

# DEPARTMENT 2 - DAIRY CATTLE

SUPERINTENDENT • Nathan Rassau • 724-766-3938

COMMITTEE: Ashley Began, Janice Kennedy,  
Cassie Rassau, Bill Speer

~ NEW IN 2026: RED & WHITES shown as separate breed. ~

HOURS FOR MILKING PARLOR

6:30 - 9:00 AM 5:00 - 8:00 PM (Subject to Change)

*Entry fee \$3.00 per animal paid at time of entry.*

**ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 1.**

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*Download, fill and mail by June 1.*

**ALL DAIRY CATTLE EXPECTED TO BE ON GROUNDS  
BY 4:00 PM, FRIDAY. (EXCEPTION: SEE RULE 2)**

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SATURDAY WILL FORFEIT THEIR PREMIUMS.**

## FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR DAIRY CATTLE

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  - a. A valid, legible CVI issued within 30 days prior to the show (preferred). **OR**
  - b. A current VCPR form (revised 2026) attesting that the vet has a working relationship with you and your animals.

(The Fair is required to keep these forms for two years.)
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. Official identification is required for all cattle. Official ID includes any of the following:
  - a. A USDA-issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag having a US shield if applied before Nov. 5, 2024. This tag type is no longer valid for interstate movement if applied after Nov. 5, 2024.
  - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840" and having a US shield.
  - c. Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities.
  - d. Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association for registration purposes, accompanied by a breed registration certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities.
4. **INFLUENZA A testing will be required if there is a case of Influenza A in dairy cattle in Pennsylvania.** (Exemption: Dairy cattle less than 18 months of age are not required to be tested for Influenza A prior to exhibition.)
5. **RABIES:** A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older. **(Market cattle are exempt.)**

**Out-of-State Cattle: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.**

**ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE EXHIBITOR  
LEAVES THE GROUNDS OR PREMIUM MONEY IS FORFEITED.**

**DEPT. 2 - DAIRY CATTLE (CONT.)**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Refer to General Rules & Regulations.
2. Dairy cattle currently milking will have the option of bringing animals to the fair by 10:00 AM Monday morning. All animals will be expected to stay on the grounds until 9:00 PM Saturday.
3. Livestock will not be accepted on the Fairgrounds without entries and entry fees.
4. **Specify breed on entry form. Registration papers will be checked. Cattle must be registered in exhibitor's name.**
5. **Cross-breds must be all dairy (dairy on dairy cross). Beef cross will NOT be accepted. Registration papers not necessary.**
6. Exhibitors will be expected to display or parade their animals as directed by the superintendent; to accept the stall assigned without controversy; to keep their animals in an attractive appearance, and to cooperate with the department in every way that may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
7. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves as to when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the ring promptly on call and a failure to comply with the order renders exhibitors liable to be ruled out of competing.
8. Decorations with ribbons or ornaments previously won by animals at shows shall be prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the judges.
9. The exhibitors will be expected to keep the space they occupy in a clean and sanitary condition and to remove all their equipment promptly as the Superintendent may direct.

**DEPT. 2 SECTIONS 1 - 8**

**DAIRY CATTLE OPEN CLASSES**

**JUDGING BREEDS: WEDNESDAY - 10:00 AM  
OPEN & JUNIOR IN THE CATTLE ARENA.**

~ NEW IN '26: RED & WHITES shown as separate breed. ~

Enter by section (breed) and class number as designated below:  
SECTION (BREED):

- |                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. AYRSHIRE    | 5. JERSEY                 |
| 2. BROWN SWISS | 6. MILKING SHORTHORN      |
| 3. GUERNSEY    | 7. RED & WHITE <b>NEW</b> |
| 4. HOLSTEIN    |                           |

**8. OTHER REGISTERED BREEDS & DAIRY CROSS-BREDS**

**CLASS - ENTRY FEE \$3.00 per BOVINE**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1. Bull Calf .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born Sept. 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026</i>				
2. Spring Heifer Calf .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026</i>				
3. Winter Heifer Calf .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born Dec. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026</i>				
4. Fall Heifer Calf .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born Sept. 1, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2025</i>				
5. Summer Yearling Heifer .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born June 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2025</i>				
6. Spring Yearling Heifer .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025</i>				
7. Winter Yearling Heifer .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born Dec. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025</i>				
8. Fall Yearling Heifer .....	\$40.	\$36.	\$32.	\$28.
<i>Born Sept. 1, 2024 - Nov. 30, 2024</i>				
9. Junior Champion Female .....	Rosette			
10. Reserve Junior Champion Female ...	Rosette			
11. Jr. Best Bred & Owned by 1 exhibitor....	\$50.	\$40.	\$30.	\$20.
<i>Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>				

