

ALL EXHIBITORS BRINGING ANIMALS MUST complete and return the stall request form by emailing refair@ruskcountywi.gov or drop off at the fair office no later than July 31, 2026.

Department 1 – Dairy Cattle

Health Requirements – Please refer to the Animal Health Rules and Regulations earlier in this Fairbook for full detail.

General Rules

Cows must be milked into the tank at the grounds.

Age Classifications

A **spring calf** is one born on or after March 1 of the exhibit year.

A **winter calf** is one whose date of birth is between December 1 of the year preceding the exhibit year and February 28 or 29 of the exhibit year.

A **fall calf** is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and November 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

A **summer yearling** is one whose date of birth is between June 1 and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

A **spring yearling** is one whose date of birth is between March 1 and May 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

A **winter yearling** is one whose date of birth is between December 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year and February 28 or 29 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

A **fall yearling** is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and November 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.

A **2-year-old** is one born between September 1 of the third year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year. A 2-year-old includes a yearling that has freshened.

A **3-year-old** is one whose date of birth is between September 1 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the third year preceding the exhibit year.

A **4-year-old** is one whose date of birth is between September 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year.

A **5-year-old** is one who is at least 5 years old or older

Dairy Cattle Show Classes

A. Holstein

B. Jersey

C. Guernsey

D. Ayrshire

E. Brown Swiss

F. Red and White

G. Registered Other

H. Best 3 Females – mixed breeds – grade or registered

Lot No.

101. Spring Heifer Calf

102. Winter Heifer Calf

Blue Red White Pink

9.00 8.00 7.00 5.00

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103. Fall Heifer Calf	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00
104. Summer Yearling Heifer Calf	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
105. Spring Yearling Heifer Calf	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
106. Winter Yearling Heifer Calf	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
107. Fall Yearling Heifer Calf	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
108. 2-year-old (not freshened Sept. 1 of 3 rd year)	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
109. Cow at least 2 but less than 3 years old	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
110. Cow at least 3 but less than 4 years old	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
111. Cow at least 4 but less than 5 years old	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
112. Cow at least 5 years old	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
113. Dry cow at least 3 years old	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
114. Produce of Dam	Ribbon only class			
115. Dam and Offspring	Ribbon only class			
116. Get of Sire	Ribbon only class			
117. Bred & Owned	Ribbon only class			

Class I. Exhibitor Herd

Lot No.

101. Mixed Registered and/or Grade

Blue Red White Pink

Ribbon only class

Class J. Club Herd – Regular Judging

Ribbon only class

A club herd is an exhibit of five animals from either a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter or the equivalent exhibited by at least three different exhibitors, may consist of 1 to 5 breeds. It must consist of no more than two animals 2 years and over, one or two animals under 1 year and one or two animals 1 to 2 years of age.

Lot No.

101. Club Herd

Class K. Herdsmanship

All clubs will be entered automatically. Cooperation with established guidelines and other exhibitors will be considered.

Lot No.

101. All Clubs

Blue Red White Pink

Ribbon only class

Class L. Showmanship

No advantage will be given for milk in udder. This class goes off of the grade just completed.

Lot No.

101. Showmanship – Beginner (Grades 3-6)
 102. Showmanship – Intermediate (Grade 7-9)
 103. Showmanship – Senior (Grade 10-13)

Blue Red White Pink

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