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New York State Fair 2024 Youth Dairy Cattle Events

Exhibitor Information

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Updates for Youth Dairy Cattle Exhibitors Welcome Back to the Fair!

I hope all are having a great summer and are excited about the opportunities and educational experiences that can be found at the New York State Fair. It is a time to showcase your project areas and hard work from throughout the year, and at the same time highlighting our youth organizations. Please display the 4-H and FFA identification sign that can be picked-up in the Dairy Youth Superintendents Office at the State Fair. This helps to promote our youth organizations in which you are all part of and shows community members the great work and opportunities our organizations bring to our young people.

The first official day of the Fair will be August 21, 2024. I, Debbie Grusenmeyer, will be the face in the Dairy Youth Office at the Fair and running point on these events. Questions and Entries for the Dairy Youth Show will be directed to me also at djc27@cornell.edu or phone (607) 255-0656. Cell is (607) 592-2567 if needed.

The goal for us all is to provide a consistent, safe, and healthy environment that protects the well-being of our youth, while giving them the opportunity learn, build, and demonstrate responsibility, while exhibiting their dairy projects in a networking environment with other youth and adults' mentors. Please keep this in mind as we continue to embrace the requirements and responsibility for lodging in the dairy barn that was implemented at the 2016 Youth Dairy Cattle Show at the New York State Fair.

The Dairy Cattle Youth exhibitors will be required to submit additional documents regardless of affiliation (4-H, F.F.A. Advisor/Ag Teacher, or Dairy Cattle Breed Association Representative) endorsing the youth's dairy cattle entry:

- 1. There are 4 options to choose from on the NYS Fair Dairy Youth Lodging Registration form and each will require additional information. Please read carefully and follow instructions.
- 2. Only Youth Dairy Cattle Exhibitors may choose overnight lodging in the Dairy Barn with appropriate paperwork and approved chaperones.
- 3. All youth staying on-site and registered in Dairy Cattle Barn overnight lodging must have a chaperone that is approved, including background check, using the 4-H Chaperone Guidelines found at: https://www.nys4-h.org/volunteers
- 4. Signature of Affiliation Endorsing the Youth Dairy Cattle Entry is verifying that your organization has Insurance & Liability coverage for the time period indicated and all chaperones accompanying this participant have been background checked, screened, and approved as a volunteer using the NYS CCE 4-H Chaperone guidelines.
- 5. All Youth Dairy Cattle Exhibitors must submit New York State Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show Expectation of Conduct & Overnight Residents Form, NYS Fair Dairy Youth Overnight Lodging Registration Form, and a copy of online dairy youth entry receipt from ShowWorks https://nysfys.fairwire.com/ to Debbie Grusenmeyer at (Email) dic27@cornell.edu, (Fax) 607-255-1335 or hard copy to Debbie at 160 Frank Morrison Hall, Ithaca NY 14853. These documents need to reach Debbie by 8/12/2024.
- 6. All 4-H Exhibitors who choose lodging in the youth dormitory must also submit the 4-H Youth Development Statewide Member Code of Conduct Commitment form and follow those requirements.
- 7. All Dairy Cattle Youth Exhibitors need to be entered through the NY State Fair online ShowWorks for Dairy Youth show. If intending to show in Open Dairy Show also, you must complete a separate online entry at same website. **Entries for both shows need to be completed by the 8/2/2024 deadline. The option to enter the Open show following one of the youth shows at the fair will not be an option going forward.** Make sure you enter for both by 8/2/2024...you can always scratch...but can not add after the deadline.
- 8. As stated, there will be a chaperone and youth exhibitor orientation in the Dairy Cattle Show ring bleachers the first Wednesday of the NYS Fair, for first rotation, and Wednesday of the Fair for the second rotation. Please read through the dairy youth conduct form and entry requirements. Meeting time will be announced.
- 9. Please read and complete ALL additional requirements that must accompany Youth Dairy Cattle Entries as outlined in the State Fair Youth Exhibitors Check list and this letter.
- 10. Please read the N.Y. State Fair Youth Animal Science Premium Book and Rules and Regulations for general rules about educational contest, youth shows and health requirements.
- 11. Please read pages of the Dairy Cattle Premium Book, General Information, for important information on livestock arrival and release procedures.
- 12. If you have questions, please contact your local 4-H Educator or Organization Representative or Deborah Grusenmeyer (djc27@cornell.edu;(607) 255-0656; (607) 592-2567

It is the responsibility of the 4-H educators, FFA advisors and Breed Association Representatives submitting entries in any division of the NYS Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show to ensure that each exhibitor and his or her family, volunteer leaders and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors, to read and become familiar with the rules and requirements as well as the rules and regulations published in the Youth Department Premium book.

