

Department E04

LIVESTOCK: DAIRY CATTLE

2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 25

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHEDULE

MINIATURE HORSE AND PONY SHOW	OCTOBER 2 AT 4 P.M.
JUNIOR MEAT GOATS	OCTOBER 3 AT 10 A.M.
JUNIOR MARKET SWINE	OCTOBER 3 AT 1 P.M.
JUNIOR MARKET LAMB.....	OCTOBER 4 AT 2 P.M.
DAIRY CATTLE (ARYSHIRE/BROWN SWISS/HOLSTEIN)	OCTOBER 5 AT 1 P.M.
JUNIOR COMMERCIAL EWE	OCTOBER 5 AT 6 P.M.
DAIRY CATTLE (GUERNSEY/JERSEY)	OCTOBER 6 AT 10 A.M.
SHEEP (SHEPHERD'S LEAD)	OCTOBER 7 AT 7 P.M.
SHEEP - (OPEN & JUNIOR SHOWS)	OCTOBER 8 AT 11 A.M.
SHEEP - WOOL SHOW	OCTOBER 8 AT 5 P.M.
BEEF CATTLE (ANGUS/SANTA GERTRUDIS/OTHER)	OCTOBER 8 AT 1 P.M.
BEEF CATTLE (HEREFORD/SIMMENTAL & PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL/RED ANGUS)	OCTOBER 9 AT 12 P.M.
YOUTH DAIRY GOATS	OCTOBER 10 AT 2 P.M.
JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER - SHOWMANSHIP	OCTOBER 10 AT 3 P.M.
JUNIOR FEEDER STEER SHOW	OCTOBER 10 AT 6 P.M.
DAIRY GOATS - OPEN SHOW	OCTOBER 11 AT 9 A.M.
JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER - BREED SHOWS	OCTOBER 11 AT 12 P.M.

LIVESTOCK ENTRY FEES

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 25. NO EXCEPTIONS!

MINIATURE HORSE & PONY SHOW

- Before or on September 1: \$5 per class
- Between September 2-25: \$10 per class

SHEEP

- Before or on September 1: \$3 per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$5 per animal

BEEF CATTLE - OPEN SHOW

- Before or on September 1: \$15 per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$25 per animal

DAIRY GOATS

- Before or on September 1: \$10 per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$15 per animal

DAIRY CATTLE - OPEN SHOW

- Before or on September 1: \$15 per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$25 per animal

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK FEES

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB, DAIRY GOATS, & MEAT GOATS

- Before or on September 1: No fees per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$3 per animal

JUNIOR BEEF HEIFERS & FEEDER STEERS

- Before or on September 1: No fees per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$15 per animal

JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE

- Before or on September 1: No fees per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$15 per animal

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL EWES

- Before or on September 1: No fees per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$3 per animal

MINIATURE HORSE & PONY SHOW

- Before or on September 1: No fees per class
- Between September 2-25: \$5 per class

JUNIOR MARKET SWINE

- Before or on September 1: No fees per animal
- Between September 2-25: \$3 per animal

RULES & GUIDELINES

- National Code of Show Ring Ethics: The Carolina Classic Fair agrees to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expos) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with this Code of Show Ring Ethics. A copy of the Code is posted in the Livestock Barn Show Office. Copies are also available at the Fair Administration Office.
- In keeping with the basic philosophy of the Purebred Dairy Association, the Carolina Classic Fair supports the Code of Ethics recommended by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. A violator may be subject to the disciplinary provision of the bylaws of this association. A copy of the Code can be found in the Dairy Section of the catalog.
- All out of state livestock health certificates must be checked before unloading animals from trailers. NO EXCPTIONS! Fair Managements reserves the right to have veterinarian on grounds to check animals.
- Dogs are not allowed on the Fairgrounds except for registered service dogs and sheepherding dogs.
- Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily determine and settle all matters.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - PLEASE READ:

