2017 Dairy Information Sheet

Prepared by the 4-H State Fair Dairy Show Committee and the Center for 4-H Youth Development
This information sheet gives details on the rules for this year’s Minnesota State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. Although some counties may follow slightly different guidelines, these rules will apply at the state level.

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS
Ownership Requirements for All Animal Science Projects are uniform for Beef, Cats/Pets, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Lama, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine. Animals must be owned solely by the 4-Her or the 4-Her’s family. The family includes the 4-Her’s parents/guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animal may be owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her’s parents are actively involved with and working on the farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement. Lease agreements must be submitted by May 15 with 4HOnline data. Market animals (with the exception of prospect calves) cannot be leased.

OWNERSHIP CLARIFICATIONS 2017

- With the Online ID process, 4-H families are no longer able to identify animals as a family group. They might, for example, have identified a number of animals as being owned by the “John Doe Family.” Under the new Online ID process, families will need to enter each animal in one of 4-H member’s profiles. A good rule of thumb might be to break all animals to be ID’ed up such that each family member gets about the same number of animals ID’ed in their name. For example, if the John Doe Family is ID’ing 12 barrows and there are three siblings in the John Doe Family, you might consider putting 4 barrows in each sibling’s name. It is also a good practice to put at least one animal under each sibling. The determination of which sibling exhibits which animal at the County Fair can then be delayed until the ID checkpoint at County Fair. It is at the County Fair ID checkpoint for each species that animals must be declared by a specific sibling and cannot be switched to another sibling after that.
- The same animal cannot be identified by more than one 4-H family unit. Let’s say a livestock production operation is a partnership between two brothers – both having children in 4-H. The cousins in this example must identify different animals. They might identify several as the “John Doe Family” and several others as the “Jim Doe Family.” But the same animals CANNOT be identified by both families. Let’s say a similar operation is owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her’s parents are actively involved with and working on the farm. The exception to this rule is in Horse, Dog and Lama where it is permitted for animals to be ID’ed by two 4-Hers, but with restrictions described elsewhere in the Species Information Sheet.

For complete 2017 exhibition entry requirements and acceptable official ID, visit this link:
http://mn.gov/bah/official-id.html

- WATCH FOR DETAILS REGARDING APPROPRIATE DRESS CODES FOR ALL STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS.
- Committees are working on details that could include a required shirt worn by all exhibitors. This is for state fair shows only and could happen as early as 2017.

LEASING PROGRAM

- If a 4-Her cannot own their own Dairy animal, they may be leased.
- If an animal is leased, the MN 4-H Dairy Lease Agreement must be completed then uploaded and/or submitted to your county extension office by May 15th with 4HOnline data.
- An animal may be leased and exhibited in a cow class only if the 4-Her leased the same animal prior to first freshening.
- Assume responsibility for care and management of the leased animal when animal is in lessee possession.
- The leased animal must be exhibited by the lessee at any show while the lease is in effect.
- Dairy Lease Agreements Must be renewed each year. This involves downloading the current lease found on 4HOnline, renewing in the appropriate box on the lease form, and reloading to 4HOnline.

CLOVERBUDS
Cloverbuds interested in exploring the dairy project DO NOT identify animal in 4HOnline. The year following the being a Cloverbud, youth in grade 3 are only eligible to show animals in calf, yearling and 2 year old classes. The animals in these classes must meet all MN 4-H dairy project identification requirements.

BIRTHDATES
- Winter Calf December 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017
Fall Calf: September 1 – November 30, 2016
Summer Junior Yearling: June 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016
Spring Junior Yearling: March 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016
Winter Senior Yearling: December 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016
Fall Senior Yearling: September 1 – November 30, 2015
Junior Two Year Old: March 1 – August 31, 2015
Senior Two Year Old: September 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015
Three Year Old Cows: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014
Four Year Old Cows: September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013
Aged Cow: Born before September 1, 2012
Dry Cow: Dry cow of any age

IDENTIFICATION DETAILS, FORMS & DEADLINES
- Also refer to your county ID letter and online at: www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID
- All dairy animals must be identified with an official form of identification: Official Breed Assn. Ear tag, Official Breed Assn. tattoo, State 4-H ear tag, USDA tag (7 or 9 digit), Copy of the Breed Assn. ID paper and/or photo (if exhibits distinct markings) by May 15th.
- Registered animals must provide breed association information by May 15th
- If registration for the animal being ID'ed is pending, it is your responsibility once you receive the official registration to contact your local County Extension Office. Request that the registration number be entered for the correct animal in 4HOnline to replace “pending”. This should be done before your County Fair.
- A 4-Her cannot exhibit an animal in the Two Year Old or cow class if it was not identified in the extension office before its first freshening. Cows do not need to be shown prior to first freshening.
- No family member or other 4-Her will be allowed to show an animal that has been shown by another 4-Her after the animal’s first freshening.
- All dairy ID data must be entered online or the dairy ID data submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
- If an animal is leased, the MN 4-H Dairy Lease Agreement must also be completed and then uploaded and/or submitted to your county extension office by May 15th.

DATES OF STATE FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK ENCAMPMENT & SHOW TIMES
- 4-H Livestock Encampment ~ Wednesday, August 23 – Sunday, August 27
- Show Day & Time ~ Saturday – 9:00 a.m.

