

# DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTMENT

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**Superintendent:**

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## Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Description	Location
Wednesday, July 22	8:00 AM	Dairy Cattle may begin to arrive	ONLY THRU GATE 2
Friday, July 24	12:00 PM	Dairy Cattle (non-milking) must be in place	Schabinger Pavillion
Saturday, July 25	8:00 AM	Dairy Cattle (milking) must be in place	Kent Building Quillen Arena
	8:30 AM	<b>Mandatory</b> Barn Meeting	
	4:00 PM	Jr. Showmanship & The Delaware Jr Dairy Futurity	
Sunday, July 26	4:00 PM	Junior Dairy Show	Quillen Arena
Wednesday, July 29	6:00 PM	Open Dairy Show	Quillen Arena
Sunday, August 2	1:00 AM	Dairy Cattle may begin to leave the grounds	ONLY THRU GATE 2
	12:01 PM	All Dairy Cattle must be removed from the grounds	

## Arrival & Departure:

1. Pen assignments will be posted during the check-in times by Superintendent Bob Moore between Wednesday, July 22 8:00 AM through Friday, July 24 at 12 Noon.
1. **Animals may begin to arrive on Wednesday, July 22 starting at 8:00 AM. Non- milking cattle MUST be in place on Friday, July 24 by 12 Noon. All milking cattle MUST be in place by Saturday, July 25 at 8:00 AM.**
2. In order to drop off animals on the grounds, please have your vehicle pass in the bottom driver's side front windshield to be permitted onto the grounds.
3. Animals must leave Sunday, August 2, starting at 1:00AM and MUST be out by Sunday, August 2, at 12:00 NOON.
4. Animals removed before Sunday, August 2, at 1:00 AM will result in forfeited premiums.
5. The Dairy Department will only be allowed access through Gate 2 for arrival and departure. Please refer to the map of the fairgrounds in the [Livestock Handbook](#).

## Entry Information & Fees:

1. Entries can only be made online via the [Fair's website](#) beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2026 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2026.
2. A \$10.00 entry fee per class (excluding groups/pairs and showmanship classes) is required for all Open show entries.
3. A \$10.00 entry fee per class (excluding groups/pairs and showmanship classes) is required for all Junior Show entries.
4. For any out-of-state exhibitors, the entry fee of \$10.00 per class (excluding groups/pairs) is required for Open show entries.
5. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to read all [General Animal Exhibitor Rules on the Fair's website](#).

6. Exhibitor back tag numbers will be supplied by the Delaware State Fair. The number must be worn whenever the exhibitor is in the show ring.
7. Entries will be accepted as stall space permits. When stall space is full, entries will be put on a waiting list and accepted if space becomes available.

### **General Rules & Regulations:**

1. Exhibitors should keep in mind that animals may have to be moved to make room for other entries. First bedding will be supplied by the Fair.
2. Due to new fans (or ventilation) in the Schabinger Pavilion, portable fans will not be permitted.

### **Dairy Department Rules & Regulations:**

1. Delaware entries have priority, but cattle from other states will be accepted as stall space permits. All on-line entries are date and time stamped. This will be used in the decision for non-Delaware entries; earliest date/time will prevail. Delaware entries will have priority and out-of-state cattle will be accepted thereafter as barn space permits.
2. All animals must be registered with their respective breed associations. All registration papers will be checked for verification of age and identification by the Superintendent or his agent prior to show day.
3. Exhibitors having leased animals shall have a bona-fide lease agreement. A Delaware Youth Dairy Leasing Agreement must be obtained from the 4-H office. The required information shall be entered on the lease form with proper signatures from both the Junior Exhibitor and their parents/guardians and the owner of the animal. This is the only leasing form that will be accepted. No other versions of the leasing agreement will be accepted. Lease agreements must be signed and submitted to the 4-H office by May 1 of the current year. Submitted leases will be forwarded to the Delaware State Fair entry department.
4. All exhibitors of dairy cows that need to be milked while on exhibit on the Fairgrounds are required to use the Fair's milking parlor for that purpose. Due to restrictions by some Dairy Cooperatives The Fair or Exhibitors will not be paid for milk produced during the Fair.
5. Group class entries must be made online by June 1, 2026. Failure to enter by the deadline will result in no banner/award for the select classes.
6. All animals used in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes, but no exhibitor may collect more than 2 monies in any class. Family entries operating as single herd units in testing and similar programs may be considered as eligible exhibitors in group classes. All fall yearlings in milk shall show as 2 year olds and be eligible for senior group classes. Substitutions will be allowed within the same breed. No added entries will be allowed. For purposes of this rule, Exhibitors to be counted shall include the adult owners of a farm or business entity in whose farm or business name an animal may be registered. For more information refer to Rule 3, General Animal Rules, Section D, Ownership.
7. The Grand Champion of each breed will return to compete for the Supreme Champion of the Open Dairy Show. Cows shall NOT be milked out. Both Judges will confer to select the Supreme Champion.
8. The Junior Champion of each breed will return to compete for Supreme Champion Heifer of the Open Dairy Show. Both Judges will confer to select the Supreme Champion Heifer.
9. Dairy exhibitors are expected to wear white pants and shirt or white pants with a colored shirt and safe shoes. No tank tops will be permitted.
10. There will NOT be a specific class for best udder. The judge will select the best udder in each milking class. That entry will receive a \$30 premium above their normal premium placing. If the judge feels that no animal is worthy of the best udder, then no award will be given.
11. Show harnesses will be used during all Dairy Cattle Shows. The Delaware State Fair will supply the exhibitor number to be inserted into each harness. This number shall be worn whenever the animal is



