

## **DEPARTMENT 200 — DAIRY CATTLE**

Junior Fair Committee — Jane Balusik and Addy Barton

Senior Fair Committee — Bob Strow

**Exhibitors will enter all other classes including showmanship and online add on sale using Fair Entry – Entry Deadline is June 1 at 11:59 pm.**

### **FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Barn Open for Arrival:** Saturday August 1st, 2026 at 8:00 AM

All Non-Lactating Animals must be in place by 9 PM on Saturday August 1st

All Lactating Dairy Must be in place by 9 AM on Friday August 7th

**\*\*All trucks and trailers arriving on Friday must enter through gate A and park in the infield. \*\***

#### **Show Order:**

Friday, August 7th, 10:00 a.m. Sheep Show Arena

#### **Order of Show:**

1. Showmanship: Sr. Prelims, Jr. Prelims, Sr. Finals, Jr. Finals
2. Jr. Fair Heifers
3. Jr. Fair Cows
4. Open Show

### **HEALTH AND CARE OF PROJECT:**

1. ODA Livestock Exhibition Rules and Requirements for all livestock can be found in the Health Regulations and Inspection of Livestock section of the book.
2. The fair veterinarian is the only person(s) who may possess and administer controlled substances in the dairy barn.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for daily care of their projects, including, but not limited to feeding, watering, cleaning pens and aisles and manure management (all manure must be dumped in appropriate areas). Failure to maintain a healthy and humane environment may result in disciplinary action, which could include forfeiture of premium monies, ability to participate in the online add on sale or expulsion from the show or future shows.
4. Water is the only acceptable topical substance to be used on show day. Example: oils, powders, or paints are unacceptable. If a substance is found, the animals will be disqualified from the show.
5. Pens must be cleaned out on the last day of fair (this includes tack pens). Once completed the exhibitor must check out with the designated fair personnel. Failure to do so will result in loss of the ability to participate in the add on sale.

### **GENERAL DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. All Junior Fair Livestock Rules apply.
2. Ownership/possession date for all junior breeding dairy animals is June 1.
3. A maximum of two entries can be made in each class by an individual.
4. Senior Showmanship contestants shall be those members 14 and over as of January 1. Junior Showmanship contestants shall be those 13 and under as of January 1. The Supreme Sr. Showman will represent the Dairy Cattle Department in the Showmanship Sweepstakes.
5. All exhibitors in individual classes must wear white trousers. White shirts are preferred; however, colored dress "farm" shirts may be worn.
6. Milking cows are allowed to pull the day of the show and may leave after.
7. All lactating animals that win Champion/Reserve will be tested for usage of drugs. A Drug Use Notification Form must be turned into the dept. Superintendent upon arrival at the fair (lactating cows only). Jr Fair Members with lactating cows must participate in a Quality Assurance program.

## **ENTRY CLASSIFICATIONS**

### **BREED SECTION**

Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Other Breeds

### **CLASSES**

Age and classifications for all dairy breeds:

- 1) Junior Heifer Calf (Born March 1, 2026, must be over 3 months of age).
- 2) Intermediate Heifer Calf (Born December 1, 2025 thru February 28, 2026).
- 3) Sr. Heifer Calf (Born September 1, 2025 thru November 30, 2025).
- 4) Summer Yearling (Born June 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025).
- 5) Junior Yearling (Born March 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2025).
- 6) Winter Yearling (Born December 1, 2024 thru February 28, 2025).
- 7) Senior Yearling (Born September 1, 2024 thru November 30, 2024).
- 8) Two-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1, 2023 thru August 31, 2024).
- 9) Three-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023).
- 10) Four-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2022).
- 11) Aged Cows- five years old and over, or born before Sept. 1, 2020.
- 12) Dry Cow- any age

### **Dairy Cattle Release/Loadout:**

1. Lactating will be permitted to leave the grounds through gate A immediately following the conclusion of the Dairy Show. All animals must load on the track or in the infield.
2. All non-lactating animals will be permitted to begin the load out process at 6 pm on the last night of the fair. Please see the Livestock release section of the Jr. Fair Rules.