

## **DEPARTMENT H—DAIRY CATTLE**

**Dairy Cattle Judging: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – Ankley Farm - 9 am**

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### **RULES: Also see Rules Governing Entries, Exhibitions and Awards, General Rules, and Rules for Livestock.**

1. Each member will be allowed to exhibit one (1) animal in each class.
2. Grade animals and registered animals will be shown together in all classes.
3. One cow and one heifer may be borrowed if a member has no other dairy animals available to them.
4. **IDENTIFICATION OF DAIRY ANIMALS**  
All animals must have an RFID tag. The RFID number must be supplied to the superintendent by June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
If something happens to the project animal between June 1st and the fair, the participant must contact the dairy superintendent for approval, before a substitution is made.
5. Record books will be required for all dairy exhibitors, except Sprouts (ages 5-7). Record books are due at 5 pm Sunday prior to fair. Late entries will not be accepted.
6. All exhibitors must show in the appropriate showmanship class.
7. All members must wear proper attire for shows (White shirt/ blouse with white pants or black pants. Skirts are optional for girls. No shorts.)
8. Advanced Senior Showmanship winner will show in Sweepstakes. If no advanced seniors class, then top senior will attend Sweepstakes.
9. The Grand Champion from each Dairy breed will sell dairy products at the Livestock sale. Exhibitors selling will be required to help setup the tents after the beef show on Wednesday evening, unless otherwise excused by a superintendent.
10. All dairy cattle must be dehorned. Horn stumps may not be longer than 2 inches from the clipped hairline.
11. Failure to comply with any of the rules, or lack of care of a member's animal, may result in, removal of the exhibit and forfeiture of sale privileges and/or loss of exhibiting privileges for not more than 2 years at the Eastern Michigan State Fair.

### **DIVISION 1 - RECORD BOOKS**

Class 2000: Sprout record book – 5-7 years  
Class 2001: Junior record book – 8-13 years  
Class 2002: Senior record book – 14-19 years

**Awards:** Sprouts ribbon only, 1st-6th placings

### **DIVISION 2 – DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 2003: Sprout – 5-7 years  
Ages 5 & 6 must be accompanied into the show ring by a parent. Ages 7 must be accompanied into the show ring by an adult or by a Dairy exhibitor.  
Class 2004: Junior – 8-10 years  
Class 2005: Intermediate – 11-13 years  
Class 2006: Senior – 14-16 years  
Class 2007: Advanced Senior – 17-19 years

**Awards:** 1st-6th placings, Sprouts – Ribbon only  
1st & 2nd place winners from classes 2004 thru 2007 will compete in  
Champion classes for Grand Champion Showman and Reserve Champion Showman

## **DAIRY BREEDS**

List section and class numbers for each animal on entry form.

**DIVISION 3 – AYRSHIRE**

**DIVISION 4 – BROWN SWISS**

**DIVISION 5 – GUERNSEY**

**DIVISION 6 – HOLSTEIN-FRISIAN**

**DIVISION 7 – JERSEY**

**DIVISION 8 – MILKING SHORTHORN**

**DIVISION 9 - MINOR DAIRY BREED**

Class 2010: Female under five (5) months

Class 2011: Female five (5) to eleven (11) months

Class 2012: Female twelve (12) to seventeen (17) months

Class 2013: Female eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) months

Class 2014: Female two (2) to three (3) years

Class 2015: Female three (3) to four (4) years

Class 2016: Female four (4) to five (5) years

Class 2017: Female over five (5) years

**Awards:** For each breed:

\*1st and 2nd place winners from classes 2010 through 2013 will compete for junior champion and reserve champion.

\*1st and 2nd place winners from classes 2014 through 2017 will compete for senior champion and reserve champion.

\*Junior champion and reserve champion and senior champion and reserve champion will compete for supreme female for their breed.

\*Supreme female from each breed will compete for overall supreme female of the dairy show.

\*Each supreme breed female sells dairy products with overall supreme selling first.

## **DIVISION 10 - GROUP CLASSES**

Class 2018: Best three females: Three females any age exhibited by the same member

Class 2019: Produce of dam: Two female offspring, any age, from the same dam

Class 2020: Dam and daughter: Any cow and one of her female offspring any age

**Awards:** 1st–3rd placings

## **DIVISION 11 – COSTUME CONTEST**

*Judging: After lunch on show day.*

The judging will be based on originality, creativity, neatness, member's effort, member's explanation of costume.

Class 2030: Dairy Costume Class (all ages)

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> placings

## **DIVISION 12 – AG OLYMPICS**

*Judging: Friday of fair*

Class 2040: Sprouts – 5-7 years

Class 2041: Juniors – 8-13 years

Class 2042: Seniors – 14-19 years

**Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> placings**

## **DIVISION 13 – DAIRY WRITTEN SKILLATHON CONTEST**

*Judging: Wednesday morning of fair*

Class 2050: Sprouts – 5-7 years

Class 2051: Juniors – 8-13 years

Class 2052: Seniors – 14-19 years

**Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> placings**