**Department 18B**

**Dairy Cattle**

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The classes listed are for information purposes only.

**Entries MUST be completed on FairEntry.com.**

**Dairy Cattle Rules & Regulations**

1. Proper classes for dairy cattle will be computed as

of March 1st, Sept. 1st, Dec. 1st.

2. Senior yearlings in dairy classes in productions will

show with two (2) year old heifers.

3. A Youth member may show no more than a total of

Three dairy cattle classes.

4. All dairy animals that an exhibitor shows in a year

must come from only one dairy farm source.

5. 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.

6. Leaders must verify pre-entries against member’s

project animal registration papers to assure they

are correct.

7. Youth member 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.

8. Grand & Reserve Champion rosettes will be

awarded to each breed.

9. First eight (8) places in each breed and each

showmanship class will receive ribbons.

10. No farm promotion signs or advertisements allowed

to be hung in Dairy barn.

11. All stalls must be cleaned prior to exhibitor

leaving fairgrounds.

12. 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).

13. A record book is mandatory for all youth who exhibit

their dairy project(s) at the Fair and must still be,

turned in even if the animal is unable to make it to Fair.

14. 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 comes from.

15. Youth 16 years or older must trim their own animal.

Those 16 must at least be present while their animal is,

being trimmed.

**Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, Youth must be registered for the Fair by July 1st.**

**stolen or damaged articles prior to, during or Entry must be made on FairEntry online. This document**

**after the Fair. Is for informational purposes only.**

**All Breed Dairy Showmanship**

4299 Barn Buddy Showmanship, 5-7 Overall Showmanship

4300 First year showmanship, 8-13 Overall Supreme Cow

4301 First year showmanship, 14-19

4302 Junior Showmanship, ages 8-11

4303 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 12-14

4304 Senior Showmanship, ages 15-19

A Special Dairy Plaque-

**4308 – The Lewis Walkington Memorial Dairy Plaque** will be

award to the best Youth 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.

**DAIRY FEEDER RULES FOR IONIA COUNTY 2023**

-Calf must be born between January 1st and March 31st of the current year

-First weigh-in and tagging will be the first Saturday in May.

-Animal must weigh 300 to 600 pounds by Fair.

-Feeder calves will weigh-in on the first Saturday (July 15th, 2023) of Fair following

the large animal weigh-in around noon.

-Calves must be clipped and shown as a dairy animal (no show sticks allowed).

-Calves must be 100% dairy breed but may be cross bred with another dairy bred

(Not with beef breed)

-To sell, Youth members must show in a Showmanship and weight class.

-Members may ear tag up to three (3) calves but may only show and sell one (1).

-Designation forms are due to the Superintendent by May 1st.

-Calves must be owned by the exhibitor by April 30th of current year

-Calves must be healthy

-There will be three (3) classes: Light-Weight, Medium-Weight, and Heavy-Weight.

Calves will be divided into classes after calves’ weigh-in.

-Dairy Feeders will be housed in the Dairy Open Class area, NOT in the dairy barn.

Barn duty will be done as a county, NOT as individuals or clubs.

-To be eligible to show a Dairy Feeder Calf, the Youth 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.

-Youth must show at least one (1) dairy female.

-Dairy Feeders will not be placed in the *Gallon of Milk Sale* advertisement.

-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,

Section F- Jersey, Section G – Milking Shorthorn, Section H- Any other dairy breed

Red

Holstein & Ayrshire Brown Guernsey Jersey Milking Any other

Breed White Swiss Shorthorn dairy breed

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

**Junior Champion female** 4313 4336 4359 4382 4405 4428 4451 4474

**Reserve Champion female** 4314 4337 4360 4383 4406 4429 4452 4475

**Prizes: Rosettes**

Red

Holstein & Ayrshire Brown Guernsey Jersey Milking Any other

Breed White Swiss Shorthorn dairy breed

Junior two yr. old born March 1 to Aug. (last yr.) 4315 4338 4361 4384 4407 4430 4453 4476

2 yr. old born Sept. (three yrs. ago) 4316 4339 4362 4385 4408 4431 4454 4477

3 yr. old cow born Sept. 1st (four yrs. ago) 4317 4340 4363 4386 4409 4432 4455 4478

4 yr. old cow born Sept. 1st (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 Sept. 1 (six yrs. ago) 4320 4343 4366 4389 4412 4435 4458 4481

Section A - Section B –

4321 – Senior Champion 4344 - Junior Champion

4322 – Reserve Champion 4345 – Reserve Junior Champion

4323 - Grand Champion 4346 – Senior Champion

4323 – Reserve Grand Champion 4347 – Reserve Senior Champion

4348 – Grand Champion

4349 – Reserve Grand Champion