

DEPARTMENT – L-32 – Dairy Steer

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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 exhibitor's earned premium payment, for the 2026 4-H/FFA Fair.

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in a dairy, beef, or veterinary science project to participate in the Beef Cattle Department at the Fair.
- All exhibitors are expected to follow all 4-H and FFA rules, including 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.
- Your original approved Animal Health paper must be available for review prior to unloading your animal(s) at the Fair. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection & Self Certification sheets may be found at www.mda.maryland.gov for your updated information website.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Dairy Steer Department

1. Any animal with dairy origin will be shown in the dairy steer show.
2. Dairy Steers ownership date is January 1 of the current year for the animals weighed and tagged with the Maryland Livestock Market Tag in January. Steers must bedehorned, castrated and healed before tagging.
3. Dairy Steers must be identified (tagged) in accordance with the statewide uniform Market Livestock Tagging system. **All Projects ARE Required by the Maryland Department of Agriculture to have a RFID tag (Radio Frequency Identification Tag)** in your Dairy Steer project ear at tagging and weigh-in. The Silver /White metal tags are no longer accepted. The MDA Website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/eartag-requirements-fairs-shows.pdf>
4. Steers tagged for exhibition for the 2026 Fair must not exceed 24 months of age.
5. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting a maximum combination of two (2) beef market steers, beef market heifers, or dairy steers at the Fair. An exhibitor may not receive more than two (2) monies in any one class. Extra market beef and dairy steers may be tagged, with no limit on the number of market steers, market heifers, or dairy steers to be tagged.
6. All steers will be weighed after their arrival at the Fair to determine weight classes.
7. 4-H Dairy Steer Exhibitors may show in either Dairy or Beef show clothes, white shirt /white pants, white shirt /tan pants, white shirt/green pants. FFA Exhibitors may show in white shirt/ white pants or white shirt/black pants. All exhibitors must have proper neckpieces and footwear. All exhibitors' shirts must comply with guidelines described in the general rules.
8. Any exhibitor showing for the first time in the dairy or dairy steer show may have assistance from parents, 4-H'ers, leaders and junior leaders. **NO OTHER ASSISTANCE IN FITTING WILL BE ALLOWED.** Any exhibitor found in violation will be banned from dairy activities such as the judging contest or livestock sale that are conducted as a part of the Carroll Co. 4-H & FFA Fair.
9. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the Fitting & Showing Contest. Previous years Fitting and Showing Champions exhibiting in the fair may only compete in the Champion class.

10. Steers may sell in the Livestock Sale – refer to Livestock Sale Requirements.
- 11. All 4-H and FFA members who exhibit a market livestock project at the 2026 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair will be REQUIRED to submit a 2026 4-H Project Record for each species exhibited (FFA members must submit a completed FFA Record Book) in order to be eligible to sell a market animal at the 2026 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.**
12. All nominated Steers must be processor ready at the time of sale. Steers being sold must be past a medication withdrawal date should that animal have been treated with medications. Steers will not be sold prior to a medication withdrawal or held for a later processing date
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Premiums – Fitting & Showing - \$5; Dairy Steer– 1st - \$15; 2nd - \$14; 3rd - \$13; all below - \$12

Rate of Gain Contest – Rules and Regulations

1. Rate of gain period will start at tagging day in January, and end at the weigh-in at the County Fair. All steers tagged in January are eligible.
2. In order to be eligible for the champion rate of gain your animal must meet all sale requirements.

Division – Fitting & Showing:

Classes:

1. Senior Fitting & Showing (ages 14 – 18)
2. Champion Senior Showman
3. Reserve Champion Senior Showman
4. Junior Fitting & Showing (ages 8 – 13)
5. Champion Junior Showman
6. Reserve Champion Junior Showman
7. Grand Champion Showman
8. Reserve Grand Champion Showman

Division – Feeder Steers:

Classes:

9. Light Weight Feeder Steer
10. Medium Weight Feeder Steer
11. Heavy Weight Feeder Steer
12. Champion Feeder Steer
13. Reserve Champion Feeder Steer

Division – Crossbred Feeder Steers:

Classes:

14. Light Weight Crossbred Feeder Steer
15. Medium Weight Crossbred Feeder Steer
16. Heavy Weight Crossbred Feeder Steer
17. Champion Crossbred Feeder Steer
18. Reserve Champion Crossbred Feeder Steer

Division – Dairy Steers:

Classes:

19. Light Weight Dairy Steer
20. Champion Light Weight Dairy Steer
21. Reserve Champion Light Weight Dairy Steer
22. Medium Weight Dairy Steer
23. Champion Medium Weight Dairy Steer
24. Reserve Champion Medium Weight Dairy Steer
25. Heavy Weight Dairy Steer
26. Champion Heavy Weight Dairy Steer
27. Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Dairy Steer
28. Grand Champion Dairy Steer
29. Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Steer

Division – Crossbred Dairy Steers:

Classes:

30. Light Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
31. Champion Light Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
32. Reserve Champion Light Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
33. Medium Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
34. Champion Medium Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
35. Reserve Champion Medium Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
36. Heavy Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
37. Champion Heavy Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
38. Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Crossbred Dairy Steer
39. Grand Champion Crossbred Dairy Steer
40. Reserve Grand Champion Crossbred Dairy Steer

Division – Rate of Gain:

Classes:

42. Champion Rate of Gain