

JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY Dept 400

Jr. Fair Committee: Eli Lammers, Savannah Pellman, Cassidy Iddings, Colton Shellenberger & Silas Raines

Sr. Fair Committee: Terry Bennett

Please see the Livestock Auction section of the Fairbook for all information regarding the Sale of Champions, Market Animal Livestock Sale, and the Add-On Sale.

Jr. Class Dairy Show: 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 in the Goat Barn Show Arena

Rules:

- All animals must be on the grounds by Thursday, August 13th before 10:00 pm unless coming from another fair. Please notify Mark Brown, the Sr. Fair Show Superintendent, if other arrangements need to be made.
- Cattle not kept in their assigned space will not be eligible to show.
- The exhibitors must keep stalls and aisles clean.
- “Milking” cows must be in place by noon Saturday August 15, 2026.
- Jr. Fair “Milking” cows will be released Tuesday after the show until midnight, otherwise, all others will be released per the release statement in the Animal Release section of Fairbook.
- Jr. Fair exhibitors will be given a \$4 payment voucher per dairy animal shown in Jr. Fair show. These vouchers must be redeemed in the Secretary’s Office by Friday, August 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM.
- Group classes entered the day of the show with no entry fee.
- Any class with less than 5 entries present at the fair will be shown in the all Other Breeds Class.

Classes:

401 - Holstein Class

402 - Jersey Class

403 - Guernsey Class

404 - Ayrshire

405 - Brown Swiss Class

406 - Milking Shorthorn

407 - All Other Dairy Breeds or Cross Breeds (all Cross Breeds must be Dairy or Dual Purpose Crosses.

(Must be a state breed.)

Ages for Dairy Cattle:

- Junior Calf dropped on or after March 1, 2026 and over 4 months
- Intermediate Calf dropped December 1, 2025 through February 29, 2026
- Senior Calf dropped September 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025
- Summer Yearling dropped June 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025
- Junior Yearling dropped March 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025
- Winter Yearling dropped December 1, 2024 through February 29, 2025
- Senior Yearling dropped September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025
- Junior 2-year-old Cow, dropped March 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024
- Senior 2-year-old Cow, dropped September 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024
- Cow 3 years, dropped September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023
- Cow 4 years, dropped September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022
- Cow 5 years and over dropped before September 1, 2021

Dairy Classes (Items):

1. Junior Heifer Calf

2. Intermediate Heifer Calf

3. Senior Heifer Calf

4. Summer Yearling

5. Jr. Yearling Heifer

6. Winter Yearling

7. Senior Yearling Heifer

★ Senior Champion Female

8. Junior Champion Heifer

9. Junior 2 Year-Old Cow

10. Senior 2 year Old Cow

11. 3 year Old Cow

12. 4 year Old Cow

13. 5 Year-Old Cow

★ Grand Champion Female - Rosette Supreme

- ★ Champion Female - Rosette
- ★ Best 3 Females

- ★ Junior Best of 3 Females Dam and Daughter Produce of Dam

Jr. Fair Dairy Cattle Showmanship

Rules: Must show in Dairy White.

Classes:

1. Junior
2. Intermediate
3. Senior
4. Showman of Showmen
5. Pee Wee showmanship

Please see the Release of Animal section of the Fairbook for information on the animal release process this year.

OPEN CLASS DAIRY

Sr. Fair Committee: Terry Bennett

Show Time: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 immediately following the Jr. Fair Dairy Show in the Goat Barn Show Arena

Entry Deadline: Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Entry Fees: \$10/Head. Late entries will be \$15/Head and will be accepted until Friday, August 1, 2026.

Rules:

- Show Superintendent to make all stall assignments and no stalls will be assigned until entry fee is paid.
- All entry money to be paid at the Secretary's Office or by mail when entries are made.
- All animals must be on the grounds by Thursday, August 13, 2026 before 10:00 pm unless coming from another fair. please notify Mark Brown, the Sr. Fair Show Superintendent, if other arrangements need to be made.
- Cattle not kept in their assigned space will not be eligible to show.
- The exhibitors must keep stalls and aisles clean.
- "Milking" cows must be in place by noon Saturday, August 15, 2026.
- Jr. Fair "Milking" cows will be released Tuesday after the show until midnight, otherwise, all others will be released per the Release of Animals section in the Fairbook.
- People who are awarded a premium for the open shows will be issued a payment voucher. These vouchers must be redeemed in the Secretary's Office by Friday, August 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM.
- Group classes entered the day of the show with no entry fee.
- Any class with less than 5 entries present at the fair will be shown in the all Other Breeds Class.
- Premiums will be prorated based on the number of entries per class.

Classes:

401 - Holstein Class

402 - Jersey Class

403 - Guernsey Class

404 - Ayrshire

405 - Brown Swiss Class

406 - Milking Shorthorn

407 - All Other Dairy Breeds or Cross Breeds (all Cross Breeds must be Dairy or Dual Purpose Cross) must state breed.

Ages for Dairy Cattle:

- Junior Calf dropped on or after March 1, 2026 and over 4 months
- Intermediate Calf dropped December 1, 2025 through February 29, 2026
- Senior Calf dropped September 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025
- Summer Yearling dropped June 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025
- Junior Yearling dropped March 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025
- Winter Yearling dropped December 1, 2024 through February 29, 2025
- Senior Yearling dropped September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024
- Junior 2-year-old Cow, dropped March 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024
- Senior 2-year-old Cow, dropped September 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024

- Cow 3 years, dropped September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023
- Cow 4 years, dropped September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022
- Cow 5 years and over dropped before September 1, 2021

Dairy Classes (Items):

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 14. Junior Heifer Calf | 21. Junior Champion Heifer |
| 15. Intermediate Heifer Calf | 22. Junior 2 Year-Old Cow |
| 16. Senior Heifer Calf | 23. Senior 2 year Old Cow |
| 17. Summer Yearling | 24. 3 year Old Cow |
| 18. Jr. Yearling Heifer | 25. 4 year Old Cow |
| 19. Winter Yearling | 26. 5 Year-Old Cow |
| 20. Senior Yearling Heifer | ★ Grand Champion Female - Rosette Supreme |
| ★ Senior Champion Female | ★ Junior Best of 3 Females Dam and Daughter |
| ★ Champion Female - Rosette | Produce of Dam |
| ★ Best 3 Females | |

 **General Dairy Cow Facts**

- **Species:** Dairy cows are female cattle bred specifically for milk production.
- **Life Span:** On average, dairy cows live about 4–6 years on commercial farms, though their natural lifespan can be up to 20 years.
- **Gestation:** Like humans, cows are pregnant for about 9 months before giving birth to a calf.
- **Calving:** Most dairy cows give birth once a year to maintain milk production.

 **Milk Production**

- **Daily Output:** A typical dairy cow can produce **6 to 7 gallons** (22–26 liters) of milk per day.
- **Annual Production:** This can add up to over **2,000 gallons** (7,500+ liters) of milk per cow per year.
- **Milking Frequency:** Cows are usually milked **2–3 times a day**.

