

# 2024 DAIRY

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## Important Dates:

- April 4 – Fair Entry Due for Dairy Beef Feeder
- April 6 - Weigh In for Dairy Beef Feeders - 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
  - Ear tags provided by the Marion County Fair Sale Committee.
  - All calves will be given mandatory vaccines (IBR, BVD, PI3 and BRSV) at weigh-in, at exhibitor's expense. Cost will be mailed prior to weigh-in.
  - Limit of 5 dairy feeders may be weighed and tagged per exhibitor.
- May 1 – Dairy Breeding Animals Fair Entries Due
- June 1 – Jr Fair and Livestock Royalty Applications Due
- June 6 – Livestock Skillathon – 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- June 9 – Livestock Skillathon – 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- June 17 – Livestock Skillathon – 5:00 – 8:00 PM
  - Need to attend one Skillathon to show at the Marion County Fair

## Quality Assurance Dates:

- February 19 – River Valley High School at 6:30 PM
- March 5 – Evers Arena at 6:00 PM
- March 19 – Test out option – Extension Office at 6:00 PM
  - Register for Test out by contacting the Extension Office by March 15
- April 11 – Elgin at 6:30 PM
- May 15 – Evers Arena at 5:30 PM
- **May 17 – LAST DAY FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE ELIGIBILITY**

## Fair Dates:

- June 30 – Dairy Check-In at the Marion County Fairgrounds - 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- June 30 – Dairy Feeder Weigh In at the Marion County Fairgrounds – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- June 30 – Mandatory Beef Exhibitor meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- July 1 – Dairy Feeder Obstacle Course – 1:00 p.m.
- July 3 – Dairy Showmanship followed by Dairy Breeding Classes; Dairy Feeder Showmanship followed by Dairy Feeder Market Classes – 9:00 a.m.
- July 3 – Dairy Feeder Back to Farm Sale – 6:00 p.m. – South End of the Dairy Barn

## Dairy Projects:

### 117DF - DAIRY BEEF FEEDER

**PROJECT:** The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by April 4. Complete the members project guide requirements as indicated in the project book and specifically the general project guidelines. Members are required to be physically involved daily in watering, feeding, and decision making for the care of their project animals.

*EXHIBIT:* The member is encouraged to enter and exhibit up to two eligible feeder calves meeting the age requirements and possession date requirements. Members are also encouraged to enter showmanship. Record books must be completed up to date to be eligible to exhibit.

### **REQUIRED RESOURCE BOOK FOR DAIRY FEEDER PROJECT**

117R Beef Resource Handbook for Market, Breeding and Feeder Calf Projects - Order the book only once. It contains essential subject matter information for members taking a market, breeding, beef feeder or dairy feeder calf project. This is an excellent resource for skillathons. There is a cost charged to the member for this quality resource book.

### **127 - DAIRY CALVES, HEIFERS AND COWS PROJECT AND RECORD BOOK**

*PROJECT:* The member is required to have physical possession or per terms of lease agreement of the project animal by MAY 1. The members are required to be physically involved daily in watering, feeding and decision making for the care of their project animals.

*EXHIBIT:* Enter and exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the respective 4-H dairy project in as many classes as they are eligible including showmanship

### **REQUIRED RECORD BOOKS FOR DAIRY PROJECTS**

127R Dairy Resource Handbook - Order only once and use for several years. It contains essential subject matter information for members taking a dairy project. This is an excellent resource for skillathons.

### **SKILLATHON:**

Youth are required to attend and participate in at least one skillathon to complete their project and be eligible for exhibition at the Marion County Fair. To exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, all county requirements must be met.

An alternative completion option is available for those that cannot attend the appropriate skillathon by contacting the Extension Office to set up an appointment. Those who participate in the alternative completion option will be ineligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.

To be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, youth must participate in each skillathon for the desired specie. For example, if Margo wants to be eligible for both market lamb and market swine OME, she must participate in both the sheep and swine skillathon.

### **2024 Family Rule Beef, Dairy/Dairy Feeder, Goat, Sheep Departments**

- A family (siblings residing at the same address) may enter/tag up to the maximum number of animals for that department. These animals will be tagged or entered under the family name. Family entry forms for animals that are tagged/weighed in will be provided at the weigh in. This includes market beef, dairy feeders, market goats and market sheep. Family entry forms for breeding beef, breeding dairy and breeding sheep will be included in the Project Information pages.
- Each individual exhibitor will submit an entry form with the number of animals he or she is planning to show (up to the department maximum).
- Upon entering the fairgrounds, each exhibitor must declare which animal(s) he or she will be showing. No changes will be allowed after this time.

