

## **2024 MAHONING COUNTY JR FAIR/4H DAIRY GUIDELINES**

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### **2024 JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY SHOW SCHEDULE**

**Check -in: Dairy Cattle must check in prior to Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 PM**

**Dairy Showmanship:** Thursday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM, South Dairy Complex

**Announcement of Champion Cheese Cow:** After Showmanship

**Junior Fair Dairy Breed Judging:** To follow Showmanship

**Dairy Cheese Auction:** Monday, Sept 2nd, 10:00 AM NEW EVENT CENTER.

**Invitational Dairy Judging Contest:** Saturday, Aug 31st, 9:00 AM, South Dairy Complex

### **DAIRY GUIDELINES**

1. Only high grade or purebred animals may be shown at the fair. Animals showing mixed breed characteristics may not be shown.
2. All animals will be shown by the individual member carrying the project, except for Champion classes at which time the animal must be shown by another member. (Members attending College or on Royal Court must request special permission from the Dairy Committee.)
3. Any Dry Cow that freshens prior to or at fair will move into the appropriate freshened class.
4. Each member MUST work a shift at the Milk-a-Cow. Sign up will be at the June or July meeting. Schedule will be posted in the barns at the fair. Schedule changes must be handed by the Milk-a-Cow sub-committee chair.
5. Requirements for project work and fair exhibitors shall be set by the number of years of membership in the Dairy Project as follows:
  - A. First Year - 1 Calf
  - B. Second Year - 2 animals (Calf and/or Yearling Heifer - NO COW)
  - C. Third Year & Up - Exhibit 5 animals total: calves, yearling heifers and/or cows.
6. If an animal is not owned by the 4-H exhibitor, parent or grandparent, a lease contract must be signed and turned in to the Dairy Committee by June 1<sup>st</sup> (Lease agreements available from Dairy Committee). More lease information is listed under Lease Guidelines in this paper.
7. Entries are due by the Mandatory Meeting in July. Entries are filled out online via JOTFORM. The window for Jotform will be open for a couple days after the mandatory meeting to assure entries are proofed. If the animal is registered, a copy of the registration paper MUST be uploaded with the entry. IF THERE IS NO REGISTRATION PAPER UPLOADED AND THE REGISTRATION IS NOT "PENDING", THE ENTRY IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE. If registration is pending, a copy of the registration paper, once it is received, must be given to a committee member in charge of entries prior to, or at check-in. If the animal is not registered, then it is considered a grade animal and there is no registration paper to upload. Absolutely NO late or incomplete papers will be accepted.
8. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise noted). A list of meetings will be passed out at the first meeting in February. The 4H Dairy Skillathon will be held at the Mandatory Meeting in July. The 4H Dairy Skillathon is MANDATORY for all youth. For those who are unable to attend the meeting in July (eg. Camp, Family vacation), a makeup time will be scheduled at a later date.

9. Mandatory 4H Dairy Project books must be turned in at the Mandatory meeting in July. The Mandatory Project books will consist of various educational items. The folder that you receive at the beginning of the year has your Project Book in it. Although the folder CONTAINS your Project Book, the whole folder SHOULD be considered your project book as it contains any information/important papers you will need throughout the year. DO NOT LOSE THE FOLDER and it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to bring it to each meeting. EACH FAMILY UNIT WILL RECEIVE 1 FOLDER.
10. If purchasing an animal from an outside source (individual or sale), the registration papers must be transferred to the youth, parent or grandparent by June 1, and the animal must physically be in their possession.
11. Youth must attend an accepted Quality Assurance Program (along with a Parent/Guardian) or an equivalent QA program, such as Dairy Palooza.
12. All youth planning to exhibit Dairy Cattle at the Mahoning Co Jr Fair must have attended at least 4 Dairy Club meetings, one being the MANDATORY meeting in July.
13. Exceptions to attendance are as follows:
  - a) If youth is a member of the Dairy Quiz Bowl Team & have completed at least one year of competition.
  - b) If youth is attending College or Technical School, and have completed 5 consecutive years of Dairy Projects prior to attending College or Technical school.
  - c) Once one of these above prerequisites are met, youth must only attend QA and attend the mandatory meeting in July. All other meetings are recommended but not required.
14. If a problem arises with an animal after entry sheets are completed, switches WITHIN the same BREED and CLASS are allowed. No late changes will be allowed once entry sheets have been turned in at the July mandatory meeting unless an animal has died or cannot be shown at the fair due to an illness.
  15. If the animal is co-owned with another 4Her in another county, both 4Hers may show the animal in their respective 4H county separately as a 4-H project. This rule is exclusive to co-ownership and applies to registered calves & heifers only. No cows will be allowed to be shown by two different youth in two different counties under any circumstances.  
One youth equals one cow.
16. A separate social media policy will be enforced. ABSOLUTELY NO NEGATIVE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS WILL BE TOLERATED.
17. ALL RULES AND GUIDELINES are at the discretion of the Dairy Committee for any and all Mahoning County Junior Fair Dairy Projects shown at the Canfield Fair.

