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JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY CATTLE

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1. Entry Day – **Wednesday, August 26**. Animals must be in place by 12pm (noon) in the Dairy Cattle Barn. Animals may be stalled starting at 4pm on Tuesday. The milk parlor will be open starting at 5am on Entry Day (Wednesday).
2. Judging Day – **Friday, August 28**, *starting with the cow classes* at 9am, Ice Center. **Showmanship judging on Thursday following Open Class Dairy**, Ice Center.
3. Release Day – **Sunday, August 30**, starting at 5:30pm. Please note – straw and bedding must be pulled at least two (2) feet away from the head of the stall at the conclusion of fair.
4. All decorations must fit on the 11-12 inch furnished boards, they cannot be any wider than the boards. Hanging Display Signs must include Club Name. **Displays may not be removed any earlier than 5:30pm.**
5. If valid registration papers are not presented to the Dairy Superintendent by 5pm on Wednesday (entry day), the registered animal will not be allowed to be shown.
6. Animals exhibited in Open Class, cannot be shown in Junior Fair, this includes showmanship.
7. Stalls will be assigned by the Junior Fair Dairy Cattle Superintendent. All exhibitors must show with the youth organization whose leader approved the entry. Junior Fair exhibitors must keep dairy cattle with the Junior Fair exhibit.
8. Each exhibitor must care for and feed the animal or make arrangements to have the animal fed or cared for and cleaned. **All animals must be kept clean, fed, watered and in place until checkout time on Sunday. An inspection will be done daily after 8am by the Superintendent. If an animal is determined to be neglected in any way by the Superintendent and/or Expo board member, the Exhibitor will be notified. Failure to keep pen clean and animal fed could result in forfeiture of premiums and possibly excluded from participation the following fair year.**
9. Junior Fair dairy exhibitors may enter six (6) animals, but may show a maximum of four (4) animals. Each exhibitor must pay a manure fee per animal, with a maximum of four (4) animals. **Exhibitors may enter two (2) animals per lot number, but only one (1) animal per lot number may be exhibited.**
10. In all breed classes, grade and purebreds will be shown together.
11. Animals shown in the Red and White Holstein classes must have a red and white haircoat.
12. Champion Ribbons and/or trophies will not be awarded to animals unless there is competition, but the animal is eligible for consideration for champion.
13. All dairy animals exhibited must be the exhibitors own Junior Fair Dairy project.
14. ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE A PERMANENT ID NUMBER, EAR TAG OR TATTOO TO BE SHOWN AT FAIR AND INFORMATION MUST BE NOTATED ON PREMISE ID FORM.
15. HEALTH REGULATIONS: See WI County, District, and State Fairs **2026** Animal Health Rules and Regulations located on the website. Any required health certificates/copies must remain in the Expo office during the fair.
16. All lactating dairy cattle moved to fairs, shows, and/or exhibitions in Wisconsin are required to have a negative Influenza A test on milk samples from an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) collected within seven (7) days of movement. Official ID is required for Influenza A testing. Requirements can be found at [Animal Health Regulations Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin](#).
17. It is suggested that at least thirty (30) days prior to the Manitowoc County Fair, all dairy animals receive a 9-way and a Pasturella vaccination. The 9-way vaccine may be administered as either a modified live (one injection needed) or a killed vaccine (initial injection followed two-four weeks later with a booster). Modified live vaccines should be used on non-pregnant animals only. Please consult your veterinarian.

