal as a starting place. Each decorated cow turned in will receive 10 points towards "overall exhibitor."
A. Exhibitor name must be written on the back of the picture.
B. Picture must be decorated by the exhibitor and be no larger than 8 ½ by 11"
C. Exhibitor may enter only one picture
D. Pictures must be turned in on Sunday, January 31, 2027 along with the posters and record books.
E. Pictures may be decorated with materials, paint, colors, beads, etc.

14. All animals must be dehorned before entering the Fair.

15. Each exhibitor must furnish his/her own care, feed and bedding for their animals during the Fair. Fitting and grooming of animals must be done by the exhibitor.

16. Exhibitors must maintain proper conduct while exhibiting and showing their animals during Fair week and while on Fair grounds property. Observed infractions will be dealt with by the committee.

17. Tampering with any animal, such as filling with a foreign substance is prohibited.

18. Out of county entries will be restricted only if stall space is unavailable; multiple entries per single exhibitor may be restricted.

19. Each exhibitor must assume responsibility and liability in the event of loss, death or injury to his/her animal. The Youth Dairy Cattle Show Committee and The Pasco County Fair Association are not responsible for the health and safety of any animal entered or exhibited.

20. Health rules are in accordance with state requirements. An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for both show animals and trailer is needed from your veterinarian.

21. The Rules and Regulations of the 2027 Pasco Fair County Youth Dairy Cattle Show, as stated herein, are subject to change as determined by the Committee. Failure to follow rules and regulations will be grounds for disqualifications.

Any exceptions to these rules on behalf of an exhibitor must be submitted to the Grievance Committee for approval before the show. They will not be fined if the exception is accepted prior to bringing the animal(s) to the Fair.

BARN RULES

1. During the day, stalls and bedding must be cleaned. No hay or straw will be permitted as bedding.

2. At no time are rakes and pitchforks permitted in the tie areas or aisles unless they are in the hands of the exhibitors.

3. Service areas, stalls, pens, animals and public walkways are to be kept clean and orderly at all times.

4. Show-boxes must be kept in designated show-box areas.

5. Animals may be led into the ring for practice from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but no animal is to be tied in the ring any time. **You must also clean up after your animal after leaving the ring when practicing.**

6. Major body grooming must be done prior to arrival at the fairgrounds.

7. If lactating cows are to be shown at the Fair, the exhibitor must provide their own means of milking these cows and the milk must be disposed of according to state health regulations.

8. Anyone handling animals in the barn, or arena, on the fairgrounds must wear closed toed shoes. Boots are preferred.

SHOW RULES

1. A separate showmanship contest will be held. Judging will be based on the following main points:

Appearance of Animal
- Cleanliness
- Grooming
- Clipping
- Condition and Thriftiness

Appearance of Exhibitor/Showing Animal in Ring
- Leading
- Posing
- Showing Animal to Best Advantage
- Poise, Alertness and Attitude

2. Contestants for **Showmanship** will be divided into classes, according to exhibitors' age, after entries are submitted and must show their own animal.

3. Exhibitors should be neat and clean. White shirts with white collar (no T-shirts, please) and white pants are preferred for showing dairy. Durable closed–toed shoes or boots are required.

4. All animals must be shown by the registered exhibitor on the entry form. Any change must be cleared by a member of the executive committee before the animal is shown.

5. Conformation classes will be judged by the Danish System with the animals placed in Blue, Red or White groups.

7. All animals showing as two year olds and older must show evidence of reproduction. Two year olds must have freshened or have been diagnosed pregnant prior to the show. Cows three years old and older must have freshened at least once.

8. Dairy Show Classes for each Breed:

Classes:

1 Junior Heifer -Calf Born (September 1 – November 30, 2026)
2 Intermediate Heifer – Calf Born (June 1 – August 31, 2026)
3 Senior Heifer – Calf Born (March 1 – May 31, 2026)
4 Winter Yearling – Born (December 1, 2025 – February 29, 2026)
5 Junior Yearling – Born (September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026)
6 Summer Yearling – Born (June 1, 2025– August 31, 2026)
7 Senior Yearling -Born (March 1, 2025 – May 30, 2026)

** (Any yearling in milk will be shown in the 2 year old class)

JUNIOR BREED CHAMPIONS* (See Below)

JUNIOR CHAMPION
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION

8 Two Year Old – Born (March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)
9 Three Year Old – Born (March 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024)
10 Aged Cows – Born (Before March 1, 2023)

SENIOR BREED CHAMPIONS* (See Below)

SENIOR CHAMPION
RESERVE CHAMPION

GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

The Dairy Show Cattle Committee reserves the right to combine or eliminate classes at their discretion based on entry numbers. Each class will be shown by breed, but in order to name a breed champion we must have at least 5 of that breed registered and shown. If there are not 5 of a breed registered, class winners will show with all other breeds without at least 5 breed entries as an AOB Champion (All Other Breeds Division).

Only Champions in each breed and the AOB Champion will be presented to the judge to be declared the:

JUNIOR CHAMPION

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION

SENIOR CHAMPION

RESERVE CHAMPION

AWARDS

Awards will be given in the following categories:

Showmanship Classes
Conformation Classes
Record Book
Poster Contest
Dairy Cow Coloring Contest
Overall Exhibitor

PEE WEE/EXHIBITION CLASS

ALL EXHIBITORS, AGED 3-5 MAY SHOW A DAIRY ANIMAL FOR EXHIBITION ONLY. PEE WEE EXHIBITOR'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. EXHIBITION CLASS EXHIBITORS DO NOT TURN IN A RECORD BOOK. EXHIBITORS FOR THIS CLASS WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPATION AWARD ONLY.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

The following rules are the law in Florida and will be enforced. The specific source is Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code entitled "Admission of Animals for Exhibition– Dairy".

Vehicle cleaning and disinfection: All licensed commercial vehicles transporting dairy for exhibition in Florida must be clean and disinfected prior to loading under supervision of a veterinarian and the veterinarian's statement to that effect must accompany the shipment. Private vehicles must also be cleaned and disinfected, but do not require a veterinary statement.

The Pasco County Fair Association, Inc. does not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, color, sex, disability, religion or national origin.

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