

# 2025 Open Dairy Cattle Show

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Entries due September 1st

## 2025 Official Schedule

**Arrival Time:** Thursday, Sept. 25 from 10:00 AM to 8 PM

**Cattle in place:** Thursday, Sept. 25, 8 PM

**Cattle Released:** Sunday, Sept. 28, 3 PM

**Judging:** Youth and Open Cattle will be shown together.

Youth-Showing and Fitting (All Breeds)

Dairy Show

Pretty Cow Contest

Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 AM

Saturday, Sept. 27, 12:00 PM

Sunday, Sept 28, 1:00 PM

**Saturday show in the order that follows at 12:00 PM:**

Commercial Dairy Heifer and Cows (Youth only)

AOB

Brown Swiss

Jersey

Holsteins

**Saturday, Sept. 27, after Holstein Show**

Supreme Champion, Open & Youth

**2024 Supreme Champion Open Show**

**2024 Grand Champions Open**

**Brown Swiss**

Trey Daubert

**Holstein**

Matthew Mullins

**Jersey**

N/A

**2024 Grand Champion Youth**

**Brown Swiss**

Trey Daubert

**Holstein**

Sedona Sifford

**Jersey**

N/A

## Open and Youth Dairy Rules

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules. The state Fair Open and Youth Dairy Cattle Shows will be conducted by the Show Ring Code of Ethics as established by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and/or respective breed associations. A copy is available in the Superintendent's Office.

1. **Entry fee \$10 per HEAD for OPEN classes.** Entry fee for each group class and TEAM is **\$10 per CLASS**
2. **No refunds on entry fees without a vet certificate.** Junior exhibitors pay regular entry fee for Open Show.
3. Participants must enter the State Fair Showworks system. For State Fair entry system go to [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org) under 'State fair' and then 'Competitions'. prior to September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Management reserves the right to combine classes if there are not enough entries to justify using a complete show classification. Class changes must be made at check in time. An animal may show in one breed show only. Any class with only one animal will be awarded second place money and first place ribbon.

5. **Group Classes** – Papers must be available for all entries into the show ring.
6. **Ownership** – All animals must be entered exactly as ownership appears on the registration certificate. Transfer papers on animals purchased from individuals or from consignment sales should be correct upon arrival at the State Fair. Registration certificates or qualified certificates will be required
7. **Premier Exhibitor Award** – shall be made to the exhibitor credited with most points on a maximum of 6 animals owned by exhibitor in case of multiple ownership, all points awarded for Premier exhibitor will be credited to the individual partnership, syndicate or family unit who is exhibiting the animal.
8. **Premier exhibitor awards will be made only if there are 10 or more animals of that breed entered.**
9. **Premier Breeder Award** – shall be made to the breeder of animals credited with the most points on a maximum of 6 animals exhibited by himself or another exhibitor. When determining the premier breeder, the breeder of the animal shall be the name of the person, partnership or syndicate as it appears on the registry certificate. **There will be no splitting or Premier Breeder and/or Exhibitor Points.**
10. **Premier Breeder awards will be made only if there are 10 or more animals of that breed entered.**
11. **Family Unit Defined** – If a herd is registered in the names of the immediate members of a family, these persons may combine their entries as a **“Family Unit”** and be considered as one exhibitor for Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Points or all individual family members may choose to be considered as individuals. Individual exhibitors must notify Show Management of their choice at check in time.
12. No grooming chutes in barn walkways.
13. Dairy exhibitors must provide their own milking units.
14. **Only SAWDUST is provided.**
15. **No refrigerators or microwaves in barn.** Generators will be allowed outside of barns.
16. Animals in Supreme Champion Class will be milked out prior to the class.
17. **Cattle release Times: Out of State Exhibitors, 3 p.m. In state exhibitors, west of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive and north of Interstate 66, 3 p.m. All other exhibitors, 4 p.m.**

## DAIRY CATTLE HERDSMAN AWARD

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100 and Rosette**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$ 80 and Rosette**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$ 40 and Rosette**

Awarded to the dairy cattle exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness, visitor appeal, and promotes the dairy cattle industry. Educational content of the exhibit, as well as cleanliness and appearance of the entire pen area and display, will be judged. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about their exhibit and dairy cattle in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and Fair guests.

