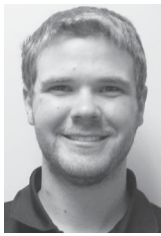


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*Youth Livestock Judging Department
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The 2026 Steele County free Fair will host a Youth Livestock Judging Contest for all interested youth.

DETAILS

DATE: Friday evening, August 21, 2026
TIME: Registration for Dairy & General Livestock 3:30 PM
General Livestock Contest 4:30 PM
Dairy Contest 5:30 PM
PLACE: Steele County Fairgrounds, Owatonna, MN
General Livestock Contest Sheep Arena
Dairy Contest Cattle Judging Arena

CONTEST RULES

1. Team will consist of 3-4 members with high three scores counting for the team score.
2. School or county may enter an unlimited number of teams/individuals for Dairy and General Livestock.
3. FFA team members should be enrolled in high school or be current year graduates.
4. 4-H team members should be current year members.
5. All contestants in the Dairy and General Livestock contests will be divided into 3 divisions: Jr - 5th grade & under, completed; Int. - 6th - 8th grade completed; Sr. - 9th grade and over, completed.
6. Other than oral reason classes, official placings in all classes will be given immediately following the placing and cards collected from the contestants.

TIME SCHEDULE:

4:30 PM SHARP-General Livestock Contest
5:30 PM SHARP - Dairy Contest
Awards Presentation at the conclusion of each contest.

CLASSES

Dairy

1. Six classes represented by at least two breeds of cattle.
2. Two oral reasons classes for seniors; One oral reasons class for intermediates. No oral reasons for juniors.

General Livestock

1. Six classes represented by two classes from swine and beef; and 1 class of market goats and sheep. Classes may consist of market animals, breeding animals, or both.
2. Two oral reasons classes.
3. One question class

AWARDS IN EACH CONTEST

Ribbons to: Top five teams: overall & reasons in each division
Top five individuals: overall & reasons in each division

Judging Contest Assistance: All adults with team responsibilities (coaches, chaperones, etc.) will be assigned a responsibility in scoring, tabulating, taking reasons, as officials or as group leaders upon their team's registration.