2	\$57.25	\$51.75								
3	\$58.50	\$53.00	\$47.50							
4	\$59.50	\$54.00	\$48.50	\$43.00						
5	\$60.50	\$55.00	\$49.50	\$44.00	\$38.50					
6	\$61.75	\$56.25	\$50.75	\$45.25	\$39.75	\$34.25				
7	\$62.75	\$57.25	\$51.75	\$46.25	\$40.75	\$35.25	\$29.75			
8	\$64.00	\$58.50	\$53.00	\$47.50	\$42.00	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50		
9	\$65.00	\$59.50	\$54.00	\$48.50	\$43.00	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00	
10	\$66.00	\$60.50	\$55.00	\$49.50	\$44.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$22.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
2	Spring Heifer Calf (born 3-1-26 to 5-31-26)	
3	Winter Heifer Calf (born 12-1-25 to 2-29-26)	
4	Fall Heifer Calf (born 9-1-25 to 11-30-25)	
5	Summer Yearling Heifer (6-1-25 to 8-31-25)	
6	Spring Yearling Heifer (born 3-1-25 to 5-31-25)	
7	Winter Yearling Heifer (born 12-1-24 to 2-28-25)	
8	Fall Yearling Heifer (born 9-1-24 to 11-30-24)	
Do not enter	Junior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon
Do not enter	Reserve Junior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon
9	Junior Best 3 Females (3 females under 2 yrs., at least one to be bred and all to be owned by exhibitor)	
10	Junior 2 yr. old Cow (born 3-1-24 to 8-31-24)	
11	Senior 2 yr. old Cow (born 9-1-23 to 2-28-24)	
12	3 yr. old Cow (born 9-1-22 to 8-31-23)	
13	4 yr. old Cow (born 9-1-21 to 8-31-22)	
14	Aged Cow (born before 9-1-21)	
15	100,000 Pound Production	
16	Dry Cow (must have freshened at least once)	
Do not enter	Senior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon
Do not enter	Reserve Senior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Banner & Rosette
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Female	Rosette

**No more than 1 entry per class per exhibitor for the classes below:**

Class #	Class Description	Awards
17	Produce of Dam (2 animals)	
18	Dam & Daughter	
19	Best 3 Females - any age - All bred and owned by exhibitor	Banner
20	Exhibitor's Herd, 5 females, all owned by the exhibitor; two over 2 yrs., two under 2 yrs., and one of any age.	
Do not enter	Supreme Champion Female (all breeds)	Banner
Do not enter	Junior Supreme Champion Female (all breeds)	Banner
Do not enter	Grand Champion Ayrshire: Awarded in Open Show, In memory of Rockland Jack's Velvet, a long time winner of the Ayrshire Show	

Class #	Class Description	Awards
Do not enter	Albert McClements Memorial Award: Awarded Grand Champion Guernsey, Open Show, in memory of Albert McClements, Presented by the Albert McClements Family	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Holstein: Awarded by The Delaware Holstein Association	

Premium Schedule for Showmanship & Junior Show classes

# of Exhibitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	\$34.25									
2	\$35.25	\$29.75								
3	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50							
4	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00						
5	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$16.50					
6	\$39.75	\$34.25	\$28.75	\$23.25	\$17.75	\$17.75				
7	\$40.75	\$35.25	\$29.75	\$24.25	\$18.75	\$18.75	\$18.75			
8	\$42.00	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		
9	\$43.00	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	
10	\$44.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00

## SHOWMANSHIP

Rules:

1. The Showmanship Classes will start at 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 25.
2. Animals used in the showmanship classes must be owned or leased by the exhibitor. Exhibitors in the Junior Show may enter the same animals in the Open Show.
3. If a junior exhibitor cannot safely control their animal they will be asked to leave the show ring.
4. Only one entry per class will be accepted in each class.
5. All entries for showmanship shall be the exhibitor's age as of January 1 of the current year.