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18. State regulations prohibit the sale of milk for human consumption that is produced other than in proper facilities. The dairy cattle exhibitors have voted that the proceeds from the sale of milk produced at the fair be used to improve dairy facilities. Thank you for your cooperation!
19. Finish or touch up clipping will be allowed in designated areas by exhibitors, family members and/or leaders. It is recommended that body clipping be done prior to the fair.
20. Dairy exhibitors must show their own Junior Fair Dairy animals. For selection of Junior, Senior, and Grand Champion, a Junior Fair Exhibitor must show the animal. The same animal must be used in all heats and finals. If assistance is needed, it will be provided by the ring help.
21. Unruly animals may be asked to leave the ring. The judge has the authority to discuss with the superintendent and/or assistant superintendent to discuss these issues with possible result to leave the ring.
22. **JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS MUST WEAR WHITES AND THEIR EXHIBITOR NUMBERS WHILE SHOWING. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM FORFEITURE, DISQUALIFICATION, AND/OR BEING PLACED LAST IN THE CLASS! Rule violations will be dealt with as soon as possible by the dairy superintendent and/or the assistant superintendent.**
23. Culvers Futurity animals must enter in Lot number 157-163 **OR** register under Dept 101, Class H, Lot 114. To register for future Futurity shows, please visit the [Fair Website](#) and complete the Dairy Futurity Entry Form.
24. All Dairy Leaders must call the Dairy Superintendent no later than **August 6** with the number of cows, yearlings and calves to be exhibited.
25. There must be fifteen (15) animals entered per breed in order to have their own show.
26. All county dairy exhibitors must attend a YQCA training between September 1, 2025 through August 15, 2026 of the fair year.
27. Late Arrival Request – If show animal(s) is participating at Wisconsin Summer Championship Show, exhibitor **MUST** submit a Late Arrival Request letter to the Manitowoc County Fair office via email to JennellShelton@manitowoccountywi.gov no later than July 15. Requests will be reviewed at the August Board meeting.

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CLASSIFICATIONS

June Calf	Born between June 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026
Spring Calf	Born between March 1, 2026 and May 31, 2026
Winter Calf	Born between December 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026
Fall Calf	Born between September 1, 2025 and November 30, 2025
Summer Yearling	Born between June 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025
Spring Yearling	Born between March 1, 2025 and May 31, 2025
Winter Yearling	Born between December 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025
Fall Yearling	Born between September 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024

Fall Yearlings that have calved will be shown as Two Year Olds

Two Year Old Cow	Born between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024
3 Year Old Cow	Born between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023
4 Year Old Cow	Born between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022
Aged Cows – 5 Year Old and Older	Born before August 31, 2021

FRIDAY'S SHOW SCHEDULE STARTS WITH LOT #150 – COW CLASSES at 9am

CLASS A: DAIRY CATTLE

Premium for Lot Numbers 101-149 are as follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$11.00 Red Ribbon - \$9.00 White Ribbon - \$7.00 Pink Ribbon - \$5.00

Premium for Lot Numbers 150-177 are as follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$12.00 Red Ribbon - \$10.00 White Ribbon - \$8.00 Pink Ribbon - \$6.00

Lot Numbers:

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| 100. June Calf (All Breeds) | 128. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed Summer Yearling Heifer |
| 101. Reg/Grade Holstein Spring Heifer Calf | 129. Reg/Grade Holstein Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 102. Reg/Grade Guernsey Spring Heifer Calf | 130. Reg/Grade Guernsey Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 103. Reg/Grade Jersey Spring Heifer Calf | 131. Reg/Grade Jersey Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 104. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Spring Heifer Calf | 132. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 105. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Spring Heifer Calf | 133. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Spring Yearling Heifer |
| 106. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Spring Heifer Calf | 134. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Spring Yearling Calf |
| 107. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed | 135. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed Spring Yearling Calf |
| 108. Reg/Grade Holstein Winter Calf | 136. Reg/Grade Holstein Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 109. Reg/Grade Guernsey Winter Calf | 137. Reg/Grade Guernsey Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 110. Reg/Grade Jersey Winter Calf | 138. Reg/Grade Jersey Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 111. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Winter Calf | 139. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 112. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Winter Calf | 140. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 113. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Winter Calf | 141. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 114. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed Winter Calf | 142. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed Winter Yearling Heifer |
| 115. Reg/Grade Holstein Fall Calf | 143. Reg/Grade Holstein Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 116. Reg/Grade Guernsey Fall Calf | 144. Reg/Grade Guernsey Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 117. Reg/Grade Jersey Fall Calf | 145. Reg/Grade Jersey Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 118. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Fall Calf | 146. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 119. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Fall Calf | 147. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 120. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Fall Calf | 148. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 121. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed Fall Calf | 149. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed Fall Yearling Heifer |
| 122. Reg/Grade Holstein Summer Yearling Heifer | 150. Reg/Grade Holstein 2 Year Old Cow |
| 123. Reg/Grade Guernsey Summer Yearling Heifer | |
| 124. Reg/Grade Jersey Summer Yearling Heifer | |
| 125. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Summer Yearling Heifer | |
| 126. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Summer Yearling Heifer | |
| 127. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Summer Yearling Heifer | |

