

DEPARTMENT 1: DAIRY

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Show date: Friday, Aug. 29, 2025, at 8:00am

Check-in: Thursday from 12pm to 2:30pm in the Schimming Building; animals can arrive earlier; please allow time for animals to be checked in prior to the 3pm deadline.

- Only needed for check-in is child/parent with registration papers and health identification form. No animal is needed in the Schimming Building.
- Animals will be sent home if they exhibit contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Exhibitors are encouraged to have their animals checked before the fair.
- All livestock will be required to have a health information form filled out (i.e. premise ID number, ear tags, brand, etc.). These forms are found in the back of the fairbook or the fair website and will be collected by the superintendents at check-in.

Release: Monday at 4pm; animals may not leave the fairgrounds before this time

Class Descriptions:

Spring Heifer - born on or after Mar. 1 of the exhibit year.

Winter Heifer Calf - born between Dec. 1 of the year, preceding the exhibit and Feb. 28 or 29 of the exhibit year.

Fall Heifer Calf - born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

Summer Yearling Heifer - born between June 1 and Aug. 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

Spring Yearling Heifer - born between Mar. 1 and May 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

Winter Yearling Heifer - born between Dec. 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year and Feb. 28 or 29 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

Fall Yearling Heifer - born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.

Yearling Heifer (in Milk) - born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.

Cow Junior, 2 Yrs. Old (in milk) born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.

Cow Senior, 2 Yrs. Old (in milk) born between Sept. 1 of the third year preceding the exhibit year and Feb. 28 or 29 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.

Cow Junior 3 Yrs. Old (in milk) born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31 of the third year preceding the exhibit year.

Cow Senior 3 Yrs. Old (in milk) born between Sept. 1 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year and Feb. 28 of the third year preceding the exhibit year.

Cow 4 Yrs. Old (in milk) born between Sept. 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year and Aug. 31 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year.

Cow 5 Yrs. Old and Over (in milk) born before Sept. 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year.

Rules:

1. Exhibitors should be neat and clean in clothes and person; white costume is strongly encouraged. Durable, protective shoes are recommended.
2. Junior Fair livestock exhibitors shall not have firm or farm identification on clothing worn in the show ring.
3. A managerial animal is an animal that is under the care of, but not owned by the exhibitor and must comply with the dairy project requirements.
4. All breeds of dairy cattle which are qualified registered (four generation) and Holsteins that are 87% registered Holstein ancestor and above are considered eligible to show in registered classes.
5. Once a heifer has calved, it must be shown in cow class.
6. Exhibitors are not allowed to use more than a **6" bedding pack and 9' depth per stall in order to leave a minimum aisle width of 5'** for dairy animals.
 - No calf under 4 months old shall be eligible for entry.
 - Upon the release time ALL EXHIBITS must have ALL bedding pack pulled back from the wall at least 36" away or there will repercussions.

- All exhibitors should maintain a clean wash rack space during the fair. (examples: Wash down manure ALL the way to drain, pick up all wash materials nothing left at wash racks or will be picked up by superintendents.
- 7. All stock trailers should enter from the west gate on entry day.
- 8. See **Wisconsin Animal Health Rules and Regulations under Rules and Regulations** for animal health requirements at Iowa County Fair
- 9. The following breeds will be allowed to be shown:

Holstein	Guernsey
Brown Swiss	Jersey
Ayrshire	Milking Shorthorn

Classes: Registered

PREMIUMS: Blue \$9.00; Red \$8.00; White \$7.00; Yellow \$5.00

1. Spring Heifer Calf
2. Winter Heifer Calf
3. Fall Heifer Calf

PREMIUM: Blue \$11.00; Red \$9.00; White \$7.00; Yellow \$5.00

4. Summer Yearling Heifer
5. Spring Yearling Heifer
6. Winter Yearling Heifer
7. Fall Yearling Heifer

PREMIUM: Blue \$12.00; Red \$10.00; White \$8.00; Yellow \$6.00

8. Yearling Heifer in Milk
9. Cow, Jr 2 Yr. Old
10. Cow, Sr 2 Yr. Old
11. Cow, Jr 3 Yr. Old
12. Cow, Sr 3 Yr. Old
13. Cow, 4 Yr. Old
14. Cow, 5 Yrs and older

