

## Section B- Youth Dairy Cattle

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**Entry Deadline:** Monday August 10th, 2026

### **Health Requirements**

ATTENTION: A photocopy of each animal's health papers does not have to accompany the entry form. Therefore, it is IMPERATIVE that you bring the original health papers with you for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds.

The following link will bring you to the Department of Agriculture and Markets Animal Health Requirements for Admission to Great New York State Fair:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/01/fairhealthrequirements.pdf>

### ***NEW YORK STATE-ORIGIN CATTLE***

1. A valid intrastate CVI (AI-61) is required. The CVI must be issued on or after May 1st of the current year.
2. All cattle have official identification. All cattle must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag, commonly referred to as an "840 RFID tag" or equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country.
3. Rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 4 months of age or older on the date of admission to the fair. For most rabies vaccines, the earliest age allowable for primary vaccination is 3 months (12 weeks). Animals that are vaccinated prior to 84 days of age will need to be re-vaccinated according to label before entering the fairgrounds. Vaccine must have been administered within the past 12 months. The rabies vaccination requirement must be met on the day of admission even if the animal was previously admitted to a fair when too young to vaccinate. The New York State Fair requires rabies vaccination for all livestock species entering the grounds. See Section F for "Acceptable Proof of Rabies Vaccination."
4. All cattle exhibited at NY county fairs, or the New York State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). Official ID must be in the animal prior to sampling. The testing veterinarian is responsible for making sure the proper test is conducted. This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, existing official identification of the animal, and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test or official identification is not verifiable, the test must be repeated.
5. All cattle must be vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with an age appropriate- product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of the fair. The date and vaccine product must be documented.

## **OUT-OF-STATE CATTLE**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for out-of-state cattle. All animals entering New York State must satisfy both import requirements and fair requirements for that species and be accompanied by a valid interstate CVI. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of CVI inspection. During the New York fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid CVIs can be used multiple times for entrance into a qualifying NYS Agricultural Fair <https://www.nyfairs.org/> The initial entrance into a qualifying NYS Agricultural Fair must be within 30 days of the date of CVI inspection. The name of the fair must be recorded on the CVI. For the CVI to be used for a later fair, it must be dated and initialed by a NYS Agriculture and Markets official noting the location of the initial, qualifying NYS Agricultural Fair. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI. New York does not participate in the New England Exhibition Show and Fair Circuit. Questions regarding import requirements should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971, or at the division's import/export homepage:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export>

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## **General Reminders**

All medical sharps or medical waste products MUST be disposed of properly. Medical waste receptacles are available throughout the Dairy Cattle Barn. DO NOT under any circumstances throw sharps in the trash cans, feed bags or bedding. Any exhibitor failing to follow this procedure will automatically FORFEIT all prize money and WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW at the Great New York State Fair for THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS. There will be ZERO tolerance for such an offense. (IF YOU USE THEM, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THE RECEPTACLES OR TAKE THEM HOME).

### **Youth Dairy Cattle Schedule**

Rotation 1- Holstein & Milking Shorthorn Cattle

Rotation 2- Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, and Jersey Cattle

<b>2026 Youth Dairy-Schedule of Events</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>MON AUG 24</b>	10a	Rotation 1 Tack only may be brought in
<b>TUE AUG 25</b>	8a-6p	Rotation 1 Arrival & Vet Check <b>Arrival later by Appointment Only</b>
<b>WED AUG 26</b>	6a-8:30a	Rotation 1 <b>Arrival later by appointment only</b> must be in place by 8:30a.
	10a	4-H Dairy Cattle Quiz Bowl Exhibition
	12:30p	4-H Dairy Challenge Contest
<b>THUR AUG 27</b>	9:15a	4-H Dairy Judging Contest
	2:30p	Little Britches
	3p	1 <sup>st</sup> Half of Fair Youth Showmanship
<b>FRI AUG 28</b>	9:15a	Youth Holstein Show (Starting with Milk Cows)
<b>SAT AUG 29</b>	2p	Youth Milking Shorthorn Shows
<b>SUN AUG 30</b>	11:30p	Rotation 1 Release
<b>MON AUG 31</b>	8:30a	Rotation 1 must be out barn closed for cleaning
	11:30p	Rotation 2 Tack only may be brought in
<b>TUE SEP 1</b>	12a-4a	Rotation 2 Tack may be brought in <b>No on duty Vet until 4a</b>
	4a-8:30a	Rotation 2 Arrival & Vet Check must be in place by 8:30a.

