

Dairy Department



**Don Livinghouse,
Superintendent**

Judging: 8 AM July 16th, 2026

Registration: May 15th to Friday July 10th at 6pm.

Arrival and Release Time: Open Class
Animals may arrive on the day of the show and will be released following the show. Open Class entries are not required to reserve stalls.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per animal per class. Group Classes are free of Charge. Exhibitors must purchase a fair pass (\$40) or an east gate/trailer parking pass (\$40). Pass Purchase Requirement will be waived for pass holders. Ex. 4H members and volunteers.

Entries: Each Entry will be given a card to be presented for placing. Open class dress code prohibits attire that would imply LaPorte County 4H Participation or endangering animals or other exhibitors.

Premiums: Premiums will be handed out on the day of show by the Superintendent or Committee. Please let the fair office or Superintendent know if you have any questions.

Premiums pay as follows:

Number in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
2+	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
1	\$10.00			-

Classes:

7. Ayrshire
8. Brown Swiss
9. Guernsey
10. Holstein
11. Jersey
12. Milking Shorthorn

Divisions:

1. Spring Calf - Born after 3-1-26
2. Winter Calf - Born 12-1-25 to 2-28-26
3. Fall Calf - Born 9-1-25 to 11-30-25
4. Summer Yearling - Born 6-1-25 to 8-31-25
5. Spring Yearling - Born 3-1-25 to 5-31-25
6. Winter Yearling - Born 12-1-24 to 2-29-25
7. Fall Yearling - Born 9-1-24 to 11-30-24 - Must be non-lactating
8. Junior Breed Class Champion - Rosette
9. Reserve Junior Breed Class Champion - Rosette
10. Best 3 Junior Females
 - All one bred and at least 1 owned. One entry per exhibitor per breed.
11. Dry Cow - Any Non-Lactating Animal Born Before 2-28-2023
12. Junior 2-Year-old - Born after 3-1-24 Lactating or Non-Lactating
 - Best Udder
13. 2-year-old - Born 9-1-23 to 2-28-24 – Best Udder
14. Junior 3-Year-old - Born 3-1-23 to 8-31-23
 - Best Udder
15. 3-Year-old - Born 9-1-22 to 2-28-23
 - Best Udder
16. 4-Year-old - Born 9-1-21 to 8-31-22
 - Best Udder
17. Aged Cow - Born Before 8-31-22
 - Best Udder
18. Senior Class Champion - Rosette
19. Reserve Senior Class Champion - Rosette
20. Best 3 Females
 - any age, at least one owned, at least on senior, one entry per exhibitor per breed.
21. Produce of Dam
 - 2 animals of any age, (ETs are eligible), one entry per exhibitor per breed.
22. Dam and Daughter
 - 1 entry per exhibitor per breed.

Rules for all Dairy Animal Exhibits:

- Animal abuse will not be tolerated! Violation will result in expulsion from the fair!
 - All lactating animals must be milked no more than 12 hours before the show begins
 - “Bagging” of lactating cows is not permitted!
1. Upon arrival you must present proper identifying documents for all entries. “840” ID tags required. Health papers are required for out of state animals. All animals will be visually inspected for health and temperatures may be taken. Animals that pose a health risk will not be unloaded and will not be allowed to show or be stalled in the barn!
 2. Primary stall allocation priority to 4H exhibits secondary allocation for stall fees paid.
 3. **NO TRAILERS IN THE BARN AREA AT ANY TIME SUNDAY THRU SATURDAY!** No Non-Fair Permitted Vehicles in the barn area between the hours of 8AM and 10PM, Sunday thru Saturday. Violations will result in a fine of \$100/hour with all fines payable to the LaPorte County Fair Board.
 4. See the superintendent if you need something brought to the barn between these hours. Exemptions for medical needs of animals and exhibitors will be considered by the superintendent.

Violations of the Following Rules May Result in fines of \$25 payable to the LaPorte County Fair Board

1. Milking equipment and milk disposal will be provided
 - a. Milking area and equipment to be kept sanitary!
 - b. No Milk is to be washed down the drain!
2. Wash Sand and Curbing materials will be provided for committee installation.
 - a. A limited supply of wood shavings is also available, or you may provide your own bedding.
 - b. Mats, stall dividers and attached feeders are allowed provided they are safe for animals and exhibitors.
 - c. Stalls are to be cleaned to sand and all bedding is to be removed from the barn.
3. Grooming chutes may be placed north, east, or south of the dairy barn. Also, in the trailer parking lot on show day. No animals west of the dairy barn roof line.
4. Tack should be kept out of the center barn aisle to allow fair guests comfortable viewing of exhibited animals. Exhibitor’s assigned stalls in the center of the barn will be given extra stalls for tack or split stalls on the outside rows of the barn for tack. Exhibit Animals, Exhibit Barn, Grooming Areas and Show Arena are to be kept clean.
5. All exhibited animals must be clearly identified with ownership, name, class, division and lineage.

Rule discrepancies between 4-H and Open Class to be considered by committee!