The Fair and the City of Winston-Salem will not be responsible for any claims, losses, injuries, or damages done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or item exhibited and the exhibitor shall release, indemnify and hold harmless the Fair and the City of Winston-Salem, its agents, employees, officers and contractors from all claims, losses, injuries, damages including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- **DO NOT FAX ENTRIES.**
- **ENTRIES CLOSE: SEPTEMBER 1.** Competition open to the world. Entry fees and Tack Stall Fees must accompany entry blank and liability statement signed or entry will not be accepted. The exhibitor must provide the last four (4) digits of their Social Security Number, or the entries Federal Tax ID Numbers for the Farm or premium cannot be paid. Number must correspond to exhibitor's name or farm name, or premium check will not be written. Online entry submission is preferred. Separate entry blanks must be used by each exhibitor for each breed and each show. Entry blank must include ALL information requested INCLUDING Social Security Number (Premiums cannot be paid without this information). ****IMPORTANT - Show programs are prepared from this information****
- Registration Papers: Registration papers for Cattle, Breeding Sheep, and Dairy Goats will be checked. Copies of registration papers for each animal must be available during shows. Exhibitors must enter all animals in name or names as shown on registration papers except animals being shown by juniors. These should be entered in Exhibitor's name.
- An exhibitor may show as many animals as he or she has entered in single classes; however, no exhibitor may receive more than two (2) premium payments in a class, except in Beef Cattle classes where three or four animals are shown due to previously combined classes.

RULES & GUIDELINES

ENTRY GUIDELINES (CONTINUED)

- Junior exhibitors showing sheep, beef, and dairy are limited to one (1) animal per class except where animals are sorted by weight.
- Any exhibitor who removes an animal from the show ring before the judge has finished giving reasons for placings will forfeit all premiums for that class.
- If only one animal is shown in a class, the judge will determine the ribbon color (blue, red, etc.) and premium payment based on the quality of the animal.
- In Junior Beef Shows, any breed with two or fewer animals checked in will be transferred to the Commercial or Other Breed Group.
- Do not make entries for championship classes. Only first-place winners in their respective classes are eligible to compete for championships. The second-place animal from the class producing the champion is eligible to compete for Reserve Champion.
- Animals entered as a herd or group do not need to be named at the time of entry. However, all animals in the herd or group must be entered in individual classes, and the exhibitor must indicate the appropriate class number when entering.
- Fair management reserves the right to combine or alter classes that do not meet the minimum requirements of Show. Ex: Only one animal in a class, not enough animals to justify Championship classes, etc.
- Fair Management reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fee before opening day of the Fair without being liable for compensation. Fair Management assumes no responsibility in any controversy involving irregularities or identity other than to make a complete, factual report to the respective breed association on any controversy or irregularities as they may occur.
- Exhibitors must maintain control of animals at all times. The Fair is not responsible, under any circumstances, for animal on exhibition.

FEEDING AND BEDDING

- Each Beef and Dairy Cattle exhibitor gets one (1) FREE tack stall.
- Feeding and Bedding: Fair will furnish, if available, ONE BALE of straw per dairy animal and ONE BALE of straw per pen for sheep. All stalls in Livestock Barn will be bedded with mulch prior to opening of Fair. If available, additional bedding can be purchased.
- Exhibitors will be permitted to bring only a ONE DAY SUPPLY of hay or straw and Fair Management reserves the right to refuse admission of such if, in their judgment, there is an excessive amount. Space in the Livestock Barn is for exhibition purpose and not for storage of feed. Extra feed may be kept in the exhibitor's truck.

RULES & GUIDELINES

OWNERSHIP

- All animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, unless otherwise specified. Exhibitors must provide registration papers or proof of ownership, including transfer documents, if requested.
- For Get-of-Sire and Produce-of-Dam classes, animals are not required to be owned by the exhibitor, except in the Hereford Show. In the Hereford Show, all animals in the Get-of-Sire class must be owned by the exhibitor or an immediate family member. The sire and dam must be named at the time of entry. Proof of ownership, such as a sale receipt or catalog listing, must be provided if requested.
- Firms or co-partnerships must have been in existence for at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry closing date. Firms or co-partnerships formed solely for show purposes will not be recognized. However, cattle bred by a member of a firm or company will be considered as bred by that firm or company.
- No animal may be entered or shown as a purebred unless it is recorded in the recognized breed registry, and any premiums awarded will be paid to the exhibitor or farm listed on the registration.
- For animals calved or born in the current year that are not yet registered, the Fair will accept a copy of the completed registration application. The application must show it has been submitted to the breed association and stamped or otherwise verified by the breed office.