## OPEN AND YOUTH PRETTY COW CONTEST

Any exhibitor in the Dairy show may participate. Exhibitor may have assistance of one other youth 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. Costumes may consist of any material as long as 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. Your presence in the show ring will constitute entry in the class. Judging will be based on creativity and attractiveness

Youth Junior Division—Age 9 -13 as of Sept 30.  
 Youth Senior Division—Age 14 -19 as of Sept. 30  
 Open Division—Any age that does not fit in Junior or Senior Division

<b>Awards</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$5</b>

## OPEN DAIRY SHOW PREMIUMS

Classes	Placings									
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Calves & Yearlings	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$15
Cows and Classes (1010B, 1010H, 1010J, 1010A, 1008D)	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$15
Breeders Herd (Must have competition to earn)	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$75	\$75
Open Group Classes	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$15

**COME JOIN US FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!**

**FRIDAY NIGHT AT 8 PM  
RINGSIDE!!**

**RSVP to Sue @  
labbers@gmail.com**



## Dairy Cattle Class Definitions:

**Fall Yearling Heifer (ALL)**– Class # 1007B, 1007H, 1007J, 1007A – Not in Milk

**Junior Best Three Females** – Class # 1010B, 1010H, 1010J, 1010A - To consist of 3 females under 2 years of age, bred by and carrying the exhibitor's prefix, regardless of ownership.

**Junior 2-Year-Old Cow** – Class 1012B, 1013H, 1012J – Not necessarily in milk.

**100,000# Milk or 2000# Protein Cow** – Class 1018B, 1020H, 1017J – Any age that has produced 100,000# milk or 2000 lbs. protein on DHIA or DHIR test. **Verification on production must be available at check in time. Note:** An animal may be exhibited in either individual age class or the 100,000 lbs. class. **NOT BOTH.**

**Dam and Daughter** – Class # 1027H, 1027B – To consist of two females, one to be the offspring of the other. May be owned by two exhibitors.

**Produce of Dam** – Class # 1028H, 1028B – To consist of two animals any age, the produce of one cow. May be owned by two exhibitors.

**Cow Family** – Class # 1025B, 1025J, 1025A – For youth members only. May be a dam and daughter or a produce of dam.

**Best Three Females** – Class 1029H – To consist of three females, any age, all bred by and carrying the exhibitor's prefix. One animal may be owned by another exhibitor.

**Breeders Herd** – Class # 1025B, 1030H, 1025J – To consist of five animals, all females, all owned by exhibitor. At least three must be bred by exhibitor. In **Holstein**, all five must be bred by exhibitor and carry exhibitor's prefix. There shall be two under two-years- old, two over two-years-old and one of any age. Must have competition in the class to earn premiums.

**Best Bred and Owned Female** – Saturday, the top placed bred and owned female in each of the senior female classes will compete for the Best Bred and Owned Female of the Show. Class is sponsored by the Virginia State Dairymen's Association.

**Dry Cows** – A dry cow must have freshened at least once but is not in milk at show time and may be shown in one class only, either the milking or dry cow class of the appropriate age. **HOLSTEIN:** That a cow shown dry must be reported dry on the DHI forms or reported by show management to the appropriate official for testing within the state in which the the cow is tested, as well as the Holstein Association, and lactation credits be terminated on show day.

**Best Udder of Show** – The judge will select the best udder in each class Saturday and finally select the Best Udder of Show.

### BROWN SWISS CLASSES

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Class #</b>
Spring Heifer Calf	March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	1001B
Winter Heifer Calf	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025	1002B
Fall Heifer Calf	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	1003B
Summer Heifer Calf	June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	1004B
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	1005B
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024	1006B
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	1007B
Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001B thru 1007B compete	
Reserve Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001B thru 1007B compete	
Junior Best Three*		1010B
Dry Cow Any Age	Must have freshened at least once	1011B
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow*	March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023	1012B
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023	1013B
Three-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022	1014B
Four-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021	1015B
Five-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020	1016B
Aged Cow	Born prior to September 1, 2019	1017B
100,000 # M or 2000 Protein Cow	Any Age	1018B
Senior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1011B thru 1018B compete	
Reserve Senior Champion	1st and 2nd winners of 1011B thru 1018B compete	
Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Reserve Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Breeders Herd*		1023B
Cow Family *	(Youth Members Only)	1025B