## **LEASE REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES**

1. Lease papers will be due on June 1st. The lease will run from June 1st until the end of the Mahoning County Fair on Labor Day. Absolutely no late lease papers will be accepted. All lease rules are listed here, under lease requirements. They are not necessarily listed on the lease paper that the youth and the owner of the animal sign.
2. There will be a maximum of three leased animals per youth. The youth is then also able to take two additional animals that they own for the maximum of five animals to be shown as 4-H projects.
3. There is a maximum of two breeders that a youth can lease animals from. The second breeder must be approved by the Dairy Committee.
4. Leased animals must be entered, exhibited and shown ONLY by the youth leasing the animal, during the lease period at any other Junior Show, anywhere. Meaning no other youth may show the leased animal at any other Junior Show during this time period. This includes any other County Fair, District Breed Show and Ohio State Fair and any other Junior Shows.
5. If the leased animal will be shown in open class at the Canfield Fair, the leased animal must be entered, exhibited and shown only by the youth leasing the animal. The leased animal must be entered, exhibited and shown in the 4Hers name or their immediate families name only. The owner of the leased animal cannot enter, exhibit and/or show the animal, in open class, at the Canfield Fair for the year the animal is leased. The owner of the leased animal can show the animal at any other Open Show, except the Canfield Fair.
6. In event the 4Her is unavailable to show the leased animal in the Open Show, another Mahoning County 4Her or immediate family member may show the animal.
8. A copy of the leased animals Registration papers will be provided to Dairy Committee when the lease agreement is turned in.
9. These lease requirements and guidelines are at the discretion of the Dairy Committee.

## DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

1. Dairy Showmanship is open and strongly recommended to all 4H dairy members but not required. Showmanship will be first, before Dairy Breed classes. Seniors will show first, with Intermediate second and Junior last.
2. Each member will fit and show their own animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show another member's animal. NO PAID PROFESSIONALS will be allowed to fit animals for the Mah. Co Jr Fair Dairy Show.
3. Fitting will include condition, quality, cleanliness and general appearance of the animal. A leather show halter is recommended.
4. Youth will be judged on their abilities: showing of the animal, knowledge of anatomy, and pedigree.
5. Showmanship will include appearance & presentation of the exhibitor to the judge.
6. Members should be attired in white clothing and a form of work shoe (no tennis shoes) for Dairy Showmanship.  
Classes:  
Senior Showmanship: age 16 - 18 as of January 1  
Intermediate Showmanship: age 12 -15 as of January 1  
Junior showmanship: Bona fide 4H member (age 8 or 9) - 11 as of January 1
7. If there are 14 or more youth in any age group, the group will be split in two, each judged separately, with the top 3 chosen from each of the 2 smaller groups. Those top 6 individuals will then show again to pick the winner for that individual age group.
8. The winners of the current year of each of the age categories will compete in the Showman of Showmen. The winner of the previous year's Showman of Showmen is also eligible to compete in the current year's Showman Showmen.

