



New York State Fair 2009 Youth Dairy Cattle Events

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

4-H/Youth Dairy Cattle EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR: Debbie Grusenmeyer (607-255-0656), Morrison Hall, Department of Animal Science, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853. (Terry Kinsman 255-4503).
Youth Dairy Cattle SUPERINTENDENT: Eileen Taylor, 297 Botcher Road, Newark, NY 14513; 315/331-7478.

Please read pages 12-19 and 39 - 53 of the Youth Premium Book for rules and regulations.

Please read pages of the Dairy Cattle Premium Book, General Information, for important information on livestock arrival and release procedures.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H educators and FFA advisors submitting entries in any division of the NYS Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show to ensure that each exhibitor and his or her family, volunteer leaders and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors, read and become familiar with the rules that follow as well as the rules and regulations published in the Youth Department L Premium book. In addition, attached to the entry form and also to this information, is the "Youth Expectation of Conduct Form". Each exhibitor and parent/guardian is to read, sign and abide by this document. **Each entry form is to have stapled to it a signed copy of this Conduct Form when sent to the State Fair Entry Department. In addition, also attach a copy of the signed Conduct Form with your photocopied entry going to Eileen Taylor. Code of Conduct Form is towards the end of Exhibitor Information.**

Not knowing the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to adhere to them. Go to <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions>, then, click on Competitions, followed by clicking on Youth Department Animal Science, for a downloadable copy of the Youth Premium Book. Please read the age requirements for Novice, Junior and Senior levels for dairy youth educational activities too.

Please remember the New BVD Fair Requirements for Cattle established in 2008

Cattle BVD-PI Testing

As of the 2008 fair season, all cattle exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.

Currently acceptable tests for cattle less than 61 days old:

- skin notch BVD virus Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
- whole blood BVD virus isolation
- whole blood BVD virus PCR

□ **Currently acceptable tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:**

- Skin notch BVD virus Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
- Serum or milk BVD virus Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
- Whole blood BVD virus isolation
- Whole blood BVD virus PCR

The following website has more detailed information for frequently asked questions in regards to the new BVD PI testing and required negative status to be exhibited at NY county and the State Fair:

<http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/bvdpi.html>

I would suggest you start early for timely completion of BVD test results and CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian. The BVD-PI testing is required for both dairy and beef cattle and alpacas, llamas, guanacos, and vicunas for 2009, which may have an affect on your veterinarian's time and increase in services required to you and his or her other clients. In addition to more service needed from your vet, there will be an increase volume of samples being sent to the appropriate labs for testing. Your CVI, certificate of veterinary inspection requirement for exhibiting cattle, must include the date and negative BVD-PI results to an approved test. What this means is your veterinarian will need to come and perform one of the currently acceptable tests appropriate for your animal's age group, send in the sample(s) to the appropriate testing facility and receive the results back prior to completing your CVI. The turn around time from your veterinarian performing the appropriate test, sending sample to lab for analysis, and receiving the test results could be up to 5 weeks. **START YOUR SHOW SEASON PLANNING EARLY.....BVD-PI TESTING CAN NOT BE LEFT TO THE LAST MINUTE!**

Other Items to Mention for Dairy Youth:

1) State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest -Each county may enter one A team(reasons) of not more than four(4) contestants, and one B team (no oral reasons) of not more than four(4) contestants and one C team (novice) of not more than four(4) contestants for Day 1 of Judging. A and B team members may be of any age. C division includes youth age 10 and under as of January 1(or any youth 13 and under as of January 1 who have not previously competed in the specific contest at the State Fair. Note C division for Dairy Judging at State Fair was NEW in 2007. Only A team members are eligible for State team selection as long as age eligible. Those who have participated in the Harrisburg Contest are still eligible for the Madison or Louisville Team, but are not eligible to go to Harrisburg again (same for Louisville.) There will be a pre-registration form emailed to counties for sign-up and will be posted on the Animal Science 4-H Youth Page under State Fair. We will also have registration for the contest at the State Fair in the dairy cattle show ring prior to the start of the contest on contest day, but we highly encourage pre-registration. Competitors in the FFA Judging Contest are eligible for membership on a county team.

