Open Dairy Cattle

Entry Information

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026

Entry Fee: $8/head

**Late entries are due Sept. 4 at $16/head*

Schedule

Arrive: Thurs., Sept. 10 from 6:00-9:00 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 11 from 6:00-9:00 a.m.

Check-In: Upon Arrival

Show: Mon., Sept. 14 at 9:00 a.m.
Holstein -> AOB -> Supreme Drive

Release: Mon., Sept. 14 at *6:00 p.m.
Must be out by 10:00 p.m.

**Release times are subject to change at the discretion of Fair Management. Animals may not be released until all scheduled activities and shows for their species have concluded for the day.*

***Early and/or late releases may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please see barn supervisor for approval.*

Rules and Regulations

1. A maximum of 20 animals may be exhibited by any one exhibitor. An exhibitor is defined as members of the same family or farm operation.
2. After using the wash rack, exhibitors must clean the area. Animals may not be tied and left unattended in the wash racks. Please be courteous and allow others access as needed.
3. Any hose or equipment connected to the wash rack water supply must be equipped with a functional shut-off nozzle.
4. A minimum of 15 head of cattle, owned by at least two exhibitors from different families or farm operations, is required to constitute competition within a breed. Failure to meet this requirement for two consecutive years may result in the elimination of that breed as a separate class.
5. *All Other Recognized Breeds:* If there is insufficient competition within a breed, animals may be grouped into an “All Other Recognized Breeds” class.
6. All animals must be registered with their respective national breed association or be eligible for registration according to that association’s age requirements.

7. All animals must have proper individual identification. This includes, but is not limited to, registration numbers, tattoos, brands, or other identification that corresponds with official records. Identification must be clearly legible and match entry information.
8. All out-of-state animals must be accompanied by an official health certificate from an accredited veterinarian that certifies the animal exhibits are free of communicable diseases. Official health certificates must be presented to the barn supervisor at time of check-ins.
9. The use of straw is prohibited on the Fairpark. Wood shavings will be provided for initial bedding.
10. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor of whom the animal was entered under. An exhibitor may assign a representative to show his or her animal, but the animal must be entered in the name of the owner.
11. All decisions rendered by the official judge(s) are final, binding, and not subject to review or appeal.
12. Each exhibitor has absolute responsibility for the care and condition of the animal(s) they enter and bring to the Fair. The Utah State Fair and its staff shall not be held liable for any injury, illness, loss, or death of livestock while on Fairpark property.
13. Exhibitors are required to read and abide by the General Rules and Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

Special Rules

1. The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical:
    a. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
        i. with an irritant or counter irritant
        ii. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease.
        iii. using other substances as detected by testing that cause changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
        iv. Improper fitting practices such as overfilling or over-bagging
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1 ½ inches. Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
3. **All entries must present a valid negative HPAI (H5N1) bulk tank test from any lactating herd where they have been housed. (A negative influenza matrix result is acceptable)**
    a. **A negative individual test is required for each lactating cow coming into Utah from an affected or provisionally unaffected state (CA, ID, TX, ND, FL, or NC), including Utah.**
    b. **Test results are valid for 7 days after the sample date.**
    c. **Test reports must be presented to the UDAF representative upon entry to the fairgrounds, before unloading.**

Premiums and Awards

Premiums will be awarded as follows:

Open Jr Females

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Premium	$60	$55	$50	$45	$40	$35	$30	$25	$20	$15

Open Sr Females and Groups

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Premium	$100	$95	$90	$85	$80	$75	$70	$65	$60	$55

Open Herd Group

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Premium	$250	$225	$200	$180	$160	$140	$120	$100	$80	$60

No premiums will be paid for Grand/Reserve divisions.

Grand and Reserve Champion Female of each breed will receive a special award.

Division

Holstein

All Other Recognized Breeds (AOB)

Lots – All Breeds

Junior Females

1. Spring Heifer Calf - born March – May 2026
2. Winter Heifer Calf - born December 2025 – February 2026
3. Fall Heifer Calf - born September – November 2025

4. Summer Yearling Heifer - born June – August 2025
5. Spring Yearling Heifer - born March – May 2025
6. Winter Yearling Heifer - born December 2024 – February 2025
7. Fall Yearling Heifer - born September – November 2024 - NOT IN MILK

Grand Champion Jr Heifer (Lots 1-7)

Reserve Champion Jr Heifer

<u>Senior Females</u>

10. Milking Yearling – born after August 2024
11. Summer Jr. Two-Year-Old Cow – born June – August 2024
12. Spring Jr. Two-Year-Old Cow – born March – May 2024
13. Winter Sr. Two-Year-Old Cow – born December 2023 – February 2024
14. Fall Sr. Two-Year-Old Cow – born September – November 2023
15. Jr. Three-Year-Old Cow – born March – August 2023
16. Sr. Three-Year-Old Cow – born September 2022 – February 2023

Champion Intermediate Female (Lots 10-16)
Reserve Intermediate Female

19. Four-Year-Old Cow – born September 2021 – August 2022
20. Five-Year-Old Cow – born September 2020 – August 2021
21. Aged Cow
22. Lifetime Milk Production (150,000 lb. Holstein/100,000 lb. AOB)

Champion Senior Female (Lots 19-22)
Reserve Senior Female

Grand Champion Cow (Champion Sr. vs. Champion Intermediate)
Reserve Champion Cow

Supreme Champion Female (Best of Breeds)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female

Groups

(animals must be shown in individual class to be eligible for groups)

29. Jr. Best of Three Females – any female from lots 1-7
30. Sr. Best of Three Females – any female from lots 10-22
31. Produce of Dam – two animals, any age, and the produce of one cow
32. Progeny Group – Dam and one (1) progeny

Herd Group

(animals must be shown in individual class to be eligible for groups)

33. Herd of Five Females