<b>WED SEP 2</b>	12a-4a	Rotation 2 Tack may be brought in <b>No on duty Vet until 4a</b>
	4a-8:30a	Rotation 2 Arrival & Vet Check must be in place by 8:30a.
<b>THUR SEP 3</b>	9:15a	4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contests
	2:30p	Little Britches
	3p	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half of the Fair Youth Showmanship
<b>FRI SEP 4</b>	9:15a	Youth Ayrshire & Youth Guernsey Shows (Starting with Milk Cows)
	12:30p	Youth Brown Swiss & Youth Jersey Shows (Starting with Milk Cows)
<b>SUN SEP 6</b>	11:30p	Rotation 2 Release
<b>MON SEP 7</b>	8:30a	Rotation 2 must be out barn closed for cleaning

**Arrival, Delivery & Release Procedure**

<b>2026 DAIRY BARN-Arrival &amp; Release Schedule</b>		
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<b>MON AUG 24</b>	10a	Rotation 1 Tack only may be brought in
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- No cattle will be allowed onto the fairgrounds prior to Tuesday, August 25, 2026. All livestock vehicles will enter Gate 7, proceed forward to gate 11 showing credentials, turn left down Belle Isle, turn right just past the Coliseum, then straight to the Dairy Cattle Unload Area. For exiting the fairgrounds, proceed down Tonawanda Street, turn onto Belle Isle, then exit at the very end through Gate 2. **\*\*Please note: No other gates will allow livestock vehicles in\*\*** Because the

check-in area is located between the Dairy Cattle Barn and Coliseum, we cannot begin letting exhibitors in until all the manure from the first half has been cleaned out and removed. Exhibitors should be aware that arriving during the final hour may mean you're waiting time before entering the barn could exceed three (3) hours.

- Please plan your schedule for trucking and delivery according to the above times. The Dairy Cattle Superintendents will do all that is possible to accommodate conflicts, especially animals being shown at a competing show which conflicts with the above dates.
- PLEASE NOTE: Permission for late arrival or early release MUST be requested from the Dairy Cattle Superintendent. Superintendents can make the decision to ban exhibitor(s) for one or more years from future Great New York State Fairs should an exhibitor fail to abide by release schedule, as well as forfeit their premiums for the current year.
- The delivery of supplies will be allowed between the hours of 11:30p and 8:30a.

### **Rules, Regulations, & Guidelines**

Youth Exhibitors are respectfully requested to read the following rules, regulations, and guidelines carefully to help avoid confusion at the time of the 2026 Great New York State Fair.

