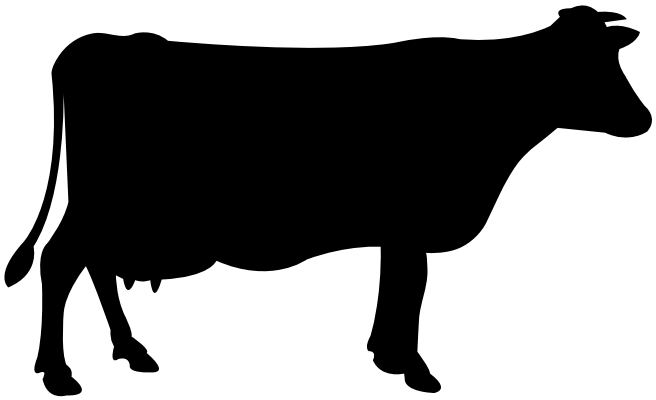

4-H DAIRY
Department 12

SUPERINTENDENTS
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ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2026
ENTRY FEE
None required.

JUDGING
Thursday, Aug. 20
- 3pm: Breed Show, in the Cattle Show Pavilion

Breed Shows to follow Fitting and Showing

Monday, Aug. 17
- 7pm: Dairy Promotions, in the Cattle Show Pavilion

Check with Diana Patton.

DIVISIONS
1 = Ayrshire
2 = Brown Swiss
3 = Guernsey
4 = Holstein
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6 = Milking Shorthorn

BREEDING PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12–15
$36	35	32	31	29	28	25	24	22	20	20	18

RULES and REGULATIONS
1. All exhibitors must comply with General Rules and Animal Health Requirements.
2. Exhibitors must pre-enter fitting and showing, and must state division.
3. Dairy Exhibitors will be permitted to substitute one animal for another, either in the same class or in a different class or breed.
4. A dairy animal must be owned or leased by the exhibitor before the animal becomes two years of age to be eligible for exhibition in the cow class. Formal 4-H dairy lease agreements must be on file with the 4-H Office by June 1 of the current year.
5. In the Dam and Daughter division, both animals must have been exhibited by the same member in Division 1 through 15.
6. 4-H Entries including cows in milk must stay until Sat. 8/22. Exhibitors will receive a $10 stipend for each cow in milk.
7. No straw or bedding is provided to Dairy exhibitors.
8. To show in market classes and sell in any of the 4-H market sales,
9. Violations of these rules could result in consequences and/or sanctions as might be determined by 4-H and/or Fair leadership.
10. All 4-H breeding animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, and must have been owned and registered in the name of the owner on or before July 1 of the current year, unless otherwise specified in departmental rules. The Superintendent will check registration papers.
11. All animals must be shown by their owner except where two animals may be shown in a class, and the other animal must be shown by a Montgomery County 4-H member.

SPECIAL AWARDS:
All 4-H Dairy Exhibitors will receive a special award and T-shirt.
1. **The Rockville Kiwanis Club** offers an award to the First Year Champion Showman.
2. **The Robert Malone Family** offers an award to the Junior Dairy Champion Showman.
3. **The Bennett Family** offers an award to the Intermediate Dairy Champion Showman.
4. **Nancy Dorsey** offers an award to the Senior Dairy Champion Showman.
5. **Wyndo Farm** offers an award in memory of John F Doody to the Overall Dairy Showman.
6. **The Dinkel Family** offers an award in memory of Carol Mills Weiger to the Master Dairy Showman. (Competition limited to previous and current overall Fitting and Showing still in 4-H).
7. **The Parmiter Family** offers an award to the Junior Champion Ayrshire Female.
8. **Michelle and Michael Gerhart** offers an award to the Grand Champion Ayrshire Female.
9. **Damascus FFA Alumni** presents an award in memory of Darryl Walker to the Junior Champion Brown Swiss Female.
10. **Damascus FFA Alumni** presents an award in memory of Darryl Walker to the Senior Champion Brown Swiss Female.
11. **The Rockville Kiwanis Club** offers an award to the Grand Champion Brown Swiss Female.
12. **Friend of 4-H** offers an award to the Junior Champion Guernsey Female.
13. **Damascus FFA Alumni** presents an award in memory of Darryl Walker to the Senior Champion Guernsey Female.
14. **Lon, Anna, Alana, and Tanner Hamann** offers an award to the Grand Champion Guernsey Female.
15. **Kingstead Farm** offers an award to the Junior Champion Holstein Female.
16. **Kelli Savage Welsh and Family** offer an award to the Senior Champion Holstein Female.
17. **Wayne and Cindee Savage and Family** offer an award in memory of Leroy (Bub) Savage to the Grand Champion Holstein Female.
18. **Thomas (Tucky) Woodfield Family** offers an award to the Junior Jersey Champion Female.
19. **The Montgomery County 4-H Jersey Club and Alumni** offer an award to the Senior Champion Jersey Female.
20. **The Cencula Famiy** offers an award to the Grand Champion Jersey Female in honor of Shea Cencula.
21. **The Tallman Family** offers an award to the Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn.
22. **The Tallman Family** offers an award to the Senior Champion Milking Shorthorn.
23. **The Michael Hawse Family** offers an award to the Grand Champion Milking Shorhorn Female.
24. **Kingstead Farm** offers a Rosette for the Best Bred and Owned animal in the Holstein classes.
25. **The Lon Hamann Family** offers a Rosette for the Best Bred and Owned animal in the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn classes.
26. **Dale and Diane Geary, Kevin Stiles (Stiles Hoof Care), Kris Stiles (KS Cattle), Wayne and Cindee Savage, and Mandy and Ronnie German** offer a trophy and cash award to the Supreme Junior Champion Female.
27. **Dale and Diane Geary, Kevin Stiles (Stiles Hoof Care), Kris Stiles (KS Cattle), Wayne and Cindee Savage, and Mandy and Ronnie German** offer a trophy and cash award to the Supreme Senior Champion Female.
28. **Riley Bohrer** offers an award to the Best Montgomery County Bred and Owned 4-H Junior Dairy Female.
29. **Izzy Bohrer** offers an award to the Best Montgomery County Bred

and Owned 4-H Senior Dairy Female.