Checklist for Dairy Youth to be completed by August 2, 2024

	Received, read, and Understand the Dairy Youth Show Exhibitor Letter found in the NYS Fair
	Youth Animal Science Forms and Information box folder. This includes rules on ownership
	which include the deadline of 6/15/2024 and individually owned animals unless meeting dual ownership exception. This information is also in the NYS Fair Youth Premium Book found in the
	NYS Fair Youth Animal Science Forms and Information box folder. Registration papers
	may be checked for dairy youth show eligibility
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	Entry must be endorsed by 4-H Educator, FFA Advisor or Breed Organization Representative
	Entered in ShoWorks (Youth) at https://nysf.fairwire.com/
	If showing in the Open Dairy Show also must compete a separate entry in ShoWorks (Open) at https://nysf.fairwire.com/
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	*No entries will be accepted during the state fair this year like it has been done in the
	past.
	Forward your confirmation youth entry email to Debbie Grusenmeyer at djc27@cornell.edu
	Forward your confirmation youth entry email to your endorsing organization: 4-H county
	educator, FFA Advisor, or Breed Organization Representative
Bring the following documents with you to the Fair:	
	Original CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
	Copy of the front and back of your animal(s) registration paper
	Copy of your confirmation youth entry email
	Have on file with your endorsing organization a copy of the Housing Exemption and
	Dorm Form
	Email, Mail or Fax the following forms to Dairy Youth Superintendent, Debbie
	Grusenmeyer by 8/12/2024. Email: djc27@cornell.edu; 160 Frank B Morrison Hall,
	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853; or Fax: 607-255-1335
	New York State Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show Expectation of Conduct & Overnight
	Resident Rules/Regulation Form
	New York State Fair Dairy Youth Overnight Lodging Registration Form
	Confirmation youth entry email you receive after entering in ShoWorks.
	Entry deadline is 8/2/2024.

Signatures are required for exhibiting

Dairy cattle youth entry forms need to have the appropriate and legitimate endorsement from specified organization when entering in the Dairy Youth Shows. Youth can have endorsement from 4-H, FFA or a breed organization official, but whoever is providing that signature is the organization that provides the responsibility and verifying eligibility and animal quality.

Material needs to be completed by the end of the day on August 2, 2024

Not knowing the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to adhere to them. Go to https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions then, click on Competitions, followed by clicking on "how to enter." Scroll down to Youth Cattle-Dairy and you should be able to find information referenced above and linked to the Department of Animal Science, Cornell University, for a downloadable copy of exhibitor letter and link to Youth Animal Science online entry.

NYS Animal Health Requirements

The Animal Health Requirements for the 2024 county fairs and New York State Fair are now available online. You can find the requirements on NYS Department of Ag and Markets website https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs Review this document for specific species Fair Animal Health Requirements. Please check requirements frequently as things can change. The original 840 RFID tag requirement is strongly recommended for 2024.

Youth Dairy Cattle Showmanship Contest

Class 201 - 1st half of the Fair Youth Showmanship - Thursday, August 22, 2024 - 3:00 PM **Class 202** - 2nd half of the Fair Youth Showmanship - Thursday, August 29, 2024 - 3:00 PM

Showmanship Format

- 1. Showmanship sign-up will be included with your youth dairy cattle entry form. Additional showmanship sign-ups and scratches can be taken at the State Fair in the Dairy Youth Superintendents office and will be announced periodically throughout the barn. These additional sign-ups can be taken up until 7:00 PM the day before the contest.
- 2. Showmanship Eligibility. Sign-up for Showmanship will be indicated on Youth Dairy Cattle Entry Form and also at State Fair. Pre-entry is highly recommended but not necessary.
 - Dairy Youth Showmanship is open to all age eligible youth exhibiting cattle at the State Fair or enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or a Dairy Breed Association as a Dairy Project participant.
 - Youth must show their own animal in showmanship if entered in youth or open show.
 - Youth eligible to participate in showmanship who do not have an animal entered in the youth or open dairy show are responsible for securing an animal that is NOT being shown by another youth in showmanship but is already entered in the youth or open show at the State Fair.
 - Dairy Youth Showmanship is a non-specific Dairy Breed Showmanship Contest and will include two contests one on 8/22 and one on 8/29 both at 3:00 PM.
- 3. These classes will be subdivided into groups according to the age of the youth involved and total number of entries for each showmanship class; 201 and 202.
 - a. Youth participating in showmanship will be subdivided into classes by age as of