### ***Displays & Stalling Space***

- To comply with fire and safety regulations, all barn Superintendents are required to have a floor plan of where every exhibitor is tied in. If your tie-in information has changed, please notify the Superintendent.
- Exhibitors will be allowed approximately one (1) panel (10 feet) for every two (2) animals present in the barn. If ten (10) animals were entered but only four (4) were brought, two (2) panels will be allotted for the exhibitor's space. One (1) extra panel will be included for every eight (8) animals that an exhibitor has in their string.
- Radios/players must not disturb other exhibitors or fairgoers. Music must not contain explicit language, profanity, racist remarks and/or offensive material. The volume must be appropriate. The Superintendents have the authority to confiscate radios/players etc., if you do not comply with this rule after the first warning. The unit will be returned upon release.
- Tents are allowed in your exhibit if they have a top and only one closed side. At night, you may have three (3) closed sides. No tents over ten (10) feet wide will be allowed, and an 8-foot aisle must be maintained at all times. Connecting tents is not allowed due to Fire Code.
- A fire extinguisher and smoke detector must always be in the tent. If you need a set for your exhibit, please see Superintendent Charlie Luchsinger. Please return items to the Superintendent's office at release.
- Please unplug appliances when not in use. This will be enforced by the Fire Marshall and Superintendents.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own displays. The area where you house your cattle and tack, including the aisle behind your cattle, will be kept clean, organized, swept, and free of debris. Cattle will be clean, and manure will be picked up. The Superintendents and their staff will monitor this. We encourage all exhibitors to monitor each other as well. The appearance of the dairy cattle barn speaks volumes to the fairgoer, and a negative opinion is not what any of us want. Exhibitors will receive one (1) warning. If the situation is not corrected, premiums will be forfeited and possible suspension from showing at the NYS Fair will result.

- Exhibitors are prohibited from painting cattle hooves on the floor. If it is necessary to paint hooves, please do so outdoors or PROTECT the flooring. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiting of premiums.
- Anyone with a permanent connection to a water outlet must provide a Y adapter, especially exhibitors that install water buckets. The water outlet must be available for everyone's use
- Hay and straw can be stored in your trailers to bring in daily or stacked in designated spaces along the wall of the barn.
- Exhibitors who bring large bales must work with the Superintendent's office to store the product where it will not interfere with the movement of other exhibitors or fairgoers. It cannot be placed in an area where an aisle or walkway will be blocked. The Fair will provide an area where the bales can be stored during the fair until needed. A skid steer with a fork will be provided to move the bales around, however this must be done after the fair is closed and there are no fairgoers in the building (between 11:30p and 8:30a daily).

### ***Milking Parlor***

Dairy cattle exhibitors have the option of using the milking parlor or their own portable vacuum pump. Milk will be weighed before storage in the bulk tank, and each exhibitor will be paid for milk contributed.

- All exhibitors must sign in when using the milking parlor with the exhibitor's full name, address, and phone number so that they can get paid.
- NO MILK IS TO BE DUMPED AT ANY LOCATION inside or outside the barn. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule will face loss of premiums, fines or possible suspension. This practice will be monitored carefully by the Superintendents.
- Any milk produced during the hours when milking parlor is not staffed must be disposed of by the exhibitor in the proper area.

### ***The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association***

#### SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

History: Adopted by PDCA in March 1969, revised March 1971, February 1977, February 1981, February 1986, February 1988, February 1989, February 1992, February 1993, November 1995, April 2002, April 2004, May 2015, February 2025

- Grooming and Preparation
- Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices
- Exhibitor Responsibility
- Show Ethics Committee
- Violations: Reporting and Investigation

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.

PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges and the national breed associations.

The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, disease or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substances or residue.

The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

#### Animal Eligibility

The following breed purity standards will be used to designate registered animal status:

**Ayrshire:** At least 87% purity as verified by the US Ayrshire Breeders' Association and exhibiting typical breed coloring/characteristics.

**Brown Swiss:** A minimum designation of IE as verified by US Brown Swiss Association and exhibiting typical breed coloring/characteristics.

**Guernsey:** At least 87% purity with PR designation as verified by the American Guernsey Association and exhibiting typical breed coloring/characteristics.

**Holstein:** At least 87% RHA or higher as verified by the Holstein Association USA and exhibiting typical breed coloring/characteristics.

**Jersey:** A designation of (4) or higher as verified by US Jersey and exhibiting typical breed coloring/characteristics.

**Milking Shorthorn:** A designation of EXP or full herdbook status as verified by the American Milking Shorthorn Society exhibiting breed coloring/characteristics.

