

# DEPT. C – DAIRY CATTLE-2026



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## Quick Reference Dairy Cattle-See Health Requirements Below

- Entries close August 9, 2026 or when barns are filled. Entry forms can be found at [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org).
- It is recommended that entries be in place by Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> the opening day of the Fair at 12:00 Noon but must be in place by 5:00 p.m. (Option 1) Late arrivals may enter on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. (Option 2) All exhibits must remain through Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- The August 9<sup>th</sup> entry deadline will be firmly followed. Stalling preference will be given to those exhibitors selecting Option 1.

## DISTRICT SHOW

Minnesota District II Holstein Show will be held in conjunction with the Open Class Show on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
(Please make checks payable to I-35 Holstein Breeders.)

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entries made by exhibitors will be charged \$3.00 per head entry fee. No straw provided.
2. All dairy shows at the SCFF will incorporate the National Purebred Dairy Cattle Show Ring Code of Ethics. In accordance with the Code of Ethics a committee has been established to monitor compliance.
3. An animal owned in partnership may be entered in one partner's name, in all classes to which it is eligible, but must be shown under one ownership throughout the classes of the Fair, and the entry must carry a footnote showing the actual ownership as it appears on the Herd Book Record.
4. Base dates for computing age in all dairy breeds are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.
5. NOTE: Registration papers must be present by 5:00 p.m. Thursday. Absolutely no papers after 5:00 p.m. (Saturday arrivals are excluded.)
6. The Fair Board requests that exhibitors do not put twine strings or other trash in the manure.
7. No parking will be permitted North of the barns on Sunday, starting at Noon.
8. No tying of cattle outside anytime day or night.
9. No smoking in the cattle barns.

## PREMIUMS

The following premiums will be paid in each of the following classes:

Lots 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-35-36	\$18 \$16 \$14 \$12 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$6 \$6 \$5 \$5 \$5
Lots 20-21-22-23-24-31-32-33-34	\$30 \$27 \$24 \$22 \$20 \$18 \$16 \$14 \$12 \$10 \$9 \$7 \$7 \$7
Lots 12-46-47-48-49	\$12 \$10 \$8 \$6 \$5 \$5 \$5
Lots 10-25-40	Rosette
Lots 11-26-41-43	Ribbons
Lots 42-44-45	Trophy/Rosette

## PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE

Class No. 1	Holsteins
Class No. 2	Guernseys
Class No. 3	Jerseys
Class No. 4	Ayrshires
Class No. 5	Brown Swiss
Class No. 6	Milking Shorthorns

## LOTS

### **Lot. No.            DAIRY CATTLE SHOW BASE DATES**

1. Novice Calf: Born between September 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026. This lot is for exhibitors 2 to 9 years of age. The same guidelines will be followed as the Steele County 4-H Cloverbud program. No premiums will be paid out on this lot. Limit one entry per child/one award per fair.
2. Junior Calf: Born between March 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026.
3. Winter Calf: Born between December 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026.
4. Fall Calf: Born between September 1, 2025 and November 30, 2025.
5. Summer Jr. Yearling: Born between June 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025.
6. Spring Jr. Yearling: Born between March 1, 2025 and May 31, 2025.
7. Winter Sr. Yearling: Born between December 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025.
8. Fall Sr. Yearling: Born between September 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024.
10. Junior Champion Female
11. Junior Reserve Champion Female
12. Junior Best 3 Females: Must consist of 3 animals from lots 2-8. Must be bred and owned by exhibitor.
20. Milking Fall Sr. Yearling: Born between September 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024.
21. Junior 2-year-old Cow: Born between March 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024.
22. Senior 2-year-old Cow: Born between September 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024.
23. Junior 3-year-old Cow: Born between March 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023.
24. Senior 3-year -old Cow: Born between September 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023.
25. Intermediate Champion Female – Holstein
26. Intermediate Reserve Champion Female – Holstein
31. 4-year-old Cow: Born between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022.
32. 5-year-old Cow: Born between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021.
33. Aged Cow: Born before September 1, 2020.
34. #125,000 Cow: Must have produced 125,000 lbs. of milk in her lifetime. Not eligible for any other lot. Proof of production must be provided.
35. Dry 3 and 4-year-old Cow: Born between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2023.
36. Dry aged Cow: Born before September 1, 2021.
40. Senior Champion Female
41. Senior Reserve Champion Female
42. Grand Champion Female
43. Grand Reserve Champion Female
44. Overall Champion-Colored Breeds
45. Best Uddered Cow: Any age and judged on udder alone. Selected from lots 20-24 and lots 31-34.
46. Best 3 Females: Must consist of 3 animals with at least on of milking age. Must be bred and owned by exhibitor.
47. Senior Best 3 Females: Must consist of 3 animals with at least one of milking age. Must be bred and owned by exhibitor.
48. Produce of Dam: Must consist of 2 animals of any age born of the same cow.
49. Daughter/Dam: Must consist of 2 animals of any age. One is dam and other is daughter.
50. Big String Bonus (4-5 Head)
51. Big String Bonus (6-9 head)
52. Big String Bonus (Over 10 head)
60. Showmanship Jr. – Ages 13 & under
61. Showmanship Sr. – Ages 14 & older

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### **PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD (One for Each Breed)**

This award is to be made to the exhibitor winning the most money on not more than six animals shown in the single classes and owned by the exhibitor. (Minimum of 4 animals exhibited.) No awards will be presented if there is no competition. Final judgment is at the discretion of the Cattle Superintendent.