**DEPT. 2 - DAIRY CATTLE (CONT.)**

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|---|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>12. Junior Best 3 Females</b> .....  | \$50.   | \$40. | \$30. | \$20. |
| <i>Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>13. Dry Cow – 3 &amp; 4 years</b> .....  | \$50.   | \$40. | \$30. | \$20. |
| <i>Born Sept. 1, 2021 - Aug. 31, 2022</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>14. Dry Cow – 5 years &amp; over</b> .....   | \$50.   | \$40. | \$30. | \$20. |
| <i>Born before Sept. 1, 2021</i>  |         |       |       |       |
| <b>15. Milking Yearling Heifer</b> .....  | \$50.   | \$40. | \$30. | \$20. |
| <i>Born Sept. 1, 2024 - Nov. 30, 2024</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>16. Junior 2-Year-Old Cow</b> .....  | \$60.   | \$54. | \$48. | \$42. |
| <i>Born March 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>17. Senior 2-Year-Old Cow</b> .....  | \$60.   | \$54. | \$48. | \$42. |
| <i>Born Sept. 1, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>18. Junior 3-Year-Old Cow</b> .....  | \$70.   | \$64. | \$56. | \$48. |
| <i>Born March 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2023</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>19. Senior 3-Year-Old Cow</b> .....  | \$70.   | \$64. | \$56. | \$48. |
| <i>Born Sept. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>20. 4-Year-Old Cow</b> .....   | \$70.   | \$64. | \$56. | \$48. |
| <i>Born Sept. 1, 2021 - Aug. 31, 2022</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>21. 5-Year-Old Cow</b> .....   | \$70.   | \$64. | \$56. | \$48. |
| <i>Born Sept. 1, 2020 - Aug. 31, 2021</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>22. Cow, 6-years-old &amp; over</b> .....  | \$70.   | \$64. | \$56. | \$48. |
| <i>Born before Sept. 1, 2020</i>  |         |       |       |       |
| <b>23. Senior Champion Female</b> .....   | Rosette |       |       |       |
| <b>24. Reserve Senior Champion Female</b> ....  | Rosette |       |       |       |
| <b>25. Grand Champion Female</b> .....  | Rosette |       |       |       |
| <b>26. Reserve Grand Champion Female</b> ....   | Rosette |       |       |       |
| <b>27. Sr. Best Bred &amp; Owned by 1 exhibitor</b> ...                                     | \$70.   | \$64. | \$56. | \$48. |
| <i>Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>28. Best Udder</b> .....   | \$30.   | \$24. | \$20. | \$16. |
| <i>Cow, any age, judged on udder alone.</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <i>Limit: 2 entries per exhibitor</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>29. Get-of-Sire</b> .....  | \$60.   | \$50. | \$40. | \$30. |
| <i>3 animals any age, owned by exhibitor, same sire</i>                                     |         |       |       |       |
| <i>Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>30. Senior Best 3 Females</b> .....  | \$60.   | \$50. | \$40. | \$30. |
| <i>2 years &amp; over, bred &amp; owned by exhibitor</i>                                    |         |       |       |       |
| <i>Limit 1 entry per exhibitor</i>  |         |       |       |       |
| <b>31. Dairy Herd</b> .....   | \$60.   | \$50. | \$40. | \$30. |
| <i>3 cows owned by exhibitor, all having freshened</i>                                      |         |       |       |       |
| <i>Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>32. Produce of Dam</b> .....   | \$60.   | \$50. | \$40. | \$30. |
| <i>2 cattle any age, either sex, the produce of one cow, need not be owned by exhibitor</i> |         |       |       |       |
| <i>Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>33. Dam &amp; Daughter</b> .....   | \$60.   | \$50. | \$40. | \$30. |
| <i>Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <b>34. 3 Generations Bred &amp; Owned</b> .....   | \$60.   | \$50. | \$40. | \$30. |
| <i>1 Daughter, 1 Dam &amp; 1 Grand Dam;</i>   |         |       |       |       |
| <i>All from same lineage. Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor</i>                                  |         |       |       |       |
| <b>35. Breeder's Performance</b> .....  | \$60.   | \$50. | \$40. | \$30. |
| <i>2 cattle under age of 2; 2 cattle over age of 2;</i>                                     |         |       |       |       |
| <i>1 cattle any age. Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor.</i>                                      |         |       |       |       |

**SUPREME CHAMPION WILL BE SELECTED  
AT THE END OF ALL THE DAIRY BREED SHOWS.**



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**DEPT. 2 SECT. 40 ADULT SHOWMANSHIP**

JUDGING: Adult, PeeWee, & Exhibition Showmanship

**WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM IN THE CATTLE ARENA.**

Prize awarded for MOST PATRIOTIC COSTUME in each class.

CLASS - NO entry fee

Ribbons Only

1. Ages 22 thru 35
2. Ages 36 thru 50
3. Ages 51 & Over

**LIVESTOCK COSTUME CLASS**

**DEPARTMENT 22 SECTION 1**

(NOTICE DEPARTMENT # CHANGE)

~ NEW IN 2026 - NEW TIME & PLACE ~

**WEDNESDAY - FOLLOWING ADULT/PEEWEE**

**SHOWMANSHIP IN CATTLE ARENA**

*Adults and Youth compete in the same class.*

**THEME: PATRIOTIC**

Send entries & \$3.00 entry fee per class to Fair Office by June 1.

**PREMIUMS:** 1st - \$25. 2nd - \$22. 3rd - \$20.

**CLASS 2. DAIRY CATTLE** (Please notice the class number.)

**DEPT. 2 SECT. 50**

**DAIRY - GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS**

Daily premiums given: 1st - \$8. 2nd - \$5. 3rd - \$3.

1. Dairy exhibitors who maintain the most attractive and sanitary exhibits will be eligible for special daily rosette awards.
2. Exhibits will be scored on the following criteria:
  - Cleanliness of animals and bedding.
  - Entry card and ribbons properly displayed with animals.
  - Keeping feed and equipment presentable.
  - Courtesy to people.
3. Inspections will be unannounced Sunday - Friday. No judging on the first Friday and Saturday and last Saturday.

**DEPARTMENT 3 - BEEF CATTLE**

**SUPERINTENDENT • Paul Merten III • 724-431-7155**

**ASST. SUPT. • Connor Harvey**

**COMMITTEE: Larry Lang, Sydney Merten,**

**Brad Riemer, Bill Seebacher Jr.**

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