**Red and White:** Red & White animals must carry 87% dairy bloodlines as designated by RWDCA guidelines and be red and white in color.

### **Grooming and Preparation**

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (2025), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility. Specifically:

1. External applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1 1/2". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring. EXCEPTION: In order to keep uniformity between New York State shows, we will allow a 1 1/2" topline. However, when the animal comes to the show ring, if this limit is exceeded, the animal WILL NOT show.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

### **Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices**

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
  - a. with an irritant or counter-irritant,
  - b. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
  - c. using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
  - d. plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
5. Challenging, threatening, or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

### **Exhibitor Responsibility:**

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as “Exhibitor”) for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of the animal.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the “Exhibitor”) to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

### **Show Ethics Committee**

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative(s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General Manager), the official show veterinarian and Extension representative.

The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect animals and related material to determine if violations have occurred.

### **Violations: Reporting and Investigation**

Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management and/or the Ethics Committee.

#### **Before an Animal is Shown**

If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management.

Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:

1. If, at the Exhibitor’s discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.
2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

#### **During and After an Animal is Shown**

All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics.

When a violation may have occurred, a milkout may be called for. This call may be by breed association rule, or by request of an authorized representative of the national breed association, the judge, the Ethics Committee or show management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and the supporting evidence and invited to defend or explain the allegations.

Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association. Sanctions may include anyone, or combination of the following:

- Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
- Written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the “Exhibitor”);
- Disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition;
- Disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;
- Publication of offense.

Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

### **About PDCA**

The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Inc. is a federation of the national dairy breed registry associations serving breeders and owners of Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn and Red and White dairy cattle. PDCA and its member organizations promote the added value and profitability registered dairy cattle offer all dairy business owners

### ***Violations to PDCA Policy***

Violations of these policies are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the appropriate dairy breed association and/or show management.

1. All New York State Dept 45 entries must be quality endorsed by a 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator or by an Agricultural Education (FFA) Advisor or by an authorized representative of a qualified breed youth organization before they can be accepted by the NYS Fair. Youth must indicate on the entry the county of 4-H enrollment (not necessarily the home county) where applicable.
2. Entries for all Dairy department classes must be completed online by Monday August 10th, 2026. If youth are planning to show in both the Youth show and the Open show, you MUST Complete both online entries by the deadline of Monday August 10th, 2026 on the site: <https://nysfys.fairwire.com/> You must complete entry for Youth Show, and then enter again with

selecting Open show. Due to State FAIR logistics, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE to enter later or following one of the youth shows like it as has been done in the past. If you think you want to show in Open Dairy shows You MUST Complete the online entry for that show also by the deadline. You can scratch at a later date but you CAN NOT enter at a later date. All qualified youth show exhibitors(4-H, FFA, or Breed Org Endorsed) must also send a copy of their online entry receipt(completed by 8/10), to Dairy Youth Superintendent via email at [djc27@cornell.edu](mailto:djc27@cornell.edu)

3. In no case will an entry be accepted after 5:00 p.m. August 10, 2026. No phone in entries will be accepted.
4. A copy of the entry receipt, signed code of conduct form, and the Overnight form is also required to be emailed/submitted August 10 to dairy youth superintendent. Online submission can be found at <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/state-fair/nys-fair-youth-dairy-exhibits>
5. Make sure you have read and understand the rules for ownership below in 1. Papers will be checked at the Fair.
6. Youth participants must be eight by January 1 of the current year and not have reached their 19th birthday prior to or on January 1 of the current year.
7. The drinking age in New York is 21. Alcohol consumption by Youth will not be tolerated. Any Youth found drinking will be Disqualified from the show and forfeit all premiums. Purchasing alcohol for an underage person and possession by a minor are both illegal in New York. All necessary actions will be taken to prevent consumption in the Dairy Barn by minors.
8. Each exhibitor may show any number of owned cattle provided no exhibitor shows more than two (2) entries in any one class.
9. No substitutions are allowed. All animals must be properly entered by the entry deadline.
10. Animals bred-by-exhibitor should be so designated on entry forms.
11. In situations where Cornell Cooperative Extension or FFA entries cannot be finalized until after the State Fair entry deadline, ALL potential entries should be entered following the same procedure and deadlines noted above in 1, 2, and 3. Please notify Fair entry department and dairy youth superintendent of scratches prior to the start of the fair or when you arrive to the fair.
12. 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.
  - a. 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.
  - b. A non-ownership certificate are available at <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/project-animal-forms> and must be properly filled out and supplied along with registration papers to prove designation. Youth are allowed two non-

