

## Department 18B

### Dairy Cattle

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1. Proper classes for dairy cattle will be computed as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 1, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Senior yearlings in dairy classes in production will show with two (2) year old heifers.
3. A 4-H and/or FFA member may show no more than a total of three (3) dairy cattle classes.
4. All dairy animals that an exhibitor shows in a year must come from only one dairy farm source.
5. In the dairy beef feeder project only dairy breed calves will be allowed. Finished dairy beef feeder calves must weigh between 300 and 600 pounds.
6. Progeny may include one (1) bull eligible to be registered and under one (1) year of age. If over five (5) months of age, the bull must have a ring in his nose.
7. 4-H leaders must verify pre-entries against member's project animal registration papers to assure they are correct.
8. 4-H members planning to show in the open class dairy show must have registered their animal and have paid their entry fees on time. Also they must obey all open dairy class regulations.
9. Grand & Reserve Champion rosettes will be awarded to each breed.
10. First eight (8) places in each breed and each showmanship class will receive ribbons.
11. No farm promotion signs or advertisements are allowed to be hung in 4-H Dairy barn.
12. All stalls must be cleaned prior to exhibitor leaving fairgrounds.
13. An exhibitor may have up to three dairy animals and may have one backup for each animal entered (if three dairy animals are entered, three backups may also be selected).
14. A record book is mandatory for all youth who exhibit their dairy project(s) at Fair and must still be turned in if the animal is unable to make it to Fair. **Project Record Books** are due **SATURDAY, JULY 15, at 6:00 PM** at the 4-H Headquarters.
15. A form that includes all dairy animals an exhibitor will show that year will be due on May 1st of each year. To complete this form, an exhibitor must identify each of their dairy animals through the animal's ID (RFID is mandatory plus all other tags/tattoos in ears). This form must be signed by the exhibitor, parent, leader and farm owner where the animal(s) come from.
16. Youth 16 years or older must trim their own animal. Those under 16 must at least be present while their animal is being trimmed.

### All Breed Dairy Showmanship

- 4299 Cloverbud showmanship, 7-8
- 4300 First year showmanship, 9-13
- 4301 First year showmanship, 14-19
- 4302 Junior Showmanship, ages 9-11
- 4303 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 12-14
- 4304 Senior Showmanship, ages 15-19
- 4305 Overall Showmanship
- 4306 Overall Supreme Cow
- 4307 Lightweight Dairy Feeders

### A special Dairy Plaque

- 4308 **The Lewis Walkington Memorial Dairy Plaque** will be awarded to the best 4-H Dairy showman a contest between the three respective winners win Junior, Intermediate, Senior Showmanship. The traveling plaque will be awarded for one year and is then awarded to the champion Dairy Showman the following year. Each year the winner's name will be engraved on the plaque panels. The Walkington Family provides the award.

**Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles prior to, during or after the Fair.**

## DAIRY FEEDER RULES FOR IONIA COUNTY 2017

1. Calf Must be born between January 1st and March 31st of the current year
2. First weigh-in and tagging will be the first Saturday in May.  
May 6, 2017 at noon  
Tags will be a 4-H tag and Andrea Jackson will take a picture
3. Animal must weigh 300 to 600 pounds by Fair.
4. All calves must be dehorned and castrated before weigh-in.
5. Feeder calves will weigh-in on the first Saturday (July 15, 2017) of Fair following the large animal weigh-in: around noon.
6. Calves must be clipped and shown as a dairy animal (no show sticks allowed).
7. Calves must be 100% dairy breed but may be cross bred with another dairy breed (not with beef breed).
8. To sell, 4-H members must show in a Showmanship and weight class.
9. Members may ear tag up to three (3) calves, but may only show and sell one (1).
10. Designation forms are due to the extension office by May 1st.
11. Calves must be owned by the exhibitor by April 30th of current year
12. Calves must be healthy.
13. There will be three (3) classes: Light-Weight, Medium-Weight and Heavy-Weight. Calves will be divided into classes after calves weigh-in.
14. Dairy Feeders will be housed in the Dairy Open Class area; NOT in the dairy barn.
15. Barn duty will be done as a county; NOT as individuals or clubs.
16. To be eligible to show a Dairy Feeder Calf, the 4-H Exhibitor must also bring at least one (1) Dairy female; Exhibitors may bring up to three (3) Dairy Cattle and one (1) Dairy Feeder for a total of four (4) Dairy Animals.
17. Youth must show at least one (1) dairy female.
18. Dairy Feeders will not be placed in the *Gallon of Milk Sale* advertisement.
19. The 4-H Dairy Developmental Committee will keep a 5% commission to pay for tags, auctioneer and Kick-off Banquet items.
20. This is a trial year; Rules are subject to change year to year.