UNLOADING AND LOADING ANIMALS

- Livestock trailers and vehicles will be permitted in Livestock Barn area only for unloading and loading of animals. Paved roadways around Livestock Barn must be left open at all times due to Fire Lane regulation.
- NO parking will be permitted around Livestock Barn after 1 pm daily. NO parking in front of Gate 10; this is fire lane!
- Vehicles violating these rules will be towed at the owner's expense. Livestock vehicles must be parked in the lot below gate 8 and shall remain parked in this area until release time.
- If an exhibitor at another Fair and cannot leave in time arrive at the Carolina Classic Fair by the requested time, please make a note on your entry blank or attach a note listing the name and address of the Fair. Exhibitors must arrive at the Carolina Classic Fair at least 24 hours after the time listed for animals to be in place.

- **Violators not abiding by these preceding rules and the General Rules may be asked to remove their livestock from the Fairgrounds and will forfeit all entry fees and premium payments.**
- **Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily determine and settle all matters.**

ANIMAL ACCEPTANCE & RELEASE

ANIMALS MUST BE IN PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

Animals will not be moved into any building while a show is in progress.

- **Miniature Horses & Ponies:** Friday, October 2 by 5 p.m.
- **Junior Meat Goats:** Friday, October 2 by 7 p.m.; Check-in will be at Sheep & Swine Barn
- **Beef Cattle - Open Show ONLY (Angus/Santa Gertrudis/Other):** Wednesday, October 7 from 8 to 10 a.m.
- **Beef Cattle (Hereford/Simmental/Red Angus):** Wednesday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Junior Beef Heifers & Feeder Steers:** Saturday, October 10 by 12 p.m.
- **Dairy Cattle - Open and Junior Shows (All Breeds):** Sunday, October 4 by 12 p.m.
- **Junior Market Swine:** Friday, October 2 by 7 p.m.
- **Sheep - Open and Junior Shows:** Wednesday, October 7 by 5 p.m.
- **Junior Market Lambs:** Saturday, October 3 by 7 p.m.
- **Junior Commercial Ewes:** Saturday, October 3 by 7 p.m.
- **Dairy Goats - Open Show and Jr Shows:** Saturday, October 10 by 11 a.m.

ANIMALS WILL BE RELEASED AS FOLLOWS:

Animals will not be released from any building while a show is in progress.

- **Miniature Horses & Ponies:** Friday, October 2 after show
- **Junior Meat Goats:** Saturday, October 3 after show
- **Beef Cattle - Open Show (All Breeds):** Friday, October 9 at 8 p.m.
- **Beef Cattle - Junior Show:** Sunday, October 11 at 8 p.m.
- **Junior Feeder Steers:** Saturday, October 10 after show
- **Dairy Cattle - Open and Junior Shows (All Breeds):** Tuesday, October 6 at 8 p.m.
- **Junior Market Swine:** Saturday, October 3 at 7 p.m.
- **Sheep - Open and Junior Shows:** Thursday, October 8 after show
- **Junior Market Lambs:** Saturday, October 4 after show
- **Junior Commercial Ewes:** Sunday, October 5 after show
- **Dairy Goats - Open Show and Junior Shows:** Sunday, October 11 after show

ALL HEALTH REGULATIONS

ALL ANIMALS

- The animal health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) will be strictly enforced, and decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final.
- All animals not meeting the entry requirements, that have an unthrifty nature or are in an unsuitable condition, and/or are exhibiting any signs of disease or illness (including obvious abscesses that are opened or closed, ringworm, sore mouth or any other signs of contagious disease) may be refused entry and will not be allowed in the barn/display, may be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the regulatory veterinarian, show committee, and/or the State Veterinarian.
- During the duration of the Fair, all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm/premise of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian.
- The Fair staff works diligently to prevent diseased animals from entering the fairground, though owners should consider that animals may be exposed to infectious agents while at the Fair. It is a best management practice to keep exhibit animals returning from the Fair separate from your animals at home for 2-3 weeks. By isolating exhibited animals for this time, any animals exposed to disease while at the Fair should show signs of infection during this period. Once this period has passed, they can then be commingled with the animals that remained home.
- All livestock must have a form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch, or microchip readers must be supplied by owner) to enter the Fairgrounds. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Sheep and goats without a scrapie tag or a registration paper with corresponding tattoo or microchip information at the time of check-in will not be allowed. Scrapie Flock ID numbers must be presented at the time of check-in before an approval card can be issued. The Scrapie Flock ID number is not the same as the National or State Premises ID number. To obtain a Scrapie Flock ID number, please see the Goat and Sheep entry requirements section.
- Drug and Chemical Compounds Policy for all NCDA&CS Sponsored Fairs, Exhibitions, and Events. The use of any drug and/or chemical compound in any manner that is not approved by the FDA, including but not limited to indications and directions on species, age, dosage amounts and/or withdrawal times, is illegal and prohibited.