- January 1 and the number of participants. If an age class is deemed too large by the judge and contest officials, subdivided age classes will be divided again starting with the January 1 birthdate.
- b. The 1st and 2nd place Blue and Master showman from each class will come back in the ring after the completion of the showmanship age level classes to compete for the overall Grand Master and Reserve Master showman.
- c. If breed organizations indicate, the classes for specific breed showmanship champions will follow the overall first half or second half of the fair Grand and Reserve Master Showmanship class. Youth per breed and age class will need to have a Blue ribbon to compete for Breed showmanship champion.
- d. Each Breed will need to assign a Breed representative to inform youth show superintendent of breed showmanship awards and record and confirm youth placing's with show officials following the pinning of overall Class 201 or 202 Grand and Reserve Showman.

Things To Do Prior To The Fair:

- 1. **Rabies vaccinations will be required for all cattle** (dairy and beef), sheep and horses participating in the New York State Fair. All exhibitors must bring with them proof of vaccination, date of vaccination and type of vaccination with each animal clearly identified. The statement must be signed by a veterinarian.
- 2. All cattle exhibited at NY county fairs, or the State Fair must be **negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea** persistent infection.
- 3. All cattle must be identified by **USDA approved official ear tag**.
 - 4. Make arrangements or pre-order bedding for initial base by August 1, 2024 (See Open Dairy Cattle Rules).
 - 5. Animals need to be in the exhibitor's care and name by 6/15/2024 to be considered for this show season at the New York State Fair. No Dual or Farm Ownership

Exception to dual ownership rule: 4-H and Dairy Youth Show Eligibility for NY State Fair Dairy Youth Show 2024

- a. All owned cattle must be personally owned and registered to the youth exhibitor as well as cared for by that exhibitor by **no later than June 15** of the current year.
- b. All non-owned cattle must be designated in the youth exhibitor's name and cared for by that exhibitor by **no later than June 15** of the current year. Non-ownership is not available to youth already owning registered dairy cattle. Youth can either own or lease animals of the same species but not both. For example, a youth cannot own a Jersey and then lease a Holstein.
- c. A non-ownership certificates are available from county 4-H offices and the NYS 4-H Animal Science Dairy website and must be properly filled out and supplied along with registration papers to prove designation. Youth are allowed 2 non-owned dairy animals of which both can be shown at the N.Y. State Fair if they have met all the qualifications. Dual designation of animal(s) is not permitted.
- d. Dual ownership of a youth and a farm name is not allowed. Dual ownership with another youth or person is not allowed. Ownership with a syndicate is not allowed.
- e. New Exception: Dual ownership between siblings will be allowed as long as all of the following criteria are met.

- i. They are bona fide siblings (sister, brother, stepsister/brother, half-sister/brother, adopted)
- ii. All siblings on registration paper of animal(s) are of 4-H age and regular members as of Jan 1st of the current year. Clover buds are not eligible. For NY State Fair: entries entered through FFA or endorsed by a breed organization representative will need to follow 4-H rules on age also for the Dairy Youth Show.
- iii. One sibling has to designate the animal as their project animal for the project year by **June 15th** of current year by filing and completing animal identification form.
- iv. Completed animal identification form(s) needs to be filed with appropriate organization (4-H Extension, FFA or Breed Organization) to state youth designation by **June 15th**. A copy of this form also needs to accompany State Fair Dairy Youth Entry form being mail to Dairy Youth Superintendent along with the other required documents stated on entry form.
- v. Designation cannot change during the program year and animal must be shown and exhibited by designated sibling.
- vi. Bred and owned recognition can be given to designated youth as long as dual ownership is a current and legal partnership filed with breed organization.
- vii. No cattle may be entered or shown with papers pending.
- viii. All animals shown in the NYS Fair Youth Show must be registered by the Breed Organization of that animal.
- 6. Your animal(s) must have been properly **entered by August 2, 2024**, at 12-midnight. No substitutions or additions of animals will be allowed **after August 2, 2024**. **There will be no late entries!**
- 7. Entries for Dairy Youth show needs to be done through NY State Fair online process at https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/ AND additional documents noted on the dairy youth checklist and several locations of this document need to be sent to Debbie Grusenmeyer; Email-djc27@cornell.edu, Fax- 607-255-1335 or mail- Debbie Grusenmeyer, 160 Frank Morrison Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. Contact Debbie with any questions in regard to Animal Science Dairy Youth Entries at djc27@cornell.edu or 607-592-2567.
- 8. A photocopy of each animal's health papers does not have to accompany the online entry form; therefore, it is imperative that you bring the original health papers with you for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds. You will also need to have a copy of the front and back of your registration papers for your animals with you at the time of checking in. Papers may be checked at any time to ensure youth show eligibility.
- 9. The Dairy Youth Shows and the Open Dairy Shows at the State Fair are two different shows and require different entry forms. If you plan on showing in both shows, you must submit 2 different entries and follow the direction on the entry forms for each show on the NY State Fair website.
- 10. Please be sure to read the Youth Book. There are three sections to review.
 - a. Pages pertaining to all youth entries, especially note exhibitor age requirements.
 - b. Department 51 pertains to all animal science exhibitors.
 - c. Youth Dairy Cattle (Section B) is specific to youth dairy cattle exhibitors.
- 11. If someone else is trucking your animals, please be sure that the trucker has a copy of the

