

2025 Youth 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

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. There is no fee for 4-H and FFA exhibitors. **There IS a fee for youth to participate in the Open show. See open rules for fees to show in the open class.**
2. Participants must enter the State Fair Showworks system. For State Fair entry system go to www.statefairva.org under 'State fair' and then 'Competitions' prior to August 15th.
3. **4-H and FFA members who are currently enrolled in ALL STATES are eligible to compete.** Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by Sept. 30 of the current year and must not have had their 19th birthday before Jan. 1 of current year. **Entry form must be signed by their 4-H or FFA instructor or county extension agent verifying both the age of the exhibitor and that the exhibitor meets show requirements as established in this Competition Handbook.**
4. Dairy cattle exhibited must have been personally owned and registered individually by the exhibitor prior to **July 15** of the current year. Holstein transfers must have been submitted to Holstein USA before **July 15**.
5. **Holstein:** Youth syndicates are allowed between youth of the same family provided all syndicate members are under 19 years of age. No adults are allowed in the syndicates. Leased animals are allowed, provided they follow the rules set forth by the VA Holstein Lease Agreement. **Jersey, and Brown Swiss breeds:** Dual ownership, Family ownership or syndicates **are not** permitted.
6. Animals shown in the youth show must be shown by the exhibitor. In the event that it is impractical, with permission of the 4-H Agent or Agricultural Education Instructor, another youth member may be delegated to show the animal.
7. ALL youth must be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program) certified before September 15th. For more information about YQCA or to be YQCA certified please contact your local county Extension agent.

8. Management reserves the right to combine classes if there are not enough entries to justify using a complete show
 - a. classification. Class changes will be made at check in time. An animal may show in one breed show only.
9. **Group Classes** – Papers must be available for all entries into the show ring.
10. No grooming chutes in barn walkways.
11. Dairy exhibitors must provide their own milking units.
12. **No refrigerators or microwaves in barn.** Generators will be allowed outside of barns.
13. Animals in Supreme Champion Class will be milked out prior to the class.
14. **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.**

State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program – Dairy Cattle

Southland Dairy Farmers is sponsoring the 1st place Senior Scholarship

The Scholarship Program is open to all Virginia 4-H and FFA exhibitors in their related livestock project area. Each category will be split into three age groups:

Juniors: 12 and younger as of Sept 30th of the current year
 Intermediates: 13-15 as of Sept. 30th of the current year
 Seniors: 16-19 as of Sept. 30th of the current year

Nine Scholarships (by age group):

Division	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Junior	\$450.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Intermediate	\$550.00	\$400.00	\$300.00
Senior	\$650.00	\$500.00	\$400.00

Ranking of exhibitors will be based on the following:

- 40% - Showmanship
- 10% - Jr. Dairymen's Contest
- 20% - Live class placing (in an individual class with one animal – no herd classes)
- 10% - Herdsman/Promotion
- 20% - Record Book

**Exhibitors must participate in 4 of 5 of the above criteria to be eligible for a scholarship.*

YOUTH DAIRY PROMOTION



- Top Promoter--\$100 & Banner
- 1st Runner up--\$80 & Banner
- Honorable Mention--\$40 & Rosette

The Dairy Alliance, Inc will sponsor the Dairy Promotion Award for the youth dairy exhibitor whose exhibit area display is most effective in promoting dairy and the dairy industry. The theme of the display should include the “**Get More With Milk**” advertising theme and be related to dairy as a valuable and healthful food, contributions of dairy production to society, and/or value of dairy production to the economy. Youth exhibitor dairy promotion exhibits will be judged by a committee appointed by the Youth Dairy Show Superintendents. Exhibits must be clearly identified as a youth to be eligible for the Dairy Promotion Award. Exhibits will be judged on educational content as well as neatness and general appearance.

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

Class #

- 1050 Junior Division** 9-11 yrs. of age as of Sept. 30.
- 1051 Intermediate Division** 12-13 yrs. of age as of Sept 30.
- 1052 Senior Division** 14-19 yrs. of age as of Sept 30.
- 1053 Novice Division**— This class is for those showing for their first year and are 13 year of age or younger as of September 30 of the current year. He or she may have shown at a previous show during this calendar year, but not prior to this year.

