

DEPARTMENT – L30 – Dairy Cattle

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Entries must be completed online at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair.

REQUIREMENT: All cattle must have RFID ear tag for official identification.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A 4-H or FFA member must be enrolled in a dairy or veterinary science project in order to exhibit in the Dairy Cattle Department at the Fair.
2. All exhibitors are expected to follow all 4-H and FFA rules, include the Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Ethics and Welfare, General Fair rules, Livestock Sale Committee rules and Department rules for each specific species being exhibited.
3. A properly signed Maryland 4-H Show Ring of Ethics must accompany all animal entries.
4. All leased animals must include a copy of their properly signed Lease Agreement with the entry form.
5. All dairy cattle exhibitors must be an active participant in an official 4-H or FFA club.
6. Exhibitors must list on entry form the club in which they hold membership and/or which club they wish their dairy exhibits to be tied with.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals while on the grounds. Premiums will not be paid to exhibitors who fail to keep the animals and barn area clean and attractive at all times.
8. Animals shown in Breeding Divisions must be registered with the respective breed association. (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Red and White Holstein)
9. In order for a cow to be eligible to be shown in Classes 77 - 113, the exhibitor must have owned the animal before animal was 2 years of age.
10. All dairy exhibitors must comply with the 2025 regulations as set forth by the Maryland Department of Agriculture – Animal Health Section. Exhibitors must present the “approved” animal health certificate prior to taking their animals from the truck or trailer at the fairgrounds and have a RFID ear tag
11. One entry per class in all classes; except classes 107-113, in which two cows may be shown.
12. Classes may be divided at the Superintendent’s discretion if the number of entries justify.
13. Previous Fitting and Showing Overall Champions MAY ONLY compete in the Sweepstakes Fitting and Showing Contest.
14. ANY CHILD SHOWING FOR THE FIRST TIME in the dairy show may have assistance from parents, 4-H’ers, FFA members, leaders and junior leaders. NO other assistance in fitting will be allowed.
15. DHIA papers for the Production Awards must be given to the Superintendent when registration papers are checked.
16. In class 123 (Dam & Daughter) – animals must have been exhibited by the same 4-H or FFA member in classes 13 - 113.

17. Dairy animals over two years of age will be permitted to arrive on the fairgrounds on the day of the dairy show and leave following the dairy show and photo session.
 18. The use of stall dividers will not be allowed.
 19. Review the rules on Exhibitors Show Clothes. Remember – no farm names or other identification may be worn during the dairy show - rules and regulation Section D
 20. Your area MUST be cleaned up on release day, and ALL your belongings removed, or your premiums will be withheld.
 21. Dairy exhibitors may use no appliances; exceptions to this rule may be permitted at the discretion of the Dairy Committee.
 22. One symbolic gallon of milk representative of the high-quality milk produced by exhibitors in the Dairy Department will be sold to the highest bidder at the Livestock Sale. The Supreme Champion Dairy Cow must be present at ringside when the milk is auctioned.
 23. The exhibitor is responsible for providing feed, hay, and water buckets to care for their exhibit during the Fair.
 24. Feeds and supplements approved for livestock use may be used by exhibitors. If an exhibitor feels their animal is in need of electrolytes due to health concerns of the animal, they may be administered at the recommendation of a veterinarian and by the veterinarian, and in the presence of the Department Superintendent, the Livestock Area Superintendent or one of the Livestock Area Assistant Superintendents.
 25. When an animal is in need of veterinarian care while on the Fair Grounds the Department Superintendent must be notified. When an animal requires veterinary treatment while at the Fair, you may use the Veterinarian on the grounds at your cost, call your veterinarian at your cost or remove your animal from the Fair.
 26. Exhibitors and parents will abide by regulations regarding assistance for exhibitors in fitting their exhibit. The penalty could be expulsion from the Dairy Show. First offenses will be issued a warning and/or depending upon the situation, the exhibitors involved will not be able to show on show day. Two serious offenses will result in the exhibitor not being allowed on the fairgrounds on the day of the show. In such case, the exhibitor's animal(s) will be disqualified from receiving premiums.
27. Premiums
- Individual Fitting and Showing - \$5 per exhibitor
 - Team Fit-Out Contest (Team Premiums) – 1st - \$150; 2nd - \$120; 3rd - \$90; all below - \$60 (Private sponsorships)
 - Breed Classes – 1st - \$15; 2nd - \$14; 3rd - \$13; all below - \$12
 - Bred & Owned Classes – 1st - \$10; 2nd - \$9; 3rd - \$8; 4th - \$7; all below \$6
 - Total Performance Cow – (award based on class placing and milk production) - \$25 for each breed exhibited Production Award
 - Production award premiums awarded on ECM (energy-corrected milk) – 305-day records cows Jr. 3 Yr. Old and Older are eligible) – 1st - \$10; 2nd - \$7; all below
 - Herdsman ship Award – 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30

Division – Fitting & Showing:

Classes:

1. Fitting & Showing (ages 16 yrs. & over)
2. Fitting & Showing (ages 14-15 years old)
3. Fitting & Showing (ages 12-13 years old)
4. Fitting & Showing (ages 10-11 years old)
5. Fitting & Showing (ages 8-9 years old)
6. Fitting & Showing First Year (ages 8-11 years old)
7. Fitting & Showing First Year (ages 12-18 years old)
8. Champion Fitting & Showing (selected from winners of classes 1-7)
9. Reserve Champion Fitting & Showing
10. Champion Showman (exhibitor's 8-18 eligible)
11. Sweepstakes Fitting & Showing (open to any previous dairy fitting & showing champion who is an exhibitor at the fair)
12. Team Fit-Out Contest

Division – Heifer Classes:

Classes:

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| 13 – 19 | Spring Heifer Calf, born March 1, 2025– April 30, 2025 |
| 20 – 26 | Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025 |
| 27 – 33 | Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024 |
| 34 – 40 | Summer Heifer Calf, born June 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024 |
| 41 – 47 | Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1, 2024– May 31, 2024 |
| 48 – 54 | Winter Yearling Heifer, born December 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024 |
| 55 – 61 | Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1, 2023– November 30, 2023 |
| 62 – 75 | Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer |
| 76 | Supreme Champion Heifer |

Division – Dairy Cow Classes:

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| 77 – 83 | Junior 2-year-old – born March 1, 2023– August 31, 2023 |
| 84 – 90 | Senior 2-year-old – born September 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023 |
| 91 – 97 | Junior 3-year-old – born March 1, 2022 – August 21, 2022 |
| 98 – 104 | Senior 3-year-old – born September 1, 2021– February 29, 2022 |
| 105 | Production Award, High Protein (3-year old's) |
| 106 | Production Award Holstein (3-year old's) |
| 107 – 113 | 4 years and older – born prior to September 1, 2021 |
| 114 | Production Award, High Protein (4 years old and older) |
| 115 | Production Award Holstein (4 years old & older) |
| 123 | Dam & Daughter |
| 130 – 143 | Champion & Reserve Champion Cow |
| 144 | Supreme Champion Cow |
| 145 – 151 | Best Bred & Owned by Exhibitor |
| 152 – 153 | Total Performance Award |
| 154 | Outstanding Junior Dairy Exhibitor |
| 155 | Outstanding Senior Dairy Exhibitor |
| 156 | Herdsman ship 5 or less calves/heifers |
| 157 | Herdsman ship over 5 calves/heifers |