owned dairy animals that can be shown at the State Fair if they have met all the qualifications. Dual designation of one animal is not permitted.

- c. 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 are not allowed.
- d. EXCEPTION: Dual ownership between siblings will be allowed as long as all of the following criteria are met:
  - i. They are all bona fide siblings (sister, brother, step-sister/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. Cloverbuds 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 the current year by filing and completing animal identification form in 12b above.
  - iv. Completed animal identification form needs to be filed with the appropriate organization (4-H county extension, FFA or Breed organization) to state the youth designation by June 15th. A copy of this form also needs to accompany Online entry receipt, Youth Conduct and Overnight form being mailed to Dairy Youth Superintendent (see 2 and 3 above)
  - 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.

13. No cattle may be entered or shown with papers pending.

14. All animals shown in the NYS Fair Youth Show must be registered by the Breed Organization of that animal.

15. All entries will need a copy of the animal's registration papers.

16. All Youth Dairy Cattle will be housed in the Dairy Cattle barn in a location determined by the Superintendent. All Youth animals must be identified by a "Youth Exhibitor Dairy Animal" tag (available from your County Cornell Cooperative Extension Association or the Dairy Youth Superintendent).

17. Exhibitors may wear clothing of any color when showing but should be neat and clean and appropriate for task at hand. We strongly encourage whites! Farm names and letters shall not appear on clothing.

18. Exhibitors must show their own cattle.

- a. If an exhibitor has two entries in a class, the second entry must be shown by another youth who is also exhibiting in the show.

- b. In emergency situations exceptions can be made, but arrangements must be cleared with the Dairy Youth Superintendent.
- c. Youth with college and military commitments at the time of State Fair may apply to the Dairy Youth Superintendent to have another youth show their animal. Requests to do so must be noted on the entry form and prior to the show. Sports & work are not acceptable reasons.
- d. Exhibitors must prepare their own cattle for show and the Youth exhibit area. Adults should not be doing this work, under any circumstances.
- e. Youth violating above rules will forfeit premiums and awards.

## **CLASSES**

Section

BA- Ayrshire BB- Brown Swiss BC-Guernsey BD-Holstein BE-Jersey BF- Milking Shorthorn

<b>Class</b>	<b>Section</b>					
	<b>BA</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>BD</b>	<b>BE</b>	<b>BF</b>
Spring Heifer Calf Born after Feb. 28, 2026*	1	18	35	52	69	95
Winter Heifer Calf born after Nov. 30, 2025 & before March 1, 2026	2	19	36	53	70	96
Fall Heifer Calf born after Aug. 31, 2025 & before Dec. 1, 2025	3	20	37	54	71	97
Summer Yearling Heifer born after May 31, 2025 & before Sept. 1, 2025	4	21	38	55	72	98
Spring Yearling Heifer (not in milk) born after February 28, 2025 & before June 1, 2025	5	22	39	56	73	99
Winter Yearling Heifer born after Nov. 30, 2024 & before March 1, 2025	6	23	40	57	74	100
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk) born after Aug. 31, 2024 & before Dec. 1, 2024	7	24	41	58	75	101
Fall Yearling Heifer (in milk) born after Aug. 31, 2024 & before Dec. 1, 2024	8	25	42	59	76	102
Jr. Two Year Old Cow born after Feb. 28, 2024 & before Sept. 1, 2024	9	26	43	60	77	103
Sr. Two Year Old Cow born after Aug. 31, 2023 & before March 1, 2024	10	27	44	61	78	104
Jr. Three Year Old Cow born after Feb. 29, 2023 & before Sept. 1, 2023	11	28	45	62	79	105
Sr. Three Year Old Cow born after Aug. 31, 2022 & before Mar. 1, 2023	12	29	46	63	80	106
Four Year Old Cow born after Aug. 31, 2021 & before Sept. 1, 2022	13	30	47	64	81	107
Five Year Old Cow born after Aug. 31, 2020 & before Sept. 1, 2021	14	31	48	65	82	108
Aged Cow born before Sept. 1, 2020	15	32	49	66	83	109
Dry Cow, 4 Year Old & Under must have freshened at least once**	16	33	50	67	84	110