## Dairy Cattle Breed Classes

Section A – Holstein, Section B – Red & White, Section C – Ayrshire, Section D – Brown Swiss, Section E – Guernsey, Sections F– Jersey, Section G – Milking Shorthorn, Section H – Any other dairy breed

Breed	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Bull Calf born Sept 1 (year preceding fair) to May 31 current yr	4305	4328	4351	4374	4397	4420	4443	4466
Junior Heifer born Mar. 1 and after (current yr)	4306	4329	4352	4375	4398	4421	4444	4467
Intermediate Heifer born Dec. 1 (last yr) to Feb. 28 (current yr)	4307	4330	4353	4376	4399	4422	4445	4468
Senior Heifer born Sept. 1 to Nov. 30 (last yr)	4308	4331	4354	4377	4400	4423	4446	4469
Summer Yearling born June 1 to Aug. 31 (last yr)	4309	4332	4355	4378	4401	4424	4447	4470
Junior Yearling born March 1 to May 31 (last yr)	4310	4333	4356	4379	4402	4425	4448	4471
Winter Yearling born Dec. 1 (two yrs ago) to Feb. 28 (last yr)	4311	4334	4357	4380	4403	4426	4449	4472
Senior Yearling born Sept. 1 to Nov. 30 (two yrs ago)	4312	4335	4358	4381	4404	4427	4450	4473
<b>Junior Champion female</b>	4313	4336	4359	4382	4405	4428	4451	4474
<b>Reserve Champion female</b>	4314	4337	4360	4383	4406	4429	4452	4475

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Junior two year old born March 1 to Aug. 31 (last yr)	4315	4338	4361	4384	4407	4430	4453	4476
2 year old born Sept. 1 (three yrs ago)	4316	4339	4362	4385	4408	4431	4454	4477
3 year old cow born Sept. 1 (four yrs ago)	4317	4340	4363	4386	4409	4432	4455	4478
4 year old cow born Sept. 1 (five yrs ago)	4318	4341	4364	4387	4410	4433	4456	4479
Dry aged cow (three and four yr old cows)	4319	4342	4365	4388	4411	4434	4457	4480
Aged cow before born before Sept. 1 (six yrs ago)	4320	4343	4366	4389	4412	4435	4458	4481

Section A -

- 4321 Senior Champion
- 4322 Reserve Senior Champion
- 4323 Grand Champion
- 4324 Reserve Grand Champion

Section B -

- 4344 Junior Champion
- 4345 Reserve Junior Champion
- 4346 Senior Champion
- 4347 Reserve Senior Champion
- 4348 Grand Champion
- 4349 Reserve Grand Champion

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### 18B 000-4309 - Supreme Champion Cow – Bruce Walkington Award

Provided by the Ionia County 4-H Dairy Developmental Committee

4489 Club Herd – 4 animals from the same 4-H club

**Prize:** Banner to be displayed in Livestock Barn

4490 Dairy Beef Feeder – 400 to 600 pounds

4491 Lightweight Champion

4492 Reserve Lightweight Champion

4493 Heavyweight Champion

4494 Reserve Heavyweight Champion

4495 Overall Feeder Champion

5709 Dairy Record Book