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- 151. Reg/Grade Guernsey 2 Year Old Cow
- 152. Reg/Grade Jersey 2 Year Old Cow
- 153. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss 2 Year Old Cow
- 154. Reg/Grade Ayrshire 2 Year Old Cow
- 155. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein 2 Year Old Cow
- 156. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed 2 Year Old Cow
- 157. Reg/Grade Holstein 3 Year Old Cow
- 158. Reg/Grade Guernsey 3 Year Old Cow
- 159. Reg/Grade Jersey 3 Year Old Cow
- 160. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss 3 Year Old Cow
- 161. Reg/Grade Ayrshire 3 Year Old Cow
- 162. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein 3 Year Old Cow
- 163. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed 3 Year Old Cow
- 164. Reg/Grade Holstein 4 Year Old Cow
- 165. Reg/Grade Guernsey 4 Year Old Cow
- 166. Reg/Grade Jersey 4 Year Old Cow
- 167. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss 4 Year Old Cow
- 168. Reg/Grade Ayrshire 4 Year Old Cow
- 169. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein 4 Year Old Cow
- 170. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed 4 Year Old Cow
- 171. Reg/Grade Holstein Aged Cow
- 172. Reg/Grade Guernsey Aged Cow
- 173. Reg/Grade Jersey Aged Cow
- 174. Reg/Grade Brown Swiss Aged Cow
- 175. Reg/Grade Ayrshire Aged Cow
- 176. Reg/Grade Red and White Holstein Aged Cow
- 177. Reg/Grade – Any Other Dairy Breed Aged Cow

Championship Ribbons will be awarded for all breeds.
Ribbons will not be awarded unless there is competition.

Junior Champion Female
Senior Champion Female
Grand Champion Female

Reserve Junior Champion Female
Reserve Senior Champion Female
Reserve Grand Champion Female

CLASS B: SHOWMANSHIP (DANISH JUDGING)

1. Grade as of January 1st of the fair year.

Premium for Lot Numbers 178-182 are as follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$3.00 Red Ribbon - \$2.50 White Ribbon - \$2.00 Pink Ribbon - \$1.50

Lot Numbers:

- 178. Grades 11 and Above
- 179. Grades 9-10
- 180. Grades 7-8
- 181. Grades 5-6
- 182. Grades 3-4

Dairy Showmanship will be held on **Thursday, August 27**, thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the open class dairy judging. Any exhibitor who exhibits in Dept 1 (ATCP 160.15) is eligible. **Exhibitor must show their own Junior Fair Dairy project animal.** You must make an entry on your registration blank to participate in Showmanship. Showmanship is judged in order by numeric lot numbers. The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) scorecard will be followed.

Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Showperson

A Supreme Champion Showperson and a Reserve Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above showmanship age First Blue Ribbon winners.

CLASS C: BRED AND OWNED (RIBBON AWARD ONLY)

Lot Numbers:

- 183. Bred and Owned Animal – Registered animals ONLY, any age, will be exhibited by breed, dam of animals must have been registered in exhibitors name at time of service. All breeds will be shown in one class, registration papers must be presented when the class is shown, bred and owned will be selected before Supreme Champion is selected.

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CLASS D: OTHER YOUTH COMPETITIONS (RIBBON AWARD ONLY)

Lot Numbers:

184. Kids, Calves and Costumes – a fun competition to dress your animal and yourself up in a unique theme to win fun prizes and recognition.
- This event is for any dairy youth exhibitor who showed in a separate entry at the **2026** Manitowoc County Fair.
 - Judge(s) will judge the competition to select the best dressed animal, best dressed exhibitor and most original/best theme.
 - Event will be held in the Ice Arena on **Saturday, August 29**, starting at **2:30pm**.
 - Once entries are submitted, more details will be emailed to the exhibitor to complete a biography about the exhibitor's entry.
 - For more information, contact Amanda Knoener, manitowocountydairy@gmail.com or 920-207-6523.

HERDSMANSHIP

Herdsmanship awards will be made based on the number of organizations showing.

Premiums as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$12.00 Red Ribbon - \$9.00 White Ribbon - \$6.00

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE CARD

Animal and Living Space	40 points
Exhibitors	15 points
Club Sign, Decorations and Cards	15 points
Aisles	20 points
Storage and Feed	<u>10 points</u>
Total	100 points

- All clubs are automatically entered.
- Premium money will be awarded for the organizations placing First, Second, and Third.
- Clubs cannot use decorations wider than 11-12 inch boards that are furnished.
- Display booths are not permitted in the Junior Fair Dairy Exhibits.