ALL HEALTH REGULATIONS

ALL ANIMALS (CONTINUED)

- The owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or other responsible person must notify show management before the animal is admitted to the livestock or poultry barns if the animal is being administered any drugs or chemical compounds. All treatments must be in accordance with approved FDA guidelines and used solely to protect the health of the animal. Acceptance of the animal for exhibition will be at the discretion of the animal superintendent and the show veterinarian. Approval will depend on factors such as the type of drug or chemical compound being used and proper justification from an accredited veterinarian who has a valid veterinarian–client–patient relationship. Under no circumstances will livestock or poultry be allowed to exhibit if the use of any drug or chemical compound affects the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
- Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and/or responsible persons will be held accountable for the presence of any violative drug residue from their animal and subject to the disposition as specified below:
 - Findings of proof of intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited by the Policy on use of Drugs and Chemical Compounds will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums and prizes.
 - If proof of intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in an illegal and prohibited manner cannot be found on an animal that has been demonstrated by the above detailed laboratory methods to have the presence of such a substance, a first-time offense for a positive test will result in immediate disqualification, and forfeiture of all premiums and prizes. A second-time offense by that exhibitor for any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums and prizes.
- Drug testing at the Fair may include, and is not limited to, the following drugs: Acepromazine, Albuterol, Altrenogest, Azaperone, Balbuterol, Boldenone, Bumetanide, Chlorpromazine and all other tranquilizers, Clenbuterol, Dexamethasone, Flumethasone, Flunixin, Furosemide, Isoetharine, Isoflupredone, Flumethasone, Methylprednisolone, Nandrolone, Paylean (labeled for swine only), Phenylbutazone, Optiflex (labeled for feedlot cattle only), and Terbutaline. Paylean and Optiflex are illegal for use in sheep and goats.

BEEF & DAIRY CATTLE HEALTH REGULATIONS

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- Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth, or any other signs of contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn.
- Cattle from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:
 1. Name and address of exhibitor
 2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or ear tag numbers
 3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge
 4. Information relating to Brucellosis.
 - a. Those cattle which are native to North Carolina need not be tested. (Native meaning those cattle which were born in North Carolina, or which have met North Carolina import requirements)
 - b. Cattle originating from any certified Brucellosis free herd, regardless of the origin, may enter North Carolina, providing the following is recorded on the official certificate:
 - i. The individual identification of each animal
 - ii. The herd certification number
 - iii. The date of the last herd test
 - iv. A permit when otherwise required in the rule.
 - c. Cattle imported from a Class Free State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and need not be tested.
 - d. Cattle imported from a Class A State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and pass a negative official blood test within 60 days prior to entry into North Carolina.
 - e. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Rule, a Brucellosis test is not required for steers or spayed females, and no test prior to entry in the state is required of:
 - i. Cattle under eight (8) months of age
 - ii. Dairy heifers under 20 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis
 - iii. Heifers of the beef breed less than 24 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis;
 5. Information relating to tuberculosis: A test for tuberculosis is not required for cattle which are native to North Carolina. Any cattle over 6 months of age not originating from a Tuberculosis Free state shall be required to have an official tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry, unless from an accredited herd.

BEEF & DAIRY CATTLE HEALTH REGULATIONS

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR CATTLE EXHIBITION

State Veterinarian

NC Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, NC

HEALTH CERTIFICATES MUST BE CHECKED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE ANIMALS BEFORE UNLOADING FROM TRAILER. NO EXCEPTIONS! Health certificates are NOT required for cattle native to North Carolina.