2) 4-H Dairy Challenge- **a)** Open to all Dairy Cattle 4-Her's. Entry will be in A, B or C divisions. Each county may choose A and B divisions requirements. C division includes youth age 10 and under as of January 1(or any youth 13 and under as of January 1 who have not previously competed in Dairy Challenge at the State Fair.) Unless otherwise indicated, there are no specific age and /or experience restrictions regarding A vs. B Divisions. It is up to the counties to use their best judgment. Each county may enter a team of four (4) individuals in each division. Counties can enter individuals when a full team can not be entered. Additional individuals from a county with a registered team may participate, but they are ineligible for individual awards. **b)** If a youth participates at the State Fair Contest and goes onto Harrisburg for the Dairy Management contest and places as the Top High Individual (1st place individual) at that contest, regardless of state or county representation, that youth is

ineligible to compete at our State Dairy Challenge contest held at the State Fair in subsequent years or the Dairy Management Contest in Harrisburg in subsequent years. c) If a youth participates either as our State team member, county team member or individual at the Dairy Management contest in Harrisburg and is NOT the Top High individual, they are still eligible to participate (providing they have not exceeded 4-H age eligibility) in the Dairy Challenge Contest and the Dairy Management contest in Harrisburg.

3) Youth Dairy Cattle Showmanship Contest

Class 201-Youth Holstein Showmanship-Sunday, August 30-9:00 a.m.

Class 202-Youth Milking Shorthorn Showmanship-Sunday, August 30-2:30 p.m.

Class 203-Youth Colored Breed Showmanship-Thursday, September 3- 2:30 p.m.
2007 Colored Breed Showmanship Plan Below.

1. These classes will be subdivided into groups according to the age of the youth involved and total number of entries for each showmanship class; 201, 202, and 203.
 - a. Youth colored breed showmanship classes will be subdivided by breed and age.
 - b. Youth in each colored breed; Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, and Jersey will each show by breed and show by age of exhibitor.
 - c. The 1st place master showman from each age class in each specific colored breed mentioned in 1b. will compete so that each breed will select a breed champion.
 - d. The 4 breed champions, one from Ayrshire, one from Brown Swiss, one from Guernsey, and one from Jersey will compete in the final showmanship class for the Overall Colored Breed Showmanship Champion and Reserve Champion.

A. THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO THE FAIR:

1. Rabies vaccinations will be **REQUIRED** for all cattle (dairy and beef), sheep and horses participating in the New York State Fair. Animals must be vaccinated **AT LEAST 21 DAYS PRIOR** to their arrival to the fair. All exhibitors must bring with them proof of vaccination, date of vaccination and type of vaccination with each animal clearly identified. The statement must be signed by a veterinarian.
2. **NEW! All cattle exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). See Note in the beginning of this exhibitor letter.**
2. **Make arrangements or pre-order bedding for initial base by August 1, 2009 (see page 46 of Youth Premium Book).**
3. Your animal(s) must have been properly **entered by August 17, 2009**. No substitutions or additions of animals will be allowed **after August 17, 2009**. **THERE WILL BE NO LATE ENTRIES!!!! Make sure you mail a copy to youth superintendent, Eileen Taylor at 297 Botcher Road, Newark, NY 14513**

4. Please be sure to read the Youth Book. There are three sections to review (pages pertaining to ALL youth entries, especially note exhibitor age requirements; Department 51 pertains to all animal science exhibitors; and the Youth Dairy Cattle (Section B) is specific to youth dairy cattle exhibitors).

5. If someone else is trucking your animals, please be sure that the trucker has a copy of the fairgrounds map and is aware of the traffic patterns to be used (SEE CENTER FOLD in Youth Premium Fair Book) in addition to the new Arrival Procedures started in 2005. See below in "What To Do When You First Arrive At The Fair".

Note: Livestock trailers and cattle trucks do require neon- colored bumper sticker if they are staying in the Lewis Lot.

6. Obtain exhibitor passes and parking permits through your county 4-H office.

B. WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

1. Health and registration papers for your cattle (including completed "non-ownership" form if applicable.)

2. A copy of your validated (completely signed) entry form.

3. The grain, hay and bedding you will need for the duration of the fair. **Sawdust/shavings will not be initially provided by the State Fair.** You must pre order or bring it with you. See page 46 of Premium Book.