Detailed score cards are available from the Manitowoc County UW-Extension Office, 4319 Expo Drive, 920-683-4511.

MANITOWOC COUNTY FAIR PRODUCTION AWARDS

- The Manitowoc County Fair will award one (1) plaque to the exhibitor(s) of the highest production record at the Manitowoc County Fair.
- The plaque will be presented to the exhibitor showing the cow with the highest combined butterfat and protein record (CFP).
- To be eligible to compete for the production award, the exhibitor must meet the following requirements:
 - Animal must be entered through an approved youth organization (4-H, FFA, Jr. Holstein Association, Girl/Boy Scouts) project at the Manitowoc County Fair.
 - Only Official DHIA or DHIR records will be accepted.
 - The DHIA record must be signed by the DHIA field technician supervising the record, the youth organization leader and the youth exhibitor.
 - The last completed 305 day record is required and must have completed the 305 day record sometime after **August 1, 2026**. Awards will be presented based on actual 305 day records. 3X records will not be discounted.
 - Entries, production records, and their certification are to be sent to the Angie Ulness, Manitowoc County U-W Extension Agriculture Educator, by **August 1**. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted. All entries must be signed.
 - The award winner will be announced and the plaque presented during the Cow Classes of the Junior Fair Dairy Show on Friday morning.
- Awards cannot be received more than once for the same record.

HERD BUILDER AWARD

The First Place entry in this contest receives a registered heifer calf. Any Junior Fair Dairy Cattle Exhibitor age 12-15 as of **January 1, 2026**, may enter. Scoring is based on the exhibitor's knowledge, interest, and enthusiasm in their dairy project and the number of animals exhibited. Contact your dairy leader, the Manitowoc County UW-Extension Agriculture Educator or visit the UW-Extension website at <https://manitowoc.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture> for applications. Entries are due by **August 1, 2026**. Please send your application to Angie Ulness, Manitowoc County UW-Extension Agriculture Educator.

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OUTSTANDING DAIRY CATTLE YOUTH EXHIBITOR

The First Place entry in this contest receives a \$750 scholarship to be used toward a post-secondary education in production agriculture. CP Feeds, LLC., provides financial support for this program. Any Junior Fair Dairy Cattle Exhibitor age 16-19 as of **January 1, 2026**, is eligible to enter. Scoring is based on the exhibitor's knowledge, interest, and enthusiasm in their dairy project. Plans for the future are also considered. Contact your dairy leader or the Manitowoc County UW-Extension website at <https://manitowoc.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture> for applications. Entries are due by **August 1, 2026**. Please send your application to Angie Ulness, Manitowoc County UW-Extension Agriculture Educator.

FARM BUREAU KIDDIE SHOWMANSHIP

The Farm Bureau Young Farmers again will be sponsoring a Kiddie Showmanship Show at the Manitowoc County Fair. The show will be on Sunday, **August 30, 2026**, at 11:30am in the Ice Center Show Ring.

Requirements:

1. Calf must be born between **April 15, 2026 and August 1, 2026**. **[We ask that everyone please abide by this rule.]** Calf can be either a heifer or a bull that is healthy and well grown. It must be a dairy animal. **NO** animal that is shown in open class or junior fair may be used in the Farm Bureau Kiddie Showmanship event. A second calf may be entered in the event if the first calf is not show ring ready.
2. There will be four (4) classes: **4-year-old Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade**. These classes are **grades the children completed in 2026**.
3. Calves must be at the fairgrounds by 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and taken home after the show because there will be no barn space available. Check-in will be in the show ring.
4. Children are **not** required to wear white clothing and calves need not be clipped.
5. Children will be required to wear a number, which will be passed out prior to the show. The order of the children is preselected and will enter the ring in numerical order.
6. Children will be judged on the way they handle the calf and their basic showmanship skills.
7. If you have children in more than one age group, they may show the same calf, however, **THIS IS DISCOURAGED** because the young aged calves tire easily. If you have two children in the same age group, they will need two calves.
8. Ribbons will be awarded.
9. To be eligible to enter the Kiddie Showmanship event, you must complete a Google Docs Registration Form available online at [2026 Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Kiddie Showmanship](#).
10. Any questions, please contact Tiffany Kohlmann at t_kohlmann@yahoo.com or 920-901-4697.