### **PREMIER BREEDER AWARD (One for Each Breed)**

This award is to be made to the exhibitor winning the most money in single classes and including animals bred by him/her but exhibited by others. (Minimum of 4 animals exhibited). No awards will be presented if there is no competition. The final judgement is at the discretion of the Cattle Superintendent.

### **BEST HERDSMAN AWARD**

The general appearance of the cattle and barns during the Fair is important to the exhibitor, both from the standpoint of visitors going through the barns and for advertising value. The best herdsmanship award will be based on the following criteria: Cleanliness and neatness of stalls, cattle, and helpers and courtesy and cooperation of the herdsman and helpers. The Steele County Fair Board is awarding a plaque to the best all-around herdsman. To qualify for best herdsman award, there must be a least six head in the heard. Souba Greenhouse will provide a \$100.00 gift card to the top herdsman. Second and third awards will receive a \$25 gift card sponsored by Krause Feed and Balzer's IBA Dairy Supply.

- An exhibitors' meeting will be held at Noon, Sunday, the last day of the fair. Premium checks and herdsmanship awards will be distributed. Locations will be determined and announced.
- Novice class medallions will be sponsored by ABS Global-Casey Nelson, Ellendale, MN.

### **Dairy Cattle Department Sponsored By**

#### **Milk House Fund**

Casey and Amy Nelson-Ellendale  
Eagle Prairie Insurance-Blooming Prairie  
Ag Partners-Goodhue  
Steele County ADA  
Ringhofer Insurance

#### **Herdsmanship**

Souba Greenhouse-Owatonna  
Krause Feed & Supply-Hope  
Balzer IBA Dairy Supply-Owatonna

#### **Novice Calf**

ABS Global-Casey Nelson-Ellendale



### **STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR "BIG STRING" BONUS**

In addition to the regular premium schedule listed a bonus premium for large show strings has been established.

- Strings of 4-5 head (at least one must be a milking or dry cow) would receive a \$25 bonus premium.
- Strings of 6-9 head (at least two must be milking or dry cows) would receive a \$50 bonus premium.
- Strings of 10 head or more (at least 4 must be milking or dry cows) would receive a \$100 bonus premium.

A "string" is defined as animals that are regular members of the same herd unit. A display that includes animals from several herds does not qualify for the bonus premium, but strings within the display may if they meet the above definition.

To be eligible for Bonus, animals must be in place by Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Animals must be entered in Lots 2-8 or 20-24 or 31-36.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL SUPERINTENDENT LISTED.**

### **OPEN CLASS CATTLE JUDGING SCHEDULE**

#### **Open Class Colored Breeds (All breeds except Holsteins)**

Friday, August 21, 2026

Starting 9:00 a.m. and continuing through noon hour until completed

#### **Open Class Holsteins in conjunction with Minnesota District II Holstein Show**

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Showmanship at 5:30 p.m.

Lots Starting at 6:30 p.m.

### **31st Annual I-35 Junior Dairy Club Show**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2026 12:00 Noon – Cattle Show Arena**

All Breeds - Grade & Registered Junior Exhibitors Only (Must be under 21 as of January 1, 2026)

Junior (non-milking) Animals Only

#### **Showmanship Contest**

Based on last grade completed: Beginner-Grades 3-5 Intermediate-Grades 6-8 Senior-Grades 9 & up

#### **"Dress Up" Yourself and Heifer Contest**

Based on last grade completed: Beginner-Grades 2 & under Intermediate-Grades 3-5 Senior-Grades 6 & up

This contest will be held following the show. Awards will be given to winner in each category.

All participants will receive a free malt coupon.

**To register, contact Amy Ostrander (amy.demmer@yahoo.com) to receive a link for entry information.**

**Entry deadline is Wednesday, August 12, 2026.**

For additional information, please contact: Amy Ostrander, 73706 170th Avenue, Hayfield, MN 55940

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# LIVESTOCK INFORMATION - 2026

## EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN MINNESOTA SUMMARY OF STATE RULE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The exhibition management may adopt more but not less restrictive health requirements than required by state rule.

Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, contagious or communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, contagious or communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious communicable diseases.** Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is **not** acceptable.

**All animals must be examined by the official veterinarian on the day they are admitted to the exhibition and at least once daily during the exhibition. Prior to entering a public exhibition, animals must meet the requirements for exhibition, importation, and intrastate movement as defined by the Board of Animal Health. No animal may enter or be at a public exhibition that shows clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.**

The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises.

Livestock and poultry entered in any public or petting exhibit are required to follow exhibition requirements.

**CATTLE**-Cattle must be individually & officially identified using AIN system after 11-5-24 or NUES system or breed registry tattoos and tags prior to 11-5-24.

**SHEEP AND GOATS**-Sheep and goats must be officially identified using flock ID tags, sheep/goat serial tags, AIN system tags or legible tattoos.

**LLAMAS & ALPACAS**-No requirements.

**POULTRY**-Chickens, turkeys, and game birds must be individually identified with numbered leg/wing bands. Hatching eggs and young poultry too small for bands can be exhibited as a group but must be accompanied by Hatchery Permit number or NPIP number written on cage. Chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show that they originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean under NPIP or are negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.

**WATERFOWL & PIGEON**- Waterfowl and pigeon will follow the same identification requirements as poultry.

**SWINE**-Swine must be individually & officially identified using HUES system, AIN system, or ear notching.

**HORSES**-Horses, except suckling foals accompanying a negative dam, must be negative to an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (e.g. Coggins test) conducted within 12 months prior to the opening date of an exhibition.

**DOGS**-Dogs four months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of rabies vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian.