- The animals declared must have been entered on the family weigh-in/entry form and tagged/weighed if required.
- This rule allows for exhibitors to show the animal that is most suited to their skill level. It also allows an exhibitor to still be able to show and sell an animal should one of theirs die or be hurt prior to the fair.

### **GENERAL RULES FOR MARION COUNTY FAIR DAIRY SHOW**

1. All animals must be free of evidence of contagious or infectious disease
2. All pens must be cleaned daily by 8:00 a.m. and water must be available for animals. (This means cleaning out old shavings/straw, feeding animals, and water.)
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed and care for his/her animal(s) at exhibitor's risk until the animal is released
4. All animals must be double tied when in their stall
5. All junior calves must have a neck halter when in their stall
6. Must use water buckets provided by the Junior Fair Board
7. Must have at least five animals entered by three different exhibitors to have live animal show
8. All Feeder calves must be male and must be dehorned and castrated, and weigh less than 650 lbs.
  - a. 117F –Beef Feeder Calf under 650 pounds

### **DAIRY FEEDER RULES AND INFORMATION/CLASSES**

1. Dairy feeder calves must weigh more than 350 pounds and less than 650 pounds.
2. Dairy feeder calves must be male, dehorned, and castrated (no clamping) by April 6 (before weigh-in).
3. Dairy feeder classes will be limited to Purebred Ayrshire, Holstein, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Jersey or crossbreeds of these five (no beef or beef crosses).
4. All dairy feeder calves are to be vaccinated for the following, shortly after purchase: IBR, BVD, PI3, and BRSV. All calves will be vaccinated again at the weigh-in at the exhibitor's expense.
5. Dairy Feeder Showmanship will be judged using beef showmanship standards and criteria.
6. Overall Grand and reserve champions will be drug tested immediately following conclusion of the show.
  - a. 117DF – Dairy Feeder Market Class Division Champions will not sell in the Sale of Champions
7. Grooming crates and blow dryers for dairy feeders is prohibited at the Marion County Fair
8. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be tested immediately after placing.

### **DAIRY FEEDER OBSTACLE COURSE**

Monday, July , 1:00 p.m. - Fun class of animal handling, open to all dairy exhibitors. Skills required are: leading a calf through pylons, gates, straw bales, and a final proper slip knot tie off. Winner will be based on the lowest time to complete all obstacles. Prizes will be awarded to first place in each age division.

### **DAIRY FEEDER SHOWMANSHIP**

	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Senior Showmanship (16+ years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
2. Intermediate Showmanship (14-15 years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
3. Junior Showmanship (11-13 years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
4. Beginners Showmanship (8-10 year as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
5. Showman of Showmen	5.00	4.00	3.00
6. Parent/Advisor Showman of Showmen	No Premium		

## 7. Pee Wee Showmanship

No Premium

**DAIRY BREEDING RULES AND INFORMATION**

1. Dairy will show by classes, all breeds together.
2. Dry cows and cows in milk are not required to be in attendance on the fairgrounds until the day of show by 8:30 a.m. and may leave the same day following completion of the dairy breeding show.

**DAIRY BREEDING CLASSES**

- Class 122 A - Junior calf born after March 1, 2024
- Class 122 B - Intermediate calf born between December 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024
- Class 122 C - Senior calf born between September 1 and November 30, 2023
- Class 122 D - Junior Yearling born between March 1 and August 31, 2023
- Class 122 E - Senior Yearling born between September 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023
- Class 126 A - Two-year-old born between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022
- Class 126 B - Three-year-old cow born between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021
- Class 126 C - Four-year-old cow born between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020
- Class 126 D - Aged cow born before September 1, 2019
- Class 126 E - Young herd (one entry to consist of 3 females and at least one in milk)

\*Dairy Department reserves the right to adjust classes depending on the entries.

**DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP**

	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Senior Showmanship (14+ years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
2. Junior Showmanship (8-13 years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
3. Showman of Showmen	5.00	4.00	3.00
4. Parent/Advisor Showman of Showmen	No Premium		
5. Pee Wee Showmanship	No Premium		

Class Premiums: A - \$4.00      B - \$3.00      C - No Premium

