

2026

OPEN CLASS DAIRY CATTLE

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1. Open Class Registration Deadline – **July 15**. Register online at fair.manitowoccountywi.gov.
2. 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).
3. Judging Day – **Thursday, August 27**, at 9am.
4. 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. **Displays may not be removed any earlier than 5:30pm.**
5. 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.**
6. PDCA Rule requires white pants to be worn during Open Class exhibition.
7. All exhibitors of animals three (3) years old and over in any of the procreative classes of this department must produce evidence, if asked, indicating the animals are not barren.
8. Breeding cows must have produced a living calf within two (2) years preceding the day of the exhibit.
9. All animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or farm name and certificate of registry presented to the superintendents. The Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA) must be 87% or higher to show in the registered Black & White Holstein classes.
10. Only one (1) prize in group or herd classes to one (1) exhibitor. **No more than two (2) entries per entry number may receive premiums in individual classes.**
11. All decorations must fit on the 11-12 inch furnished boards, they cannot be any wider than the boards.
12. 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!
13. 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.
14. HEALTH REGULATIONS: See WI County, District, & 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.
15. 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](#).
16. 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.
17. **If Registration Papers are NOT presented to the Dairy Superintendent by 5pm on Wednesday (Entry Day), the animal will not be allowed to be shown.**
18. Red and White Holsteins must be shown in Red and White Class.
19. Animals exhibited in the Junior Fair show cannot be shown in Open Class.
20. **Touch up clipping only in stall area.**
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. Culvers Futurity animals must enter Class H, Lot 114 and may also enter Class 109. This is to reserve stall space for the fair. To register for future Futurity shows, please visit the [Fair Website](#) and complete the Dairy Futurity Entry Form.
23. There must be five (5) animals entered per breed in order to have their own show.
24. All exhibitors in this department must call the superintendent no later than **August 6** with the number of cows, yearlings, and calves to be exhibited.

Open Class Dairy Cattle

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AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

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

Senior Yearlings that have calved will be shown as Two Year Old

2 Year Old	Born between September 1, 2023 & August 31, 2024
3 Year Old	Born between September 1, 2022 & August 31, 2023
4 Year Old	Born between September 1, 2021 & August 31, 2022
5 Year Old & Older	Born before August 31, 2021
Produce of Dam	2 animals either sex, any age, the produce of one cow
Get-of-Sire	3 animals all over 2 years old, from the same sire, All Breeds. Animals need not be owned by a single exhibitor. All Breeds.
3 Best Females	Any age, all bred, and owned by the exhibitor, All Breeds.

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- CLASS A: HOLSTEIN
- CLASS B: GUERNSEY
- CLASS C: JERSEY
- CLASS D: AYRSHIRE
- CLASS E: BROWN SWISS
- CLASS F: RED & WHITE HOLSTEIN
- CLASS G: MILKING SHORTHORN
- CLASS H: GROUP CLASSES (PRODUCE, GET-OF-SIRE, 3 BEST FEMALES)

Lot Numbers:

100. June Heifer Calf	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5	108. Get-of-Sire	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
101. Spring Heifer Calf	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5	109. 2 Year Old Cow	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
102. Winter Heifer Calf	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5	110. 3 Year Old Cow	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
103. Fall Heifer Calf	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5	111. 4 Year Old Cow	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12
104. Summer Yearling Heifer	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	112. 5 Year Old Cow & Over	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14
105. Spring Yearling Heifer	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	113. Produce of Dam	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
106. Winter Yearling Heifer	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	114. 3 Best Females	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
107. Fall Yearling Heifer	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6					

Jr. Champion Female *Ribbon Award Only*
Reserve Jr. Champion Female *Ribbon Award Only*

Breed A-F Senior & Grand Champion Selection

Supreme Champion to be selected from Grand Champion

CLASS I: CULVERS FUTURITY

- Culvers Futurity animals must enter Class 114 and may also enter Class 109. This is to reserve stall space for the fair. To register for future Futurity shows, please visit fair.manitowocountywi.gov and complete the Dairy Futurity Entry Form.
- No premium is awarded for the Culvers Futurity program.

Lot Number:

114. Culvers Futurity