4. Buckets for water and grain.

5. Shovel, fork, rake, broom, wheelbarrow for manure removal.

6. All show and grooming tools needed including hoses.

7. Show clothes and several changes of clean clothes.

8. Money for incidentals.

C. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVE AT THE FAIR:

1. **All livestock vehicles will enter Gate 5 (will be the same as used during releases) and proceed up Rodeo Drive (the lane between the railroad tracks and exterior fence). Starting at 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26th, the Superintendent's staff will start bringing trucks through the special "Milky Way" gate to four veterinarian staging areas located between the Toyota Dairy Cattle Barn and the Coca-Cola Coliseum. No other gates will allow livestock vehicles in and no cattle will be allowed off any trucks without a veterinarian present. Once the cattle are unloaded, checked and walked into the barn, empty trucks can leave via Gate 2 and trucks, with tack to be unloaded, will be directed to the unloading area.**

2. No cattle will be allowed on **the fairgrounds prior to 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 8/26/09.**

3. The check-in area will be between the Toyota Dairy Cattle Barn and Coca-Cola Coliseum.

4. All Holstein and Milking Shorthorn cattle must arrive (from Wednesday, 8/26/09, 8:00 A.M. until 10 p.m. Wednesday, 8/26/09).
5. All Colored breed exhibitors will follow the same procedures as 1, 2 and 3.
6. All Colored breed cattle will arrive no sooner than midnight, 12:01 a.m. and prior to 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, 9/2/09 (cattle and equipment will be unloaded from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday morning, 9/2/09 until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, 9/2/09).
7. Work with Carol Waterman, Open Dairy Cattle Superintendent, prior to August to meet any special needs in arrival procedures at 315-893-7340.

D. UNLOADING ANIMALS:

1. Youth Holsteins should be in place by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27; Youth Colored Breeds should be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2.
 - a. Before unloading, check with someone in the office or see the bulletin board outside the office for specific stall assignments.
 - b. Unload your cattle, feed and equipment as quickly as possible and remove vehicles from the loading/unloading area immediately. No trucks or trailers may be left in the area more than 30 minutes.
 - c. Health checks are required and will be performed on all cattle as they arrive. **No cattle will be allowed off any trucks with out a veterinarian present.**
 - d. Exhibitors are to bring registration papers to the Youth office to be checked, or inform the office of your location, as soon as possible upon arrival.

E. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **Youth Dairy Cattle exhibitors are required to bring a copy of their validated entry form(s) with them to the fair AND mail a copy to Dairy Cattle Superintendent, Eileen Taylor. Also mail to Eileen a copy of the registration paper. Note: You will need a copy of Both sides of the registration paper**
2. Youth Dairy exhibitors **must show their own cattle**. In emergency situations (military or college commitments), exceptions can be made with prior arrangement with the Youth Dairy Cattle Superintendent. **Sports and/or work are not acceptable reasons for exception.**
3. Youth Dairy exhibitors have the option of housing with their family or other exhibitors from their county, or in the designated Youth area as in the past. All will be designated as a Youth Exhibitor. *Be sure to indicate housing preference on the entry form*
4. Counties are strongly encouraged to prepare an Educational Exhibit for display in the barn. Please

indicate on the entry if your county will be bringing a display so space can be allocated.

5. It is preferred that exhibitors wear **white clothing** when showing and should be neat and clean. Farm names and letters shall not appear on clothing.

6. **The alcohol drinking age in New York is 21. Alcohol consumption by Youth will not be tolerated.** Any Youth found drinking alcohol will be disqualified from the show and sent home, forfeit all premiums and will not be allowed to exhibit in the NYS Fair Youth Dairy Show the following year.

7. Once the fair is in progress, trucks (bringing in supplies, etc.) are allowed on the fairgrounds only between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

8. Exhibitor parking will continue as last year with bussing from the parking areas. Some Youth exhibitor parking may be possible in Genesee and Hamilton lots. There may be some parking in the Infield for all but the last day of the Fair.

9. If you are staying in the dormitory, check in as soon as possible after arrival (SEE PREMIUM BOOK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION).

10. Periodically check the outer wall of the Youth office for event announcements and show or contest results. The Youth office will return to the area next to the Open Show office, but will not be part of the Open Show office. We expect to have our own microphone and telephone.