Awards	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th -10 th
	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

It is not necessary to “bag” cows for the showmanship contest. The judge will be so instructed.

All breeds will be shown together in each of the four divisions. Divisions with more than eight entries will be subdivided. The first and second of each division will then show for Champion and Reserve Champion.

Appearance of Animal	40 points
Appearance of Exhibitor	10 points
Presenting Animal in Ring	50 points
Total	100 points

YOUTH DAIRY PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Each Exhibitor will receive a participation premium of \$40 per animal shown. Premiums paid on a Max of 3 animals.

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

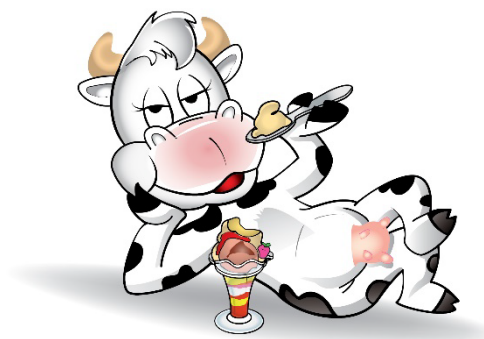
- Youth Junior Division—Age 9-13 as of Sept 30.
- Youth Senior Division—Age 14-19 as of Sept. 30
- Open Division—Any age that do not fit in Junior or Senior Division

Awards	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th -10 th
	\$50.	\$25.	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

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

RSVP to Sue @ labbers@gmail.com



BROWN SWISS CLASSES

Class	Description	Class #
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	
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	
Cow Family *	(Youth Members Only)	1025B

*See Class Definitions in Open Show

HOLSTEIN CLASSES

Class	Description	Class #
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	
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	
Dam and Daughter*		1027H
Produce of Dam*		1028H

*See Class Definitions in Open Show

JERSEY CLASSES

Class	Description	Class #
Spring Heifer Calf	March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	1001J
Winter Heifer Calf	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025	1002J
Fall Heifer Calf	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	1003J
Summer Heifer Calf	June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	1004J
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	1005J
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024	1006J
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	1007J
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	
Dry Cow Any Age	Must have freshened at least once	1011J
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow*	March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023	1012J
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023	1013J
Three-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022	1014J
Four-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021	1015J
Aged Cow	Born prior to September 1, 2020	1016J
100,000 # M or 2000 Protein Cow	Any Age	1017J
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	
Cow Family *	(Youth Members Only)	1025J

*See Class Definitions in Open Show

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

Class	Description	Class #
Spring Heifer Calf	March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	1001A
Winter Heifer Calf	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025	1002A
Fall Heifer Calf	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	1003A
Summer Heifer Calf	June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	1004A
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	1005A
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024	1006A
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	1007A
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	
Dry Cow Any Age	Must have freshened at least once	1011A
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow*	March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023	1012A
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023	1013A
Three-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022	1014A
Four-Year-Old Cow	September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021	1015A
Aged Cow	Born prior to September 1, 2020	1016A
100,000 # M or 2000 Protein Cow	Any Age	1017A
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	
Cow Family *	(Youth Members Only)	1025A

*See Class Definitions in Open Show

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

COMMERCIAL DAIRY CATTLE CLASSES

All commercial dairy cattle are eligible for entry and do not need to be registered to enter. However, some proof of age must be presented at check in time. Animals are not eligible for Supreme Champion of Show.

Class	Description	Class #
Spring Heifer Calf	March 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	1001C
Winter Heifer Calf	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025	1002C
Fall Heifer Calf	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	1003C
Summer Heifer Calf	June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	1004C
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	1005C
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024	1006C
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	1007C
Cow 2-3 Years Old	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023	1008C
Cow 4 Years and Older	Born before September 1, 2021	1009C
Grand Champion of Show		
Reserve Grand Champion of Show		