## **JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY SHOW**

Junior Fair Dairy Show classes will be the same as Open Show classes

**BREED NUMBERS:** Brown Swiss-15, Ayrshire-16, Milking Shorthorn-17, Holstein-18, Jersey-19, Guernsey-20

Not listed in Show Order - this will be posted the day of the show. Animals will be shown by breed and age.

### **Entry Number**

1. Spring Heifer Calf, Born March 1, 2024 and over 4 months of age.
2. Winter Heifer Calf, Born December 1, 2023 thru February 28, 2024
3. Fall Heifer Calf, Born September 1, 2023 thru November 30, 2023
4. Summer Yearling Heifer, Born June 1, 2023 thru August 31, 2023
5. Spring Yearling Heifer, Born March 1, 2023 thru May 31, 2023
6. Winter Yearling Heifer, Born December 1, 2022 thru February 28, 2023
7. Fall Yearling Heifer, Born September 1, 2022 thru November 30, 2022

### **Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion**

11. Milking Yearling, Born After September 1, 2022 and in Milk
13. Junior Two Year Old Cow, Born March 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2022
14. Senior Two Year Old Cow, Born September 1, 2021 thru February 28, 2022
15. Junior Three Old Cow, Born March 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2021
16. Senior Three Year Old, Born September 1, 2020 thru February 28, 2021
19. Four Year Old Cow, Born September 1, 2019 thru August 31, 2020
20. Five Year Old Cow, Born September 1, 2018 thru August 31, 2019
21. Aged Cow, Born before September 1, 2018
22. 100,000 lb. Class - Cow has produced over 100,000# (Test Sheets needed at ringside)
23. Dry Cow, 3 and 4 years, Born after September 1, 2021
24. Dry Cow, 5 years & over, Born prior to September 1, 2019

### **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion**

31. Dam and Daughter
32. Produce of dam

**Jr Supreme and Supreme Champions will be chosen from the respective Breed Jr Champions and Grand Champions**

## **MAHONING COUNTY CHEESE AUCTION RULES**

1. A 4-Her of FFA member may not participate until their third year of Dairy Projects.
2. The Cheese Cow Registration paper and a copy of the cows Registration paper must be turned in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Absolutely no papers will be accepted after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Two cows may be tested with a final choice of cows made by June 1<sup>st</sup> to be the selected cheese cow.
3. The pre-registered animal must be shown at the fair in the Junior Fair Dairy Show.  
If the cow cannot be shown at the fair (for example, mastitis or dies), youth must have a written excuse from a veterinarian saying why the cow will not be shown and must take a 7# block.
4. Cow on official test shall be evaluated on ME (Mature Equivalent) 305 days. If a cow is fresh less than 45 days before opening day of the fair, the last ME (Mature Equivalent) 305 days will be used for evaluation.
5. Cows not on official test and who choose to be part of the County Herd must turn in the Registration for DHI Special Herd on a date specified in March so that testing can begin. Rules for the Special Herd are listed on that registration paper. Weights and samples will be taken by an official DHIA or DHIR tester and approved by the Dairy Committee. Tests are limited to March, April, May, June, July 12 (last acceptable date to test your cow) with three tests taken. Cow must have either 3 tests and/or have a Mature Equivalent (ME) weight given.
6. If the 4Her chooses not to test the cow, a 7# block of cheese will be sold and will not be considered for Grand or Reserve Champion.
7. All papers relating to the cheese cows and cheese sale are to be turned in to the committee member in charge of the Cheese Sale.
8. All DHI papers must be turned into Brian Beck by a date set by the committee.
9. A 4-Her who is attending College and unable to show their animals on 4-H show day; may have another 4-H member show for them. If the Cheese Cow is shown and the 4-Her works 2 shifts in the milk a cow tent, they will be allowed to participate in the Cheese Sale.
10. SALE CHECKS:
  - A. For youth not on Official DHI an additional testing fee may be deducted from your cheese check to have your cow tested.
  - B. Thank You Notes will be filled out and turned into the designated committee person by 5 PM Monday. and checks will be issued at a date determined by the committee..
  - C. If check is lost or stolen, member is responsible for the stop payment cost.