ALL OUT OF STATE CATTLE must be accompanied by an official health certificate signed by an accredited

Veterinarian or an approved State or Federally employed Veterinarian issued within 60 days of entry. A copy of the approved health certificate should be mailed to: State Veterinarian of North Carolina, Box 26026, Raleigh, NC 27611, at least three weeks prior to Carolina Classic Fair opening date (Oct. 2, 2026). The health certificate should contain the following:

- Name and address of exhibitor
- Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or ear tag numbers
- A statement by the Veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of their knowledge
- Information relating to brucellosis:
 - Those cattle which are native to North Carolina need not be tested. (Native meaning those cattle which were born in North Carolina, or which have met North Carolina import requirements.)
 - Cattle originating from any certified brucellosis free herd, regardless of the state of origin, may enter North Carolina, provided that the following information is recorded on the official health certificate:
 - the individual identification of each animal
 - the herd certification number
 - the date of the last herd test
 - a permit when otherwise required in the rule
- Cattle imported from a Class Free State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and need not be tested.
- Cattle imported from a Class A State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and pass a negative official blood test within 60 days of entry into North Carolina. States that are Class A are Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Iowa, Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama, California, South Dakota, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Florida.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule, a brucellosis test is not required for steers or spayed females and no test prior to entry into the state is required of:
 - Cattle under eight months of age
 - Dairy heifers under 20 months of age officially vaccinated against brucellosis
 - Heifers of the beef breed less than 24 months of age and officially vaccinated against brucellosis.
- Information relating to tuberculosis (cattle): A test for tuberculosis is not required for cattle which are native to North Carolina or for those being imported into North Carolina from other states.

HERDSMEN'S AWARDS

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All herdsmen and caretakers in charge of beef and dairy cattle will automatically be considered entrants in this contest. This contest is designed to promote neatness, courtesy, attention to show requirements, and all-around efficiency on the part of personnel in charge of animals on exhibit. The following score card will serve as the basis for the judges in making their decisions in the contest. ALL ITEMS ON THE SCORE CARD WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE WINNERS.

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$40 | 2ND: \$30 | 3RD: \$20 | 4TH: \$10

SCORE CARD

Condition and cleanliness of herd	20
Neatness and cleanliness of herdsmen and helpers	10
Method of keeping feed and supplies	10
Cleanliness of stalls	10
Cleanliness of alleys	10
Promptness in getting animals in and out of show ring	10
Expertness evident in showing livestock	10
Cooperation with officials in showing livestock	10
Courtesy and deportment of herdsmen and helpers	8

Total: 100

ENTRY INFORMATION

DAIRY CATTLE

- Competition is open to the world
- For General Rules and Regulations, see pages 4-6.
- For Entry Fee Information, see page 3.

JUDGING

- All Dairy Cattle must be in place no later than **Sunday, October 4 at 12 p.m.**
- **Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, and Holstein Judging:** Monday, October 5 at 1 p.m.
- **Guernsey and Jersey Breeds Judging:** Tuesday, October 6 at 10 a.m.

RELEASE TIME

- Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODES OF ETHICS

- The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. Additionally, it is an important part of the program of the various dairy breed associations to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding registered dairy cattle. This relates to both spectators and exhibitors. In this connection, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association believes that it is in the best interest of the breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image of their cattle in the show ring.
- REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES. FOR ANIMALS BORN THIS YEAR, FAIR WILL ACCEPT A COPY OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION FROM BREED OFFICE.
- NOTE: Premiums in cow classes will be increased by 50% for all cows that have a "ME" record of 10% above regional breed average for the state of NC. Two-year-olds will qualify for this increase if they have a projected "ME" record that meets the requirements. Exhibitors must bring the lifetime form for each cow or the long monthly herd form for the two-year-olds. Minimum requirements, by breed: AYRSHIRE - 18,796; BROWN SWISS - 22,528; GUERNSEY - 17,183; HOLSTEIN - 26,641; JERSEY - 18,119.

DAIRY CATTLE RULES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- PDCA endorses this code of ethics in all breed shows and will give full cooperative support to the judges and the respective national breed associations to keep show procedures within these guidelines. It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. Conversely, the following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable in the showing of cattle:
 - Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status of the animal for class in which it is shown.
 - Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counterirritant, or other substance to artificially improve the conformation.
 - Surgery or insertion of foreign matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
 - Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
 - Challenging, threatening, or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
 - Excessive manipulation of hair.

