Department 2
Dairy Market
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Judging Wednesday immediately following Dairy Show (about 9:00am)

GENERAL RULES

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Please refer to the MDARD web site: www.michigan.gov/mdard and Exhibition Requirements for Livestock. At the time of check in all cattle must be identified with radio identification (RFID) ear tags.
2. All animals will be health checked off the trailer at Fair check in. Once animals pass health check they will allowed to stall.
3. Animals showing any signs of ringworm, warts, foot rot, pink eye, sore mouth or any other contagious or infectious disease, cannot be exhibited. You must take it home.
4. Dairy Market Show will begin immediately following the Dairy Show (about 9:00am).
5. Pen fee of $7.00 per animal ($5.00 for manure, $2.00 for barn account) and barn space forms are due by June 1st to superintendent.
6. For Current Tag-in information, for all Species, please refer to the Eaton County Fair website – Tag in Information
7. Dairy Feeders, for Current Tag-in information, please refer to the Eaton County Fair website – Tag in Information
8. All Dairy Feeders must be owned by the exhibitor by May 1st of the current year and be tagged in at one of the designated location and times .
9. Dairy Feeders should be born between late December and February. Steers must be Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, & Milking Shorthorn. Dairy/beef crossbreds will be permitted but beef only crossbreeding will not be allowed.
10. All Dairy Market and Dairy feeders will be weighed in from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 12th, 2026. A schedule will be sent to clubs/groups in advance and all trailers should come through the front gate. (We suggest all other animals that are checked in on Sunday use the back gate to reduce congestion).
11. Youth are allowed to tag in up to 5 Dairy Feeders and/or 2 Dairy Market.
12. Youth will be allowed to show 2 Dairy Feeders.
13. All Dairy Market and Dairy Feeders must be castrated and healed by Fair check-in.
14. Dairy Feeders must be dehorned. Dehorning sites must be completely healed and dry at time of Fair weigh-in, with no signs of infection at the site. Any regrowth must have vet papers stating that the dairy feeder has been dehorned.
15. Dairy Market animals must be dehorned and completed Healed and dry at the time of weigh-in, with no signs of infection at the sites. Maximum of **2"** regrowth for Dairy Market only.
16. Dairy Market and Dairy Feeders are not required to sell **even if** they are champion or reserve champion market animals.
17. Dairy Feeders will be sold through the ECYLO auction, after the Beef and Dairy Market section.
18. Dairy Feeders sold through the ECYLO sale can be picked up on Sunday from 6:00 am to 8:00 am July 19, 2026.
19. In order to sell Dairy Feeders in the sale they must weigh between 300-600 lbs.
20. Dairy Market must weigh 1,000 lbs. If under 1,000 lbs. they will be put in the heavyweight feeder class and will not be able to sell in the JLA auction.
21. Dairy Feeder market classes will be decided by weight of animal at weigh and will be assigned to a weight class by the Superintendent.
22. No Water Buckets/barrels will be allowed to be left under or next to the water sources.
23. Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to release without permission and early release form signed by both the superintendent and fair board liaison will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies for that exhibit and will not be allowed to enter exhibits the following year.
24. There will be a peewee showmanship class. Registration prior to Fair is not required. Peewee showmanship will follow exhibitor showmanship. Peewee's need to be accompanied into the ring by an older exhibitor or adult.
25. Each exhibitor is responsible to care for his or her market animal until release time.
26. All Exhibitors must walk their cattle daily.
27. All exhibitors must have their cattle tied with both a halter AND a necktie. Necktie must be separate from halter.
28. All exhibitors must tie their water up to avoid the cattle from knocking it over.
29. All exhibitors must have their pens cleaned by 8:30 am every day.
30. All exhibitors must maintain their pens throughout the day and add clean bedding as needed.
31. Dairy Crossbred Steers are typically finished between 1400-1460 lbs. so steers should be born between Feb. or March of previously year (or don't feed them as aggressively if born sooner.
32. Fair Entry deadlines (Feb 28, 2025 dairy market and crossbred dairy market steers must be entered, April 30th, 2025 dairy & dairy crossbred feeders must be entered, and June 1st 2025 the classes you will show in, must be entered into fair entry.

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SECTION 78 - DAIRY MARKET
&
DAIRY FEEDER
SHOWMANSHIP
Ribbons

Classes will be divided by age. Show order will be oldest to youngest.

Class
660. Showmanship 1
Showmanship 2
Showmanship 3
Showmanship 4
Showmanship 5
Showmanship 6
Showmanship 7
Showmanship 8
Showmanship 9
Showmanship 10
Champion and Reserve Champion Showman

SECTION 79 - DAIRY MARKET
Ribbons

Class
664. Dairy Market (Steers 1,000. lbs. and over)
665. Crossbred Dairy Market (Steers 1,000 lbs. and over)
666. Rate of Gain for Dairy Market Steers
(Must be weighed in on weigh date)

SECTION 80 - DAIRY FEEDERS
Ribbons

Class
667. Dairy Feeders
(Dairy feeders weighing 300 lbs. to 600 lbs.)
668. Heavyweight feeders
(DO NOT ENTER IN THIS CLASS)
(You will be put into it if overweight at check-in)
(Steers weighing 601 lbs. to 999 lbs.)
Superintendent will put any animals into this class that needs to be switched.
669. Dairy Feeders (Lightweight) Under 300 lbs.
(DO NOT ENTER IN THIS CLASS)
(You will be put into it if underweight at check-in)
670. Dairy Beef Cross Feeders
(300 lbs. to 600 lbs.)
671. Dairy Beef Cross Feeders
(601 lbs. to 999 lbs.)

SECTION 81 – FUN CLASS
(Date and time to be determined)

1. The animals must be dressed up, participants may dress up as well.
2. May work as individuals, pairs or groups
3. Animal does not have to be owned by exhibitor
4. Costume must be safe for animal and exhibitors to walk safely around the arena

Class
672. Costume