

## DAIRY FEEDER RULES FOR IONIA COUNTY

- Bull Calves must be born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Bull calves must be owned by the exhibitor by weigh-in 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 the fair.
- **Feeder calves will be washed after being trailered to the fair. Prior to being stalled and the final weigh in.**
- Final weigh in will be between 6pm and 7pm on the first Friday of the 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 weigh-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.
- To show each 4H member must have their own project by weigh in to show in Showmanship and Market classes. Only Cloverbuds are allowed to borrow feeder calves for Cloverbud Showmanship class.
- There will be three (3) showmanship classes: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.
- Dairy Feeders will be housed in the dairy barn at the 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 fed, 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 on 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.

## **Dairy Feeder Barn Duty Guidelines**

- Do NOT sign up for barn duty when you have other obligations, such as other barn duties, showing other species or projects, sports, events, etc.
- There should be older kids and younger kids on each shift.
- Arrive 5 minutes before your shift so the you can talk to the shift ahead of you. Find out if any animals are drinking extra water, acting sick, etc.

**Barn Duty Steps:**

**Take a walk through to check on the animals often. Check for manure that needs to be picked up, water that needs filling and make sure that all the animals are okay.**

1. Clean manure from the pens. Try to keep pens as clean as possible throughout your shift.
2. Empty wheelbarrows often so they are not overflowing. Keep the wheelbarrows out of the walkway.
3. Sweep the walkway so it is clean and neat. Keep the tack out of the walkway and neatly put it in the tack area.
4. Make sure to keep the outside walkways clean and swept. If they look messy, than people may not want to visit the barn.
5. Check water. If any animal needs water, fill them up. About 15 minutes before the end of your shift, grab the hose and top off all the waters. Roll the hose back up when not in use.
6. Keep the animals clean. If they have a spot or are dirty, take them to the wash rack and spray it off. We want everyone to be safe. Older kids should help the younger ones to get the animal to the wash rack and back.
7. Keep the table area clean. Pick up the trash, take care of empty cups or bottles, take your sweatshirt when you go, etc.
8. Greet people when they come through the barn. Answer their questions, help direct them to a calm animal that they or their children can safely pet.

Keep in mind:

- Have fun playing and interact in games and get to know your fellow 4-H members better. This is not a time to be playing on your phone.
- The kids should be there and doing their barn duty. Parents' supervision is always appreciated.
- If an animal appears sick, please notify a 4-H leader.

Print 4-H Name : \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_