The following violation is defined as unethical practice that detracts from the show ring and will be given slight to serious discrimination. Exhibitors will be asked to undo or remove the manipulation before they enter the ring or the judge will give the animal discrimination in class by lowering the animal's class rank:

- Setting teats or manipulating a teat to alter its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length is an unacceptable practice.
- The following minor violations are considered to detract from the image of the show when carried to excess and will be given slight to moderate discrimination by the judge when placing animals:
 - Improper fitting practices, such as overfilling and over bagging.
 - Use of artificial hair except for false switches.
 - Mistreatment of an animal.
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen.
- Practices which should be encouraged to enhance the image of the show:
 - Establish uniform dress code for exhibitors in the show ring.
 - Recognize good herdsmanship and exhibits in the barn. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.
- Violations of these policies are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the appropriate dairy breed association and/or show management.

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

DAIRY CATTLE AGE AND GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

SPRING HEIFER CALF - Born between March 1-May 31, 2026

WINTER HEIFER CALF - Born after November 30, 2025, and before March 1, 2026

FALL HEIFER CALF - Born between August 31-December 1, 2025

SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER - Born after May 31, 2025, and before September 1, 2025

SPRING YEARLING HEIFER - Born after February 28, 2025, and before June 1, 2025

WINTER YEARLING HEIFER - Born after November 30, 2024, and before March 1, 2025

FALL YEARLING HEIFER - Born after August 31, 2024, and before December 1, 2024

JUNIOR BEST 3 FEMALES - All bred and owned by exhibitor and coming from classes eligible for Junior Champion. Each exhibition limited to one entry.

BEST UDDER - The judge will select a first and second place animal based on udder alone from each of the following milk classes. All cows in the class will be considered, and no entry is needed. If, in the opinion of the judge, the quality of the udders being considered is not worthy of the award, then no award will be made.

FALL YEARLING HEIFER IN MILK - Fall Yearling in Milk Born after August 1, 2024, and before December 1, 2024

COW, JR., 2-YEAR-OLD - Born after February 28, 2024, and before September 1, 2024

COW, SR., 2-YEAR-OLD - Born after August 31, 2023, and before March 1, 2024

COW, JR. 3-YEAR-OLD - Born after March 1, 2023, and before August 31, 2023

COW, SR. 3-YEAR-OLD - Born after September 1, 2022, and before February 29, 2023

COW, 4-YEAR-OLD - Born after August 31, 2021, and before September 1, 2022

AGED COW, 5-YEAR-OLD & OVER - Born before September 1, 2021, DRY COW, Any Age

BREEDER'S HERD OF FIVE FEMALES - Group of 5 females any age and must be owned, and three must be bred by the exhibitor with a maximum of 3 animals that have freshened. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

****In milking classes, to be eligible to show, all cows must be milking and those 36 months of age or older must have produced a calf to maturity within the last 15 months prior to the opening date of the show.**

PREMIUMS & AWARDS

DAIRY CATTLE AGE AND GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

PREMIER EXHIBITOR'S AWARD - The exhibitor winning the most points, not to exceed six animals owned and exhibited by himself/herself or members of family in the open single classes, shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. The scale of points will be the same as that for determining Premier Breeder.

PREMIER BREEDER'S AWARD - The breeder winning the most points, not to exceed six animals in the open single classes, shall be designated the Premier Breeder. The point system for determining Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor is as follows:

SPRING FEMALES

POINTS: 1ST: 20 | 2ND: 18 | 3RD: 16 | 4TH: 14 | 5TH: 12 | 6TH: 10 | 7TH: 8 | 8TH: 6 | 9TH: 4 | 10TH: 2

JUNIOR FEMALES

POINTS: 1ST: 10 | 2ND: 9 | 3RD: 8 | 4TH: 7 | 5TH: 6 | 6TH: 5 | 7TH: 4 | 8TH: 3 | 9TH: 2 | 10TH: 1

PREMIUM AWARDS (ALL BREEDS)

1ST: \$70 | 2ND: \$65 | 3RD: \$60 | 4TH: \$55 | 5TH: \$50

PREMIUM AWARDS (BREEDER'S HERD OF FIVE ANIMALS)

1ST: \$200 | 2ND: \$175 | 3RD: \$150 | 4TH: \$125 | 5TH: \$100

6TH: \$75 | 7TH: \$50 | 8TH: \$25 | 9TH: \$25 | 10TH: \$25

CATEGORIES: GUERNSEY

SECTION 100

GUERNSEY OPEN DAIRY SHOW

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$70 | 2ND: \$65 | 3RD: \$60 | 4TH: \$55 | 5TH: \$50

