

DAIRY FEEDER RULES FOR IONIA COUNTY 2023

- Bull Calves must be born between January 1st and March 31st of the current year.
- Bull calves must be owned by the exhibitor by April 30th of the current year.
- First weigh-in and tagging will be done the first Saturday in May from 8am-Noon on the fairgrounds.
- All bull calves must be dehorned and castrated before first weigh-in.
- Members may ear tag up to three (3) feeders but may only show two (2) and sell one (1).
- Feeder calves are required to be stalled no later than 5pm on the first Friday of fair.
- Final weigh in will be between 6pm and 7pm on the first Friday of fair.
- Feeder must weigh 300 to 650 pounds by fair: the minimum sale weight is 300 pounds: the maximum sale weight is 650 pounds
- Feeders must be healthy
- Feeders will be divided into classes after with-in
- There will be three (3) divisions, Light-Weight, Medium-Weight, and Heavy-Weight for each section.
- The feeder calf can be 100% dairy breed and may be cross bred with another dairy breed or the calf must be at least 50% dairy breed with influence by a beef breed.
- To sell, 4-H members must show in a Showmanship and weight class.
- There will be three (3) showmanship classes: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.
- Dairy Feeders will be housed in the dairy barn at fair.
- Each club needs to bring their own gates. Barn duty will be done as clubs, **not as a county.**
- **All feeders need to be feed, washed, with pens pitched and bedded by 9am to make the barn look nice.**
- Dairy Feeders will not be placed in the Gallon of Milk Sale advertisement.
- The 4-H Dairy Developmental Committee will Not be taking sales commission from members: however, this rule is subject to annual review.
- The Dairy Feeder Sale will be held immediately following the sale of the Gallon of Milk Sale Tuesday night.
- The dairy feeder show will be held in the covered area: date and time to be announced.
- **Rules are subject to annual review and changes.**