11. Show programs will be available at the Youth office before the show.

12. For more information on milking parlor hours of operation check with the Open Dairy Cattle Superintendent.

13. **Entry Forms for the Open show are separate from the entry forms for the Youth Show. Please read entry form information carefully.**

F. RULES FOR EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

1. All feed, hay, bedding, tack and equipment must be stored neatly.

2. Keep aisles clear at all times.

3. Animals should be adequately secured with a device that can be removed quickly and easily.

4. If ties are missing or broken, please inform someone in the Youth office.

5. Exhibitors are expected to perform all routine feeding, watering, grooming and stall management chores if housed in the Youth section of the barn.

6. Although stalls are to be cleaned at least twice daily (morning and night), stall areas are expected to be neat. All manure and wet or soiled bedding must be removed.

7. All manure is to be placed in the designated storage areas. Manure handling equipment must be supplied by the exhibitors including: tubs, rakes, forks and wheelbarrows.

8. Wash rack should be kept free of manure and trash.

9. EXHIBITORS MUST CLEAN UP ANY MANURE THAT IS DEPOSITED BY THEIR CATTLE WHEN WALKING THE ANIMALS IN THE AISLES.

10. The cattle barn usually closes its doors to the public at 10:00 p.m.

11. On very hot days, electrical power use in the dairy cattle barn must be minimized to avoid power outages. Electricity for ventilation, milking, lighting and fans is more important than the electricity for refrigerators, radios, microwave ovens etc. State Fair has asked that exhibitors cooperate to help accomplish this or State Fair will be forced to ban certain equipment.

G. CARE OF ANIMALS

1. All cattle should be appropriately fed and watered.

2. As a safety precaution, no feed tubs or water buckets are to remain in the stall after the animal has finished with them or when the animal is unattended.

3. As always, Youth exhibitors are expected to treat their animals humanely. No animals shall be treated cruelly or in an inhumane way at any time. Any evidence of improper treatment including misuse of equipment, halters, etc. will be considered a major infraction and will subject the exhibitor to immediate penalty.

a. If any violation is committed by someone other than the exhibitor, but someone who is associated with that exhibitor, the penalties will be placed on the exhibitor of the animal being abused.

b. If someone unknown to the exhibitor exhibits improper treatment to an exhibitor's animal, report these actions to your county agent and/or the Youth Dairy Cattle Supt. (Eileen Taylor).

4. Keep in mind that herdsmanship will be judged daily and spot checks will be unannounced.

Enjoy the Fair !!

New York State Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show Youth Expectation of Conduct Form

(Be sure one of these forms, after reading and signing, is stapled to your youth entry form.)

This form applies to all youth attending the NYS Fair Youth Dairy Cattle Show. The youth and parent/guardian, by signing this form, agree to conduct him/herself in a responsible manner and abide by all expectations as stated.

Youth responsibilities:

1. Attend and participate in program orientation; prepare for the program in advance.
2. Be on time and participate in all scheduled sessions including workshops, recreation, evening activities and meetings.
3. Cooperate with the adult advisors' and program staff's leadership. Contact the adult advisor in regard to any conflict or problems during the event.
4. Show respect and courtesy for the entire program.
5. Be respectful of public property and the facilities used during the activity or event. Be responsible for your own property.
6. Behave in accordance with applicable federal, state and municipal laws.
7. Behave in ways that are acceptable to other exhibitors, adult advisors and hosting organizations and uphold high standards for the group by respecting the ideas, abilities and bodies of others. Use of language and gestures found to be objectionable to others is not permitted.
8. Remain on the premises or assigned program area throughout the program; unauthorized absence is not permitted.
9. Use good judgment in selecting clothing appropriate for weather and occasion, abiding by any established dress code. Clothing that is revealing or with obscene language/pictures or with drug, tobacco or alcohol advertising is never allowed.
10. Abide by the lodging assignments for the entire event for easy location in an emergency. No room/bed switching is allowed.
11. Abide by established written curfew and quiet times or by adult advisor's spoken word. (Curfew means being in the assigned room/bed with the lights out.) Be quiet and considerate of others when they wish to sleep.
12. Respect the privacy of others. Visiting sleeping areas of any member of the opposite sex is forbidden.
13. Youth are encouraged to interact with all members of the group and not pair up with another person. Necking, kissing and other displays of personal affection are in poor taste and will not be tolerated. Refrain from all sexual activity during the program.
14. Possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, weapons, illicit drugs or medication(s) unapproved by program staff will result in disciplinary action for the offender(s). Adult advisors may be informed of all prescription medications present during the program.