Classes: Grade

PREMIUMS: Blue \$8.00; Red \$7.00; White \$6.00; Yellow \$5.00

15. Spring Heifer Calf grade
16. Winter Heifer Calf grade
17. Fall Heifer Calf grade
18. Summer Yearling Heifer grade
19. Spring Yearling Heifer grade
20. Winter Yearling Heifer grade
21. Fall Yearling Heifer grade

PREMIUMS: Blue \$9.00; Red \$8.00; White \$7.00; Yellow \$5.00

22. Yearling Heifer in Milk, grade
23. Cow, Jr 2 Yr. Old grade
24. Cow, Sr 2 Yr. Old grade
25. Cow, Jr 3 Yr. Old grade
26. Cow, Sr 3 Yr. Old grade
27. Cow, 4 Yr. Old and older grade

The judges will select the top six of the show and those animals will be represented in the Saturday evening auction with a block of cheese.

- Saturday evening auction with a 10-pound basket of cheese that will be provided by the previous years' top 6 winners
- Please note on the top six winners chosen for auction are required that they provide a 10-pound basket of cheese for the fair next year

Only blue-ribbon animals are eligible for champion classes

Herd is evaluated on excellence of individual animals, maturity of animals, fitting and preparation and showing the herd (Club size is based on the number of animals shown in the ring, not tied in the barn).

Classes:

1. Small Club – 3 animals and at least 2 exhibitors
2. Large Club – 5 animals and at least 4 exhibitors

Showmanship

Each showman must exhibit his or her own animal that has been exhibited in a class.

Pre-entry is required

Classes:

PREMIUMS: Blue-\$3.00; Red-\$2.50; White-\$2.00; Yellow-\$1.50

1. Showmanship, members in grades 3
2. Showmanship, members in grades 4 and 5
3. Showmanship, members in grades 6 and 7
4. Showmanship, members in grades 8 and 9
5. Showmanship, members in 10th grade or older

Dairy Herdsmanship

Herdsmanship Awards will be given to clubs who have done the best job of keeping their exhibit neat, orderly and attractive. No entry needed.

Herdsmanship Rules:

1. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and will continue until 10 a.m. on Monday. Herdsmanship judges will observe exhibits between 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day once judging begins. All exhibitors are requested to use the uniform "Junior Fair Dairy Exhibit" card furnished by the County Fair.
2. Judging will be done by the committee consisting of 3 or 4 anonymous people selected by the junior fair dairy super-intendents. The judges will be agribusiness personnel, ag instructors, open class exhibitors or other individuals. Judges may be selected from out-of-county visitors to the fair.
3. Dairy herdsman awards will be given to clubs who have done the best job of keeping their exhibit neat, orderly, and attractive.
4. Herdsmanship exhibits will be divided into two groups of SMALL exhibits of 10 or less animals, and LARGE exhibits of 11 or more animals

Jr. Dairy Memorial Fitting Contest In memory of Jeff Dornink, Jason, Tiegan & Landon Richardson. Aug. 28th - Clinic at 5 p.m. Fitting contest at 6 p.m.

There will be a dairy clinic presentation and a clipping contest on Thursday evening for those who wish to participate. This contest is open to all 4 H/FFA members that are exhibiting in the dairy show. The youth will bring an animal he or she has entered in the dairy show to the Open Class Dairy Barn and have ½ hour to clip the topline.

Participants will be judged on the clipping as well as other fitting factors, such as cleanliness of animal, cleanliness of ears, proper hoof trimming, etc. The topline on the animal must not have been clipped at least three weeks before the fair. All participants will be responsible for bringing all the equipment needed to complete the task and can have one helper if desired (helper cannot clip). Helper must be a parent or Iowa County Junior Fair exhibitor.

Participants will be divided into two groups:

- participants in grades 7 and below
- participants in grades 8 and over

Awards will be presented, and winners announced the next day at the dairy show.