- 001. Heifer - Spring Calf
- 002. Heifer - Winter Calf
- 003. Heifer - Fall Calf
- 004. Heifer - Summer Yearling
- 005. Heifer - Spring Yearling
- 006. Heifer - Winter Yearling
- 007. Heifer - Fall Yearling
Female - Jr. Champion & Reserve*
- 008. Jr. Best Three Females
- 009. Fall Yearling in Milk
- 010. Cow - Jr. 2 years
- 011. Cow - Sr. 2 years
- 012. Cow - Jr. 3 years
- 013. Cow - Sr. 3 years
- 014. Cow - 4 years
- 015. Cow - 5 years and over
- 016. Dry Cow - Any Age
Female - Sr. Champion & Reserve*
Female - Grand Champion & Reserve***/**

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$200 | 2ND: \$175 | 3RD: \$150 | 4TH: \$125 | 5TH: \$100
6TH: \$75 | 7TH: \$50 | 8TH: \$25 | 9TH: \$25 | 10TH: \$25**

- 020. Breeder's Herd of Five Females
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* RIBBON

** ROSETTE - Reserve Grand & Jr. Champions & Reserve

*** BANNER - Grand Champions - Open Show & Premier Exhibitor & Premier Breeder
Three-Year-Old Class and Dry Cow Class will be divided if ten (10) or more are checked in.
Premiums will come from Honorable Mention Awards. Total not to exceed \$300.

*** BANNER: Premier Breeder

*** BANNER: Premier Exhibitor

CATEGORIES: HOLSTEIN

SECTION 101

HOLSTEIN OPEN DAIRY SHOW

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$70 | 2ND: \$65 | 3RD: \$60 | 4TH: \$55 | 5TH: \$50

- 021. Heifer - Spring Calf
- 022. Heifer - Winter Calf
- 023. Heifer - Fall Calf
- 024. Heifer - Summer Yearling
- 025. Heifer - Spring Yearling
- 026. Heifer - Winter Yearling
- 027. Heifer - Fall Yearling
Female - Jr. Champion & Reserve*
- 028. Jr. Best Three Females
- 029. Fall Yearling in Milk
- 030. Cow - Jr. 2 years
- 031. Cow - Sr. 2 years
- 032. Cow - Jr. 3 years
- 033. Cow - Sr. 3 years
- 034. Cow - 4 years
- 035. Cow - 5 years and over
- 036. Dry Cow - Any Age
Female - Sr. Champion & Reserve*
Female - Grand Champion & Reserve***/**

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$200 | 2ND: \$175 | 3RD: \$150 | 4TH: \$125 | 5TH: \$100
6TH: \$75 | 7TH: \$50 | 8TH: \$25 | 9TH: \$25 | 10TH: \$25**

- 040. Breeder's Herd of Five Females

* RIBBON

** ROSETTE - Reserve Grand & Jr. Champions & Reserve

*** BANNER - Grand Champions - Open Show & Premier Exhibitor & Premier Breeder
Three-Year-Old Class and Dry Cow Class will be divided if ten (10) or more are checked in.
Premiums will come from Honorable Mention Awards. Total not to exceed \$300.

*** BANNER: Premier Breeder

*** BANNER: Premier Exhibitor

CATEGORIES: JERSEY

SECTION 102

JERSEY OPEN DAIRY SHOW

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$70 | 2ND: \$65 | 3RD: \$60 | 4TH: \$55 | 5TH: \$50

- 041.** Heifer - Spring Calf
- 042.** Heifer - Winter Calf
- 043.** Heifer - Fall Calf
- 044.** Heifer - Summer Yearling
- 045.** Heifer - Spring Yearling
- 046.** Heifer - Winter Yearling
- 047.** Heifer - Fall Yearling
Female - Jr. Champion & Reserve*
- 049.** Jr. Best Three Females
- 050.** Fall Yearling in Milk
- 051.** Cow - Jr. 2 years
- 052.** Cow - Sr. 2 years
- 053.** Cow - Jr. 3 years
- 054.** Cow - Sr. 3 years
- 055.** Cow - 4 years
- 056.** Cow - 5 years and over
- 057.** Dry Cow - Any Age
Female - Sr. Champion & Reserve*
Female - Grand Champion & Reserve***/**

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$200 | 2ND: \$175 | 3RD: \$150 | 4TH: \$125 | 5TH: \$100
6TH: \$75 | 7TH: \$50 | 8TH: \$25 | 9TH: \$25 | 10TH: \$25

- 060.** Breeder's Herd of Five Females

* RIBBON

**** ROSETTE** - Reserve Grand & Jr. Champions & Reserve

***** BANNER** - Grand Champions - Open Show & Premier Exhibitor & Premier Breeder
Three-Year-Old Class and Dry Cow Class will be divided if ten (10) or more are checked in.
Premiums will come from Honorable Mention Awards. Total not to exceed \$300.

