

## Department 18B

### Dairy Cattle

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#### Dairy Cattle Rules & Regulations

1. Proper classes for dairy cattle will be computed as of March 1st, Sept. 1, Dec. 1st.
  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 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. 4-H leaders must verify pre-entries against member's project animal registration papers to assure they are correct.
  7. Grand & Reserve Champion banners will be awarded to each breed.
  8. First eight (8) places in each breed and each showmanship class will receive ribbons.
9. No farm promotion signs or advertisements allowed to be hung in 4-H Dairy barn.
  10. All stalls must be cleaned prior to exhibitor leaving fairgrounds.
  11. 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).
  12. A record book or poster is 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 or posters** are due the 1<sup>st</sup> **SATURDAY, 6:00 PM** at the 4-H Headquarters.

#### **13. Milk Awards – At the Monday night milking on the cows scheduled milking, milk samples will be taken from the 4-H animals that are competing in the Mild Quality classes for the Highest Butter Fat, Highest Producer, and the Lowest SCC.**

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 (s) come (s) from.
15. Youth 16 years or older must trim their own animal. Those under 16 must at least be present while their animal is being trimmed.

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

#### Record Book/Poster

4283 Dairy Cloverbud record book 5-7	4291 Feeder Cloverbud record book 5-7
4284 Dairy Cloverbud poster 5-7	4292 Feeder Cloverbud poster 5-7
4285 Dairy Junior record book ages 8-11	4293 Feeder Junior record book ages 8-11
4286 Dairy Junior poster ages 8-11	4294 Feeder Junior poster ages 8-11
4287 Dairy Intermediate record book ages 12-14	4295 Feeder Intermediate record book ages 12-14
4288 Dairy Intermediate poster ages 12-14	4296 Feeder Intermediate poster ages 12-14
4289 Dairy Senior record book ages 15-19	4297 Feeder Senior record book ages 15-19
4290 Dairy Senior poster ages 15-19	4298 Feeder Senior poster ages 15-19

#### All Breed Dairy Showmanship

4299 Cloverbud showmanship, 5-7	4305 Overall Showmanship
4300 First year showmanship, 8-13	4306 Overall Supreme Cow
4301 First year showmanship, 14-19	4307 Lightweight Dairy Feeders
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 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.



## 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

**Prizes: Rosettes**

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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 -

Section B -

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

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

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4349 - Reserve Grand Champion

**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