REGISTERED / GRADE HOLSTEINS
- Registered and Grade Holsteins are shown separately at State Fair.
- Registered Holsteins may not be shown in the grade ring.
- Registered Holsteins are classified as animals that have 87% or more Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA-NA) as recorded with the Holstein Association.

CLARIFICATION ON BREED ANCESTRY
Animals identified as Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein or Jersey, must be 87% (7/8) or more of any one breed. Milking Shorthorn must be 75% (3/4) or more Milking Shorthorn. If breed parentage does not meet these rules, the animal will be shown in the Crossbred & Other Breeds class.

RED & WHITE SHOW
- Must be registered. We will accept registration papers and/or a certificate of identification (CID) from Holstein Association USA, Red & White Dairy Cattle Association, Holstein Association USA showing the suffix “Red” and Holstein Canada showing the suffix “Red”. May be dual registered. Red & White animals with no papers will show in the breed they exhibit characteristics and ancestry.
- Must be true red with no black or brindle. Show management reserves the right to deny any animal with a questionable hair coat.
- Dairy ID must show animal’s breed as Red & White on May 15th deadline. Animals cannot be switched between Holstein and Red & White classes after ID verification.

“CROSSBRED AND OTHER BREEDS” CLASS
If an animal is less than 87% (7/8) (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein or Jersey) or 75% (3/4) Milking Shorthorn of any one breed, it must be exhibited in the “Crossbred and Other Breeds” class. In addition, any grade animal not showing the predominant characteristics of one breed at verification by the show committee will show in the “Crossbred and Other Breeds” class.
DRY COW DEFINITION
Any cow that has been fresh for 280 days or more, prior to the day of the show, may be shown (at the option of the exhibitor) in either the Dry or Milking Cow Class, if the show offers a Dry Cow Class. A cow milked less than 280 days must show in the Milking Class, unless she is recorded dry on the official DHI (or comparable computer) report. This report must accompany animals to be shown in a Dry Cow Class at ID Verification. To show as a dry cow, she must be milked out for the show. Class designation must be made no later than the time of county final registration prior to State Fair, with exception for animals that freshen after check-in, and must be transferred to their respective milking class.

REGISTRATION PAPERS
- If you are exhibiting a registered animal, you must present a photocopy of the registration certificate at the time of verification.
  - If the registration certificate is not presented by the time of the show, the animal is ineligible for any awards beyond a blue ribbon.

SHOW INFORMATION
- For colored breeds, registered and grade animals are shown together at State Fair.
- The following classes will be combined if one of the classes has less than 4 animals and the combined class does not result in more than 10 animals:
  - Winter and Fall Calf
  - Summer and Spring Junior Yearling
  - Winter and Fall Senior Yearling
  - Junior and Senior Two Year Old
  - Three and Four Year Old
  - Note: Aged Cows and Dry Cows will be shown separately
  - Breeds with less than 10 exhibits will be shown in 2 classes – heifers and cows

- Three Year Old classes will be split if 20 or more in class at show managers’ discretion
- Yearlings that have calved show as Jr Two Year Olds
- The Show will start with all cows classes before the heifers. An approximate show order will be posted outside the dairy office by Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- Genomic Predictions will be utilized in the Total Merit Show. All animals will be searched and genomic values will be used where available. If no genomic value is available, Parent Averages and PTA’s will be used.

STATE FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
- Dairy Cattle are not required to have a health certificate.
- Cattle known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease OR to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, OR to be from a quarantine herd may not be entered.
- Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases.
- Dairy Cattle will be inspected by the official State Fair Veterinarian on the opening day of exhibition and daily thereafter.
- The official State Fair Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the State Fairgrounds of any Dairy Cattle with symptoms of an infectious or communicable disease.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown.

STATE FAIR INTERVIEWS (WORKSHOPS)
- To qualify for any awards above and beyond a blue ribbon, exhibitors must participate in the Dairy Workshops/Interviews.
- Interview Finalists will be called back for an interview and all Finalists will receive awards.
- Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.
- Workshops will be held on the St. Paul campus.

STATE FAIR SHOWMANSHIP
- Age Divisions: Junior = grades 6-7, Intermediate = grades 8-9, Senior = grades 10-11, & Advanced = grades 12 – 13
- All exhibitors may participate in showmanship. There is no sign-up for this class

STATE FAIR HERDSMANS
- Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
- Please see the Herdsmanship section of the 2017 Premium Book for further updates. Again in 2017, there will be specific requirements regarding electrical cords in the cattle barn.

STATE FAIR GROOMING RULES
- All grooming of livestock at the fair, including clipping, trimming and manipulation of the hair/wool (such as blocking on sheep, pulling up hair on beef and working up top lines on dairy) must be clearly done by the exhibitor,
members of the immediate family or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member. Immediate family members are defined as being parents, step parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers or sisters. **The 4-Her exhibiting the animal should be present and involved in the fitting process at the fair.**

- Any exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from further competition in the show and will not be eligible for any awards or premiums – including championships and showmanship.
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**STATE DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST**

- The State Dairy Judging Contest is being moved to the 4-H Livestock Encampment!
- It will be held on Thursday, August 24. Watch for future announcements/details.