Dry Cow, 5 Year Old & Over**	17	34	51	68	85	111
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\*At least 4 months old at time of show

\*\* Cows shown in dry cow classes may not show in milking classes. Dry cows not shown in these classes may show in milking classes. Best udder in each milking class – 1st, ribbon.

**YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST:**

The Dairy Showmanship Contest is open to all youth meeting eligibility. Sign up will be designated on entry form or can be done at State Fair. PDCA Fitting & Showing Scorecard is guideline for showmanship.

Appearance of Animal 30 pts.

Appearance of Exhibitor 10 pts.

Showing Animal in the Ring 60 pts

1. 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.
2. 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.
  - a. Youth who are eight years of age, on or before January 1 of the current club year, may participate as a full 4-H member or participant in youth shows. Youth who turn nineteen years of age, on or before January 1 of the current club year, may not participate as a 4-H member or youth participant. Persons with an intellectual disability may participate fully in 4-H programs if their developmental age is considered to fall between eight and nineteen years of age.
  - b. Cloverbuds are not eligible to participate in Animal Programs at the State Fair and are not eligible for premiums.
3. Youth must show their own animal in showmanship if entered in youth or open show.
4. 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.
5. Dairy Youth Showmanship is a non-specific Dairy Breed Showmanship Contest and will include two contests
  - a. Youth First Half of the Fair Showmanship – Section B – Class 201- Thursday, August 27- 3:00 PM
  - b. Youth Second Half of the Fair Showmanship – Section B – Class 202-Thursday, September 3- 3:00 PM
6. 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 a subdivided age class is deemed too large by judge and

contest officials, subdivided age classes will be divided again starting with January 1 birthdate.

- b. Judge will award ribbons based on the Danish System
  - c. The 1st and 2nd place Blue and Master showman from each class will come back in the ring after the completion of showmanship age level classes to compete for the overall Grand Master Showman and Reserve Master Showman.
  - d. It is not necessary to “bag” cows for the showmanship contest. The judge will be so instructed.
7. Recipients of a Master Showman ribbon may participate in future showmanship competitions. The number of Master Showman ribbons given is at the discretion of the judge. The recipients of the Grand Champion Showmanship Award are ineligible for any further showmanship competitions within the same breed grouping (i.e., Holstein or Colored Breeds).
  8. If the different Dairy Breeds would like to provide Breed specific awards, they are always welcome to do that but will need to communicate that with the Dairy Youth Superintendent by the start of the Fair each year. A breed representative will need to keep track of breed specific youth eligibility during the showmanship shows to provide these awards and communicate that information to Dairy Youth superintendent during the respective shows.

***SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT (DAIRY):***

4-H Youth are encouraged to exhibit displays of an educational nature in their designated area in the Dairy Cattle Barn. Rosettes and a cash award (minimum \$10 per county) will be used to recognize these exhibits. Counties must register their exhibits with the Youth Superintendent by the arrival deadline time for cattle in each division.