fairgrounds map and is aware of the traffic patterns to be used (see website) in addition to the Arrival Procedures. See below in "What to Do When You First Arrive at The Fair."

12. Obtain exhibitor passes and parking permits through the organization which is endorsing your entries and verifying eligibility is met.

What To Bring With You

- 1. Health and registration papers for your cattle (including completed "non-ownership" form if applicable.)
- 2. A copy of your online dairy youth entry receipt.
- 3. The grain, hay and bedding you will need for the duration of the fair. **Sawdust/shavings** will not be initially provided by the State Fair. You must pre order or bring it with you.
- 4. Buckets for water and grain.
- 5. Shovel, fork, rake, broom, wheelbarrow for manure removal.
- 6. All show and grooming tools needed including hoses.
- 7. Show clothes and several changes of clean clothes.
- 8. Money for incidentals.

What to do When You First Arrive at the Fair:

- 1. No cattle will be allowed onto the fairgrounds prior to Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Cattle arrive between 8:00 AM 6:00 PM on the 20th and 4 AM 8 AM on the 21st with Arrival **by appointment only**. Exhibitors may bring in their tack and bed down on Monday, August 19 starting at 10 AM.
- 2. All livestock vehicles will enter Gate 7, passing through Gate 11, turning left down Belle Isle, right at the Indian Village, then straight to Dairy Cattle Unload Area. For exiting the fairgrounds, proceed down Tonawanda street, turn onto belle Ave, then exit at the very end through GATE 2. No other gates will allow livestock vehicles in, and no cattle will be allowed off any trucks without a veterinarian present.
- 3. The arrival procedure is necessary so that the veterinarians can check every animal before they are allowed into the barn. This is not something that will be changed in the future and will be considered normal routine.
- 4. All colored breed cattle will follow the same procedure, arriving from 4:00 AM 8:00 AM (12 AM 8 AM for Tack) on the 27th and 28th. Please note: No trucks will be allowed to unload tack until check-in begins, unless approval has been obtained from the superintendent. The check-in area will be between the Dairy Cattle Barn and Coliseum, so we cannot begin until all the manure, from the first half clean out has been removed. Exhibitors should be aware that arriving during the final hour will mean your wait time, before you enter the barn, could exceed three (3) hours. Factors such as size of exhibit and distance from Syracuse, New York will be used to determine those eligible for this.
- 5. Teri Martin (315-436-4042) and Charlie Luchsinger (315-382-4354) will be the point person for both move-ins.
- 6. The majority of cattle will be released from (11:00 PM 8:00 AM) on Sunday evening, August 25, 2024, for Holstein, Red & White and Milking Shorthorn and on Sunday evening, September 1 from (11:00 PM 8:00 AM) and on September 2, 2024, and from 11 PM 8:00 AM.