***** BANNER:** Premier Breeder

***** BANNER:** Premier Exhibitor

CATEGORIES: AYRSHIRE

SECTION 103

AYRSHIRE OPEN DAIRY SHOW

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$70 | 2ND: \$65 | 3RD: \$60 | 4TH: \$55 | 5TH: \$50

- 061. Heifer - Spring Calf
- 062. Heifer - Winter Calf
- 063. Heifer - Fall Calf
- 064. Heifer - Summer Yearling
- 065. Heifer - Spring Yearling
- 066. Heifer - Winter Yearling
- 067. Heifer - Fall Yearling
 - Female - Jr. Champion & Reserve*
- 068. Jr. Best Three Females
- 069. Fall Yearling in Milk
- 070. Cow - Jr. 2 years
- 071. Cow - Sr. 2 years
- 072. Cow - Jr. 3 years
- 073. Cow - Sr. 3 years
- 074. Cow - 4 years
- 075. Cow - 5 years and over
- 076. Dry Cow - Any Age
 - Female - Sr. Champion & Reserve*
 - Female - Grand Champion & Reserve***/**

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$200 | 2ND: \$175 | 3RD: \$150 | 4TH: \$125 | 5TH: \$100
6TH: \$75 | 7TH: \$50 | 8TH: \$25 | 9TH: \$25 | 10TH: \$25

- 080. Breeder's Herd of Five Females
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* RIBBON

**** ROSETTE** - Reserve Grand & Jr. Champions & Reserve

***** BANNER** - Grand Champions - Open Show & Premier Exhibitor & Premier Breeder
Three-Year-Old Class and Dry Cow Class will be divided if ten (10) or more are checked in.
Premiums will come from Honorable Mention Awards. Total not to exceed \$300.

***** BANNER:** Premier Breeder

***** BANNER:** Premier Exhibitor

CATEGORIES: BROWN SWISS

SECTION 104

BROWN SWISS OPEN DAIRY SHOW

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$55 | 2ND: \$50 | 3RD: \$45 | 4TH: \$40 | 5TH: \$35
6TH: \$30 | 7TH: \$25 | 8TH: \$20 | 9TH: \$15 | 10TH: \$10

- 081. Heifer - Spring Calf
- 082. Heifer - Winter Calf
- 083. Heifer - Fall Calf
- 084. Heifer - Summer Yearling
- 085. Heifer - Spring Yearling
- 086. Heifer - Winter Yearling
- 087. Heifer - Fall Yearling
Female - Jr. Champion & Reserve*
- 088. Jr. Best Three Females
- 089. Fall Yearling in Milk
- 090. Cow - Jr. 2 years
- 091. Cow - Sr. 2 years
- 092. Cow - Jr. 3 years
- 093. Cow - Sr. 3 years
- 094. Cow - 4 years
- 095. Cow - 5 years and over
- 096. Dry Cow - Any Age
Female - Sr. Champion & Reserve*
Female - Grand Champion & Reserve***/**

PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$200 | 2ND: \$175 | 3RD: \$150 | 4TH: \$125 | 5TH: \$100
6TH: \$75 | 7TH: \$50 | 8TH: \$25 | 9TH: \$25 | 10TH: \$25

- 100. Breeder's Herd of Five Females
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* RIBBON

** ROSETTE - Reserve Grand & Jr. Champions & Reserve

*** BANNER - Grand Champions - Open Show & Premier Exhibitor & Premier Breeder

Three-Year-Old Class and Dry Cow Class will be divided if ten (10) or more are checked in.

Premiums will come from Honorable Mention Awards. Total not to exceed \$300.

*** BANNER: Premier Breeder

*** BANNER: Premier Exhibitor