30. **The Farmers' Cooperative Assn., Inc.** offers a first, second and third place award in the Herdsman contest.

Participation Awards will be presented to all 4-H and Youth Exhibitors in 2026.

Thanks to the 2025 Award donors:

- Ascension Day Farm
- Rosie & Clark Beall
- IB Photography (Izzy Bohrer)
- Michelle Bynaker & Family
- Kandi Dinkel & Family
- Dale & Diane Geary
- Kristi Geary & Matthew
- Mandy & Ronnie German
- Glamourview Farm (Gene Iager)
- Hamann Family
- Susan Lofhjelm (In memory of Debra Sapcariu)
- Robert & Debbie Malone
- Kris Stiles (In memory of Duean, Marty & Geraldine Stiles)

BREED SHOW, BREEDS ROTATING

Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn

CLASSES

1. Spring Heifer Calf: born between March 1 and May 15, 2026.
2. Winter Heifer Calf: born between Dec. 1, 2025, and Feb. 29, 2026.
3. Fall Heifer Calf: born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025.
4. Summer Yearling Heifer: born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025.
5. Spring Yearling Heifer: born between March 1 and May 31, 2025.
6. Winter Yearling Heifer: born between Dec. 1, 2023, and Feb. 29, 2025.
7. Fall Yearling Heifer: born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024.
8. Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Female (Ribbons).
9. Dry Cow must have calved at least once.
10. Yearling in milk.
11. Cow, Junior two-year-old: born between March 1 and Aug. 31, 2024.
12. Cow - Senior two-year-old: born between Sept. 1, 2023, and Feb. 28, 2024.
13. Cow, Junior three-year-old: born between March 1 and Aug. 31, 2023.
14. Cow, Senior three-year-old: born between Sept. 2, 2022, and Feb. 28, 2023.
15. Cow, four years and over: born before Sept. 1, 2022.
16. Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Female (Ribbons).
17. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female (Rosettes).
18. Dam and Daughter.
19. Best 3 Females: Any age (2 must be bred by exhibitor) Each exhibitor is limited to one entry.
20. Junior Champion Supreme Champion (Award).
21. Senior Champion Supreme Champion (Award).
22. Best Bred and Owned-All Breeds - Jr. Animals (Award).
23. Best Bred and Owned-All Breeds - Sr. Animals (Award).

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DIVISION 7: SPECIAL FITTING AND SHOWING

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6–15
$20	19	18	17	16	15

You may exhibit in only one fitting and showing class with the exception of Master Showman where current Grand Champion may show. You must compete in your age divison with exception of First Year. If you win your division you must move up one division the next year with exception of Senior, you can compete in Senior until you win Grand Champion Dairy Showman. Once you win Grand Champion Dairy Showman, and you want to continue to participate in Fitting & Showing you must compete in Master Showman. You can compete in Master Showman until you are out of 4-H.

CLASSES

1. First-Year Fitting and Showing.
2. Junior Fitting and Showing.
3. Intermediate Fitting and Showing.
4. Senior Fitting and Showing.
5. Grand Champion Fitting and Showing—Award.
6. Master Showman Fitting and Showing—Award.

DIVISION 22: DAIRY PROMOTIONS

- Superintendent: Diana Patton, 301-384-6300

JUDGING

Monday, Aug. 17

- 7pm in the Cattle Show Pavilion

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6–7
$12	11	10	8	7	6

RULES

1. All exhibitors must comply with General Rules and Regulations.
2. Entries must be pre-entered on registration form by July 20, 2025, and scripts are due to one of the superintendents by 4 pm on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2026. Scripts are a maximum of 200 words. See General Rules and Regulations for Promotion Classes.
3. Exhibitors may borrow an animal for this Promotion class.

CLASSES

1. Junior Dairy Promotion—Trophy.
2. Junior 4-H Promotion—Trophy.
3. Intermediate Dairy Promotion—Trophy.
4. Intermediate 4-H Promotion—Trophy.
5. Senior Dairy Promotion—Trophy.
6. Senior 4-H Promotion—Trophy.
7. Champion, Dairy Promotion—Rosette.
8. Champion, 4-H Promotion—Rosette.
9. Grand Champion—Rosette.
10. Special Class - Club or Group.
11. Pee-Wee Class-Youth under 4-H age.

DAIRY PROMOTION SPECIAL AWARDS

1. **Turf Center, Inc.** offers an award to the Junior Best Entry in Dairy Promotion.
2. **Turf Center, Inc.** offers an award to the Intermediate Best Entry in Dairy Promotion.
3. **Turf Center, Inc**. offers a trophy to the Senior Best Entry in Dairy Promotion.
4. **Turf Center, Inc.** offers an award to the Junior Best Entry in 4-H Promotion.
5. **Turf Center, Inc.** offers an award to the Intermediate Best Entry in 4-H Promotion.
6. **Turf Center, Inc.** offers an award to the Senior Best Entry in 4-H Promotion.