UNLOADING ANIMALS:

- 1. Youth Holsteins and Milking shorthorns should be in place by 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 21st; Youth Colored Breeds should be in place by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, August 27th or 28th (4:00 AM 8:00 AM)
- 2. Before unloading, check with someone in the office or see the bulletin board outside the office for specific stall assignments.
- 3. Unload your cattle, feed, and equipment as quickly as possible and remove vehicles from the loading/unloading area immediately. No trucks or trailers may be left in the area more than 30 minutes.
- 4. Health checks are required and will be performed on all cattle as they arrive. **No cattle will be allowed off any trucks without a veterinarian present.**
- 5. Exhibitors are to bring registration papers to the Youth office to be checked, or inform the office of your location, as soon as possible upon arrival.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1. Youth Dairy exhibitors must show their own cattle. In emergency situations (military or college commitments), exceptions can be made with prior arrangement with the Youth Dairy Cattle Superintendent. **Sports and/or work are not acceptable reasons for exception.**
- 2. Youth Dairy exhibitors have the option of housing with their family or other exhibitors from their county, or in the designated Youth area as in the past. **All will be designated as a Youth Exhibitor.**
 - a. Be sure to indicate housing preference on the entry form.
- 3. Counties are strongly encouraged to prepare an Educational Exhibit for display in the barn.
- 4. Please indicate on the entry if your county will be bringing a display so space can be allocated.
- 5. It is preferred that exhibitors wear **white clothing** when showing and should be neat and clean.
- 6. Farm names and letters shall not appear on clothing.
- 7. **The alcohol drinking age in New York is 21. Alcohol consumption by Youth will not be tolerated.** Any Youth found drinking alcohol will be disqualified from the show and sent home, forfeit all premiums, and will not be allowed to exhibit in the NYS Fair Youth Dairy Show the following year.
- 8. Once the fair is in progress, trucks (bringing in supplies, etc.) are allowed on the fairgrounds only between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM
- 9. There will be Exhibitor parking, but this year parking availability and locations will have some changes. There is bussing from the more distant parking areas. Some Youth exhibitor parking <u>may</u> be possible in Genesee (Gray) or Orange. There will be NO parking in the Infield anymore.
- 10. All youth entered in the Dairy Youth Show will need to submit the **completed Expectation of Conduct & Overnight Residents Rules/Regulation Form** NYS Fair Dairy Youth Overnight Lodging Registration form to Debbie Grusenmeyer.
- 11. If you are staying in the dormitory, check in as soon as possible after arrival. **Youth Dorm / Overnight Forms must be completed and submitted for lodging in Youth Dorm.**

- 12. All youth, regardless of affiliation, who are staying on-site in the Dairy Cattle Barn with their cattle, must have completed all required information complete with names and signatures. If staying off-site in a hotel or private residence or on-site in a camper with a parent or guardian, 4-H affiliates must submit CCE Housing Exemption Form at least 24 hours prior to attending the fair. This can be found on the 4-H website, under State Fair Information for Staff.
- 13. Periodically check the outer wall of the Youth office for event announcements and show or contest results. The Youth office will return to the area next to the Open Show office, but will not be part of the Open Show office. We expect to have our own microphone and telephone.
- 14. Show programs will be available at the Youth office before the show and along ring side on show days.
- 15. For more information on milking parlor hours of operation check with the Open Dairy Cattle Superintendent.
- 16. Entry Forms for the Open show are separate from the entry forms for the Youth Show. Please read entry form information carefully.
- 17. It is important for our 4-H youth exhibitor to let the public know that their exhibit is a 4-H project. Please make sure youth get a 4-H Youth display sign indicating our organization.

Rules For Exhibits At The Fair

- 1. All feed, hay, bedding, tack, and equipment must be stored neatly.
- 2. Keep aisles clear at all times.
- 3. Animals should be adequately secured with a device that can be removed quickly and easily.
- 4. If ties are missing or broken, please inform someone in the Open Dairy Show or Youth office.
- 5. Exhibitors are expected to perform all routine feeding, watering, grooming and stall management chores if housed in the Youth section of the barn.
- 6. Although stalls are to be cleaned at least twice daily (morning and night), stall areas are expected to be neat. All manure and wet or soiled bedding must be removed.
- 7. All manure is to be placed in the designated storage areas. Manure handling equipment must be supplied by the exhibitors including tubs, rakes, forks, and wheelbarrows.
- 8. Wash rack should be kept free of manure and trash.
- 9. Exhibitors must clean up any manure that is deposited by their cattle when walking the animals in the aisles.
- 10. The cattle barn usually closes its doors to the public at 10:00 PM (Between 10:00 & 10:30 PM)
- 11. On very hot days, electrical power use in the dairy cattle barn must be minimized to avoid power outages. Electricity for ventilation, milking, lighting, and fans is more important than the electricity for refrigerators, radios, microwave ovens etc. State Fair has asked that exhibitors cooperate to help accomplish this or State Fair will be forced to ban certain equipment.