\*See Class Definitions Below

### HOLSTEIN CLASSES

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Class #</b>
Spring Heifer Calf	March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	1001H
Winter Heifer Calf	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025	1002H
Fall Heifer Calf	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	1003H
Summer Heifer Calf	June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	1004H
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	1005H
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024	1006H
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	1007H
Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001H thru 1007H compete	
Reserve Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001H thru 1007H compete	
Junior Best Three*		1010H
Dry Cow Any Age	Must have freshened at least once	1011H
Milking Fall Yearling	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	1012H
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow*	March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023	1013H
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023	1014H
Junior 3-Year-Old Cow	March 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022	1015H
Senior 3-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022	1016H
Four-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021	1017H
Five-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020	1018H
Aged Cow	Born prior to September 1, 2019	1019H
100,000 # M or 2000 Protein Cow	Any Age	1020H
Senior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1011H thru 1020H compete	
Reserve Senior Champion	1st and 2nd winners of 1011H thru 1020H compete	
Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Reserve Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Breeders Herd*		1025H
Dam and Daughter*		1027H
Produce of Dam*		1028H

\*See Class Definitions Below

## JERSEY CLASSES

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Class #</b>
Spring Heifer Calf	March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	<b>1001J</b>
Winter Heifer Calf	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025	<b>1002J</b>
Fall Heifer Calf	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	<b>1003J</b>
Summer Heifer Calf	June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	<b>1004J</b>
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	<b>1005J</b>
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024	<b>1006J</b>
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	<b>1007J</b>
Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001J thru 1007J compete	
Reserve Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001J thru 1007J compete	
Junior Best Three*		<b>1010J</b>
Dry Cow Any Age	Must have freshened at least once	<b>1011J</b>
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow*	March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023	<b>1012J</b>
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023	<b>1013J</b>
Three-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022	<b>1014J</b>
Four-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021	<b>1015J</b>
Aged Cow	Born prior to September 1, 2020	<b>1016J</b>
100,000 # M or 2000 Protein Cow	Any Age	<b>1017J</b>
Senior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1011J thru 1017J compete	
Reserve Senior Champion	1st and 2nd winners of 1011J thru 1017J compete	
Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Reserve Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Breeders Herd*		<b>1023J</b>
Cow Family *	(Youth Members Only)	<b>1025J</b>

\*See Class Definitions Below

## AOB CLASSES (All Other Breeds - Any other registered PDCA approved breed)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Class #</b>
Spring Heifer Calf	March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	<b>1001A</b>
Winter Heifer Calf	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025	<b>1002A</b>
Fall Heifer Calf	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	<b>1003A</b>
Summer Heifer Calf	June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	<b>1004A</b>
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	<b>1005A</b>
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024	<b>1006A</b>
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	<b>1007A</b>
Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001A thru 1007A compete	
Reserve Junior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1001A thru 1007A compete	
Junior Best Three*		<b>1010A</b>
Dry Cow Any Age	Must have freshened at least once	<b>1011A</b>
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow*	March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023	<b>1012A</b>
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023	<b>1013A</b>
Three-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022	<b>1014A</b>
Four-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021	<b>1015A</b>
Aged Cow	Born prior to September 1, 2020	<b>1016A</b>
100,000 # M or 2000 Protein Cow	Any Age	<b>1017A</b>
Senior Champion Female	1st and 2nd winners of 1011A thru 1017A compete	
Reserve Senior Champion	1st and 2nd winners of 1011A thru 1017A compete	
Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Reserve Grand Champion of Show	Junior and Senior Champion winners compete	
Breeders Herd*		<b>1023A</b>
Cow Family *	(Youth Members Only)	<b>1025A</b>

\*See Class Definitions Below

### Supreme Champion of Show

(All Champions will be milked out just before the class is shown)

**Champion Brown Swiss, Holstein, Jersey & AOB compete**

**Only PDCA recognized breeds in competition**