Consequences of disciplinary action:

1. Families of participants removed from the program will be responsible for the participants' animal(s) transportation, including bus/plane fares and supplemental "Unaccompanied Child" fares or expenses for a chaperon. Event registration, lodging or other participant fees will not be reimbursed.
2. If damage/destruction of property occurred, participants will be assessed for the cost of damages and repairs.
3. Participants removed from the program may be required to relinquish all funds donated to help meet his/her financial obligations for the event.
4. Youth who do not follow the guidelines in this Expectation Agreement while participating in a 4-H or youth event may be required to appear before a county Disciplinary Review Committee in addition to consequences that occur during the event.
5. Disciplinary action may result in restricted opportunity to participate in future youth or 4-H related activities for the involved members.
6. Youth who break public laws will be dismissed from the program and will be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities.
7. Youth exhibitors caught drinking will have premium(s) pulled, will be sent home immediately and will not be allowed to exhibit in the NYS Fair Youth Dairy Show the following year.

I have read and understand this Expectation Agreement and will abide by it.

Youth Participant's Signature

Date

I have read and understand the rules and penalties in this agreement and agree to be bound by them.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Address and telephone where parent or guardian can be reached during this program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Night phone: _____
(Area code) (Area code)

2009 4-H/YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE EVENTS

Thursday, August 27, 12:30 p.m. Registration; 1:00 p.m. - 4-H Dairy Challenge Contest - open to all 4-Her's. Dairy Cattle Barn Show Ring. Coordinator: Brenda Carpenter, Tompkins County and Debbie Grusenmeyer. **Pre-registration materials will be available at the Animal Science 4-H Youth page also.

Friday, August 28, 8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration; 9:00 a.m. - Day 1 State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest** - Dairy Cattle Show Ring. Coordinator: Angie Waligora and Debbie Grusenmeyer. **Please Note there will be a Novice (C Division) for 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging at the Fair. Also note there is a need for leads persons on day 1 of the judging contest. Remember leads person get paid as teen leaders for helping with this event but you will need to have or know you social security number.**

Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m. - Youth Holstein Breed Show to begin; - Dairy Cattle Barn Show Ring. Coordinator: Eileen Taylor

Sunday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. – (1) Youth Holstein Showmanship - open to all Youth Holstein exhibitors who have not received the Holstein Grand Champion Showmanship Award. Sign-up will be the night before at the Youth Dairy Cattle Office. Dairy Cattle Show Ring. (2) **2:30 p.m.** - Youth Milking Shorthorn Showmanship, followed by Youth Milking Shorthorn Show and open show combined. Dairy Cattle Show Ring. Coordinator: Eileen Taylor

Monday, August 31, 4:00 p.m. - "Little Britches" Showmanship Class - open to Youth ages 5 to 8. Dairy Cattle Show Ring. Coordinator: New York Holstein Association.

Thursday, September 3, Registration 8:45 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. - Day 2 State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest - Open to the top 25% of Division A from Day 1 and FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest participants . Dairy Cattle Show Ring. Coordinator: Angie Waligora and Debbie Grusenmeyer. **2:30 p.m.** - Youth Colored Breeds Showmanship -open to all Youth Colored Breed exhibitors who have not previously received the Colored Breed Grand Champion Showmanship Award. Sign-up will be the night before at the Youth Dairy Cattle Office. Dairy Cattle Show Ring. Coordinator: Eileen Taylor

Friday, September 4, 9:00 a.m. - Youth Colored Breed Show - Ayrshire and Guernsey begin. Brown Swiss and Jersey to follow at about **12:30 p.m.** Dairy Cattle Show Ring. Coordinator: Eileen Taylor

****Note: Prior to the State Fair, you will receive, via Email, a Pre-registration form for the Youth Dairy Cattle Judging contest and the Youth Dairy Challenge contest which will be held at the State Fair. Pre-registration is not mandatory but highly encouraged....this helps with a smooth and quick registration process the day of the contest. Thank you.**