Care Of Animals

- 1. All cattle should be appropriately fed and watered.
- 2. As a safety precaution, no feed tubs or water buckets are to remain in the stall after

the animal has finished with them or when the animal is unattended.

- 3. As always, Youth exhibitors are expected to treat their animals humanely. No animals shall be treated cruelly or in an inhumane way at any time. Any evidence of improper treatment including misuse of equipment, halters, etc. will be considered a major infraction and will subject the exhibitor to immediate penalty.
 - a. If any violation is committed by someone other than the exhibitor, but someone who is associated with that exhibitor, the penalties will be placed on the exhibitor of the animal being abused.
 - b. If someone unknown to the exhibitor exhibits improper treatment to an exhibitor's animal, report these actions to your county agent and/or the Youth Dairy Cattle Supt. (Heath Waterman) or the Open Dairy show Superintendent.
- 4. Keep in mind that herdsmanship will be judged daily and spot checks will be unannounced.

Items to Mention for 4-H Dairy Youth

1. We will be hosting a 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Invitational contest at the New York State Fair for youth against adults at an announced time and location

2. Rules for 4-H Dairy Judging and Dairy Challenge:

- a. Dairy Judging- At the State Fair contests, we are going to open up the first day of dairy judging and the Dairy Challenge contest to allow each county to have up to 2 full teams of 4 members each for each level: beginner, junior and senior.
- b. Dairy Judging and Dairy Challenge will be set-up in the division levels of senior, junior and beginner instead of A, B and C levels. Junior team members must be at least 9 and less than 14 years old as of January 1 of the current year. Senior team members must be at least 14 years old as of January 1 of the current year and not reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year. Beginner division participants include youth aged 10 and under as of January 1st. Youth may move up a level in these contests but once you move up, youth can't move back down a level.

3. If a county does not have 2 full teams:

- a. Combining of counties to make full or additional teams can only be done with counties that are in the same 4-H Dairy Educational District. (One county can have up to 8 individuals for each level; beginner, junior and senior): For example: A county cannot have 10 players for senior level with 2 full teams and then combine the other 2 players with another county in the same 4-H Dairy Educational district, even if that gives the other combining county their 2nd full team. Three members are required to form a team.
- b. They can combine with another county that is in their same 4-H Dairy Educational District, if combining their players will make another full team without eliminating eligible players from either county's maximum representation for the event.
- c. If a county has more than four individuals, and there is **not** an opportunity to add members from another county within the dairy educational district to form a team, those youth may participate in the contest as individual participants. Members of the team and those competing as individuals must be identified at registration. Individual participants are not eligible for team awards but will compete for individual placing's.
- d. All individuals that are registered to the specific event (dairy judging or dairy challenge) will be eligible for individual awards and placing's.

- 4. **Pre-registration must go through the county 4-H Educator** to allows for faster ring side check-in for contest.
- 5. **State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest:** Only Senior team members are eligible for State team selection as long as age eligible.
 - a. Those who have participated in the Harrisburg Contest are still eligible for the Madison or Louisville Team but are not eligible to go to Harrisburg again (same for Louisville.)
 - b. There will be a pre-registration form emailed to counties for sign-up and will be posted on the Cornell Animal Science 4-H Youth Page under State Fair.
 - c. We will also have registration for the contest at the State Fair in the dairy cattle show ring prior to the start of the contest on contest day, but we highly encourage preregistration.
- 6. **State 4-H Dairy Challenge Contest:** If a youth participates at the State Fair Contest and goes onto Harrisburg for the Dairy Management contest and places as the Top High Individual (1st place individual) at that contest, regardless of state or county representation, that youth is ineligible to compete at our State Dairy Challenge contest held at the State Fair in subsequent years or the Dairy Management Contest in Harrisburg in subsequent years.
 - a. If a youth participates either as our state team member, county team member or individual at the Dairy Management contest in Harrisburg and is NOT the Top High individual, they are still eligible to participate (providing they have not exceeded 4-H age eligibility) in the Dairy Challenge Contest and the Dairy Management contest in Harrisburg.

Enjoy the Fair!