DAIRY

2026

COMMITTEE: Jennifer Buckley, chair, Don Bickel, Corey Buckley, Robyn Danku & Jim Wilson

March 15	**Enrollment Deadline**
May 1	**Project Entries Due to OSU Extension Office**
May 1	**Possession Date**
May 1	**Dairy Ambassador Applications Due, to OSU Extension Office**
May 19	**Dairy Ambassador Contest: 4:30 p.m. interviews, Contest at 7:00 p.m. OSU Extension Office**
June 16	**Skillathon, 6-8 p.m., Fairground-Hog Barn**
July 10	**Project Arrival: Friday, 12:00 p.m., to 11:00 p.m. Fairground-LEC OR**
July 11	**Project Arrival: Saturday, following the Open Beef Show to Sunday, 8:00 a.m., Fairground-LEC**
July 12	**All Projects in Place: Sunday, 8:00 a.m., Fairground-LEC**
July 12	**Barn Meeting, Sunday, 10:00 a.m., Fairground-LEC**
July 15	**Showmanship, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Fairground-LEC**
July 15	**All Breeds Jr. Show: (Alternating Breed Classes): Wednesday, Following Showmanship, Fairground-LEC**
July 16	**Costume Class & Ice Cream Party, Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC**
July 17	**Dairy Cattle Released: Friday, 11:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC**
July 18	**Sale of Champions: Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC** **Sale order: All grand champions & reserve grand champions, goat, lamb, beef, poultry, rabbit, dairy & swine** **No equipment or projects are to be moved during the Junior Fair Livestock Sales.**

Dairy Rules

1. May 1 entries include:
    a. For animals, 1. entry form with official id: EID/tattoo.
    b. Animals can be registered or grade. (All animals must have a tattoo or EID.)
    c. Animals must be entered in 4honline.
2. May 1 lease forms include: 1. lease agreement and 2. photo of project animal
3. All Jr. Fair registered animals must be registered in the member's name and/or signed lease forms. All entries will be checked.
4. All animals must have been completely and fully owned or leased including all showing rights by the exhibitor. All exhibitors must provide for complete and continual care of their animal(s) on and after **May 1,** current year.
5. Exhibitors with registered animals should have registration papers available if needed.
6. An exhibitor may show a maximum of two animals per class with no limit on total number of animals that can be shown.
7. Members are required to wear white for show; no advertising in showmanship.
8. **No straw** will be permitted.
9. Registration for showmanship will be taken during the barn meeting.
10. Showmanship participants must show his/her own Jr. Fair project animals. The showmanship divisions are as follows:
    a. Senior Showmanship 14-18 years old
    b. Intermediate Showmanship 12-13 years old
    c. Junior Showmanship 10-11 years old
    d. Beginner Showmanship 8-9 years old
11. Each Jr. Fair exhibitor is responsible for his/her animals. Stalls must be properly bedded and aisles clear at all times.
12. Dairy members may participate in the dairy sale and are eligible to sell 1 project in the junior fair sale. Exhibitors wanting to participate in the junior fair livestock sale must participate in showmanship and dairy show.
13. The Lawrence Dean-Quallen Memorial Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor Award divisions are as follows:
    a. a. Senior Division 14-18 years old
    b. b. Junior Division 8-13 years old

    The Lawrence Dean-Quallen Memorial Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor Award will be determined using three 25-point categories:

    •Top placing animal – one animal only, any breed. 1st, 25 pts. 2nd, 20 pts., 3rd, 15 pts., 4th, 10 pts.,5th, 5 pts.

    •Showmanship, one class only. 1st, 25 pts. 2nd, 20 pts., 3rd, 15 pts., 4th, 10 pts., 5th, 5 pts.

•Skillathon, a 25 point test will be set up by the Dairy Committee. Only the test score from the designate date will be used. Those not taking the Skillathon at the county date are ineligible for this award. See Livestock Rules for additional Skillathon regulations.
Any overall tiebreaker will be determined by the Skillathon score.
•An individual cannot win in their division two consecutive years.

14. The Dairy Committee is responsible for interpretation of these rules.
15. Additional rules are under Junior Fair Rules and Livestock Rules.

Classes

- Spring Heifer Calf, Born on or after March 1, 2026 and over 3 months of age
- Winter Heifer Calf, born Dec. 1, 2025 thru Feb. 28, 2026
- Fall Heifer Calf, born Sept. 1 thru Nov. 30, 2025
- Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1 thru Aug. 31, 2025
- Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1, thru May 31, 2025
- Winter Yearling, born Dec. 1, 2024 thru Feb. 28, 2025
- Fall Yearling Heifer, born Sept. 1, 2024 thru Nov. 30, 2024
- Junior Two Year Old Cow, born March 1 thru Aug. 31, 2024
- Senior Two Year Old Cow, born Sept. 1, 2023 thru Feb. 28, 2024
- Junior Three Year Old Cow, born March 1 thru Aug. 31, 2023
- Senior Three Year Old Cow, born Sept. 1, 2022 thru Feb. 28, 2023
- Four Year Old Cow born Sept. 1, 2021 thru Aug. 31, 2022
- Aged cow, Five Year Old and over, born before Sept. 1, 2021

Breeds: Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorn and Red & White.