

**Dairy/Tack/Displays released Saturday night 10-11pm & Sunday 9 am to noon  
No Dairy/Displays/Tack to be taken down/packed up/removed from building before 10 pm  
Saturday (Includes decorations, tools, supplies, animals, etc.)**

**HOWEVER, ALL DAIRY EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT SUNDAY morning to clean up and  
help fold/stack pens.**

**Then, sign out with Department Superintendent.**

**EXHIBITORS who fail to comply with the above or fail to sign out will  
FORFEIT PREMIUMS**



## DAIRY DEPARTMENT RULES

DEPT 17	Dairy Cows and Heifers
DEPT 18	Dairy Steers
DEPT 19	Dairy Goats

### Dairy General Rules:

1. See [General Rules and Regulations](#)
2. **Show Attire:** 4-H exhibitors must wear approved uniforms at all times while in show ring, as clearly stated in Rule #23 of the General Rules and Regulations.
3. **Note: All entries are subject to Animal Health Requirements for Admission to MD Fairs and Shows.** Ringworm, Warts, and Skin Infections will be reasons for rejection from the show. Health papers are required and will be checked.
4. All Dairy breeding animals must be registered with the appropriate breed association in the name of the 4-H member exhibiting the animal by July 1 of the current year. Registration papers are required and will be checked.
5. All Dairy Market and Feeder Steers must be owned and registered by January 1 of the current year, except Dairy Feeder Steers in Class #1801 which must be owned and registered by May 1 of the current year.
6. **Leased Dairy animals** must have a Lease Agreement signed and on file in the County Extension Office by June 1 of the project year which will be in effect for a twelve (12) month period. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the Sponsor and Lessee prior to entering the animal at any Dairy Show to insure that responsibilities are being carried out by the Lessee. The sponsor will sign for Lessee Compliance in the Lease Agreement and a **copy of the Lease Agreement must be mailed to Valerie Harlan.**
7. Exhibitors are limited to **one (1) entry per Dairy Cow and Heifer classes, two (2) entries per Dairy Goat classes, (2) Market Steers, and (2) Feeder Steers.** Each animal must be shown by the owner. Exhibitors with more than one entry in a class may have another 4-H exhibitor of the same age or younger show an animal. A leased animal may be exhibited in the appropriate Calf and Yearling Classes. An animal may be shown in the Cow classes only if the 4-H youth leased the animal as a Calf or Yearling.
8. **All 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place Market Animals must be presented for selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champions.**
9. **All exhibits must be in place on Wednesday by 9:30 pm, except Dairy Cows.**
  - Animal Exhibitors must have registration and health papers available at all times.
  - ALL REQUIRED EAR TAGS (farm tag, 4-H tag, RFID tag, scrapie tag) MUST BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR GROUNDS. Animals without required tags upon arrival to the Fair Grounds will not be permitted on the grounds. In the event that any animal loses the tag prior to the Fair, the 4-H Extension Educator must be notified immediately.

- In addition, all Cattle (registered or commercial) must have the US official RFID tag via the producer or vet as required by MDA. **NO NON-RFID TAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
  - All goats are required to have appropriate scrapie identification.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals while on the Fairgrounds. All stalls must be cleaned before the exhibitors' animals will be released by the Department Superintendent or premiums will be forfeited.
  11. **Exhibitors must do their own fitting, including clipping, to be eligible to exhibit in fitting and showing and breed classes. Another 4-H member may assist with fitting. A UME approved volunteer or parent may provide direction and/or assist with the control of the animal only while being fitted.**
  12. Animals are to be kept in their pens or designated areas at all times except for show time or walking to the wash racks. Animals should never be walked in other areas of the barns or Fairgrounds. This is for the safety of both the General Public and the Animal.
  13. Animals being shown in Fitting & Showing classes must be entered and shown in individual breed & age class.
  14. Exhibits may be used for judging classes during the Dairy Judging Contest.

### **HERDSMAN AWARD**

#### **COW PALACE BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP AND SWINE HERDSMAN AWARD**

**Sponsored by the Warns Family  
Exhibitors automatically entered**

Each category is worth 10 points each. Exhibitors' areas will be judged approximately 3 times per day unannounced, at any time of the day, by unbiased individuals as well as the Dept. Superintendents. The scores from each day will be totaled at the end of the fair and the winner will be announced. Exhibitor's name must be clearly identified to be judged.

#### **Judging Criteria:**

1. **Cleanliness and care of Animal**
2. **Cleanliness of Bedding**
3. **Cleanliness of Feed/Tack Area & Central Aisle**
4. **Attractiveness of Exhibitor's assigned area**
5. **Breed Promotion / Educational Display**
6. **Assigned area and Display identified with exhibitor's name**