Class #	Class Description	Awards
21	Showmanship (5-9 yrs of age)	
22	Showmanship (10-12 years of age)	
Do not enter	Junior Champion Showman	Rosette
Do not enter	Junior Reserve Champion Showman	Rosette
23	Showmanship (13-14 years of age)	
24	Showmanship (15-16 years of age)	
Do not enter	Intermediate Champion Showman	Rosette
Do not enter	Intermediate Reserve Champion Showman	Rosette
25	Showmanship (17-21 years of age)	
Do not enter	Senior Champion Showman	Rosette
Do not enter	Senior Reserve Champion Showman	Rosette
Do not enter	Kenneth Warren Memorial Award: Awarded to Overall Showmanship Champion, in memory of Kenneth E. Warren	

## JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW

**Rules:**

1. We will have two show rings and two judges. One for Holsteins and one for Color Breeds. The Holstein Ring will start with Spring Calves and follow the order of the handbook. The Color Breed Ring will start with Ayrshire Spring Calves and follow the order of the handbook. Color Breeds will then show in alphabetical order, each breed starting with spring calves.
2. The Junior Champion of each breed will compete for Supreme Champion Junior Female. The Grand Champion of each breed will compete for Supreme Champion. Cows should not be milked out. Both judges will confer to select the Supreme Champions.
3. To be eligible to show an animal in the Junior Show the animal must be registered in the name of the exhibitor. Active Delaware 4-H and FFA members are permitted to exhibit in the junior show regardless of residency. The exhibitor(s) will also be eligible to enter in Open Classes.
4. Animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor 60 days prior to the Show as further proof of ownership by the person whose name entry is made. Exhibitors with leased animals must have a valid lease agreement in place as of May 1 and a copy of the lease will be submitted to the Fair from the 4-H office and will be verified by the Superintendent.
5. If a junior exhibitor cannot safely control their animal they will be asked to leave the show ring.
6. Only one entry per class will be accepted in the Junior Show.
7. The best bred and owned female will be designated in each junior female class. Those animals will return to compete for best bred and owned junior female. The Junior Exhibitors Name must be listed as the Breeder and Owner on the registration certificate, except where the owner is a member of the breeder's immediate family and has use for the owner/farm's prefix. Immediate family members shall mean: parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, uncles, aunts and cousins.

Ayrshire	Brown Swiss
Guernsey	Holstein
Jersey	Milking Shorthorn

Class #	Class Description	Awards
26	Spring Heifer Calf (born 3-1-26 to 5-31-2)	
27	Winter Heifer Calf (born 12-1-25 to 2-29-26)	
28	Fall Heifer Calf (born 9-1-25 to 11-30-25)	
29	Summer Yearling Heifer (6-1-25 to 8-31-25)	
30	Spring Yearling Heifer (born 3-1-25 to 5-31-25)	
31	Winter Yearling Heifer (born 12-1-24 to 2-28-25)	
32	Fall Yearling Heifer (born 9-1-24 to 11-30-24)	
Do not enter	Best Bred & Owned Junior Female	
Do not enter	Junior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon
Do not enter	Reserve Junior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon
33	2 yr. old Cow (born 9-1-23 to 8-31-24)	
34	3 yr. old Cow (born 9-1-22 to 8-31-23)	
35	4 years and older Cow (born before 9-1-22)	
36	Dry cow (must have freshened at least once)	
Do not enter	Senior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon
Do not enter	Reserve Senior Champion Female (each breed)	Ribbon

Class #	Class Description	Awards
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Rosette
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Rosette
37	Dam & Daughter	
Do not enter	Supreme Champion Female	Banner
Do not enter	Junior Supreme Champion Female	Banner
Do not enter	DE Holstein Award: Awarded to Supreme Champion Senior Female of the Junior Show	

The Holstein Association will present an award to a **Supreme Champion** in the Junior Show to be selected from among the **6 Grand Champions**.

### **DELAWARE DAIRY YOUTH FUTURITY All Breed Summer Calves**

This class shall be open to any Delaware Junior Show exhibitor of any breed. Calves in the futurity must be exhibited by a Delaware Junior Dairy Exhibitor. All breeds will compete together in one class. The age of the animals shall be summer yearlings born 06-01-25 to 08-31-25.

The animal shall have been entered in the futurity in the following manner:

The animal shall be registered or leased in the name of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year. The final entry requires an exhibitor's name.

**Entry fees shall be:**

\$ 5.00 due November 15, 2025

\$ 10.00 due January 31, 2026

\$ 20.00 due May 1, 2026

If you do not enter the animal on the first date, the entry fee will be doubled. If your first entry is made on January 31, you will pay \$30.00. If you do not enter until May 1, the fee is \$70.00.

Each exhibitor will receive a shirt to be worn for the show with white pants. Prize money will be determined by the number of entries in the show.

The best bred and owned animal will be recognized with a special award in memory of Sam Dixon, Jr. The highest placing animal of each breed will compete in the Junior Champion class for their respective breeds in the Junior Dairy Show.

Animals shown in the futurity will not participate in the confirmation class of the Junior Show; however, they may be used in the Showmanship class and may be shown in the Open Dairy Show.