

2023 Dairy Department Fair reminders/ schedule (subject to change)

Hi!

We are just days away! Hooray!

I know this may seem a little long, (7 pages), there is a lot of information, especially for first year members. There are many changes this year so please read it all.

Please **e-mail or text me back that you read and understand this letter.**

Got Pictures by Jennifer Wildman, is doing a great job keeping the web site updated and there are a lot of tips for clipping and showing that was given out at clinics in the web site.

<http://www.larimerdairyproject.com>

FAIR DAIRY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH

STALL SET UP FOR DAIRY CATTLE **4pm-7pm** . Barns will be locked up at 9pm

NEW!!! Page 7 in Livestock fair premium book, rule #4

4. Stalling Set up

- a. Prior to check-in, (*of livestock*), 4-H Members are permitted to bring show, stalling, and feed equipment to the barns at their designated set-up time.
- b. Failure to set up at designated time will consider an exhibitor's entries scratched and stalls will be released to other exhibitors.
- c. Lights will not be permitted to decorate stalls.

NEW!!! RECORD BOOK CHECK DURING STALL SET UP. More details below.

If you have *registered cattle* that would be eligible for the Colorado Dairy Youth award that didn't previously win, please text me a copy of your registration papers by cattle check in time.

The Dairy Department knowledge test will be available for you to take from Saturday afternoon following Costume Class until 3pm Sunday afternoon. There is a sample/practice test on our website. This is not the exact test you will be given. The test is no prior entry required. The questions are based on information from this past year, from various dairy functions that were held. There are cash awards for those who participate. Participation is required for Mike Dickinson Award.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

9am-11am Dairy Cattle check in. (Milking and Dry cows optional)

Try to get there as close to beginning of check in as possible

DO NOT BE LATE OR YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY!

11(ish) Crowning of new Royalty (Details below)

9:30 am- 11:30am Wash Rack time dedicated to Dairy Cattle

NOON Dairy Cattle Costume Class. We have to start at 12 sharp! *Be ready by 11:45*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

7am – 9pm FREE Breakfast sponsored by Larimer County Fair . Usually served outside of indoor arena.

5pm – 6pm Remainder Milking and Dry cattle check in

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH

9am – 10:30 am Wash Rack time dedicated to Dairy Cattle

12:35pm Try to be changed into your show clothes no later than 12:35!

12:45pm Bring in Showmanship cattle, tie cattle on rail and meet by
announcers stand. **ALL ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND FOR
GROUP PHOTO AND OTHER AWARDS**

Showmanship

Breed Show (more details below)

CLOSING DAIRY SHOW ACTIVITY – ALL MUST ATTEND

4pm Round Robin clinic (required if you qualify for Round Robin,
optional for all others)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

10am Round Robin

Remainder of Dairy Cattle check out

NEW FOR 2023 - IMPORTANT STUFF!

The Ranch has made some awesome improvements to the facility. New wash racks and bathrooms with showers are now on west side of the barn! Better news for those camping is the bathrooms and showers will remain open all night!

Good news is we have almost, if not more than, double the show as last year! We maybe needing to be stalled closer together and may not have as much room as in the past for tack areas. I'll know more about stalling after the superintendents' meeting on July 27th.

I believe the Ranch and/or the extension office will be sending out gate maps and other details, **please read all emails!**

We will have stalls assigned by August 4th in the early afternoon. We will have the signs up with blue tape and when you know where you want which animal tied at, please place the appropriate stall assignment card where you want it so we can fix it with a tie wrap if you want. If you don't fix the stall tag, you need to maintain it so we know for herdsmanship.

NEW- Public Signs will say exit barns by 8pm but that is for the *Fair Visitors*. The barn will be secured at night by 9pm SHARP every night. Make sure you have all animals cared for by 8:45 and you have all personal belongings BEFORE you leave. Security **WILL NOT** let you back in until barns open the next morning, *unless animal emergency*. If you go to the rodeo, have someone check and care for your cattle, and take ALL of your personal stuff. Remember clear bag policy is in effect at rodeos.

We will have a combination locked storage stall for milking equipment. We also have a dedicated milking area for the public to watch milking.

Coordinate with your group and help each other out. IT IS NOT YOUR SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SET UP YOUR STALLS! You may use new style bedding pellets, straw, or shavings for bedding.

You may decorate your stall area if you like. The public really enjoys it as it is more welcoming to them. It is also valued at 10 points on herdsmanship/stewardship.

NEW Lights will not be permitted to decorate stalls.

Bring some of your past informational posters to display in our extra spaces to help inform the public and help decorate our dairy area.

All contest informational posters need to be turned in by no later than 2pm on Saturday (turn in to Shari in dairy barn). NOTE: place your name on BACK of poster. Place your age group on the front corner of poster. If accidentally wrote name on front, we can cover up with painters tape.

Remember, Lease-A-Dairy participants MUST have a Thank You poster with your sponsor's name and a picture of you and your animal(s) (this can be group or individual). Your FIRST name(s) must be on the poster as well. These will be placed in the barn by/in your stall. Informational posters will be in the barn. We will need help hanging the posters .

You will need to bring enough bedding to refresh your stall for your animal to keep it clean and padded through out fair. If you have any questions please call, text or e-mail me.

Try to bring in your animals as clean as possible (at least most of poop curried and brushed off if you don't have time to wash). They always get dirty in the trailer. Plan on washing them ASAP after you get checked in!

All must be clipped prior to coming to fair except for final touch up clipping! If assistance for clipping is needed, or you need to borrow clippers, contact Shari asap to arrange a time. First asked, first right to use.

DO NOT ASK RIGHT BEFORE FAIR!

We will have a Dairy Herdsmanship award. The dairy department has a reputation of having the cleanest animals and stalls at the fair! Lets keep it that way (even if it is another specie or someone else's cattle that dropped the messes, still clean it up). The side aisles will also need swept from time to time- we will be sharing this duty with the beef participants. If you see it needs done please help out and do it. This will count toward herdsmanship. We have several leaders watching and will report to me and select the top herdsman that will be announced at the dairy show and awarded at Round Robin.

If you are showing another specie or assisting at another part of the fair or need to leave for a little while, it is up to you to ask someone to help care and clean manure from your stall while you are not able to be there.

Keeping a positive attitude will also be part of the scoring.

There also will be "caught doing good" award coupons handed out through out the fair. These are awarded by different people that if they see you doing a good deed in any area, you may be awarded a coupon for a treat at the 4H Dairy Bar! If awarded, please use them by Monday night, August 7th.

Bottle Water will be available for participants and families everyday.

Dairy Max has donated new Dairy Shirts this year for current members! Please wear any county dairy or dairy extravaganza shirt you have to promote our dairy projects as much as possible when you're not showing another specie.

I know some of this is repeated but very important to know.....READ TO THE END

NEW! YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RECORD BOOK UP TO DATE and reviewed at Stall Setup! You will receive a yellow sheet after your record book has been checked. RECORD BOOK yellow page must be with animal at time of check in at the VET CHECK! SO DON'T LOSE IT! You will receive your very important packet that has forms, and back numbers needed for show at that time.

IF YOU HAVE OTHER SPECIES IN ONE RECORD BOOK, YOU MUST BRING BOOK BACK FOR YOUR DAIRY CATTLE. NOTE- IT IS EASIER TO HAVE DIFFERENT SPECIES IN DIFFERENT BOOKS.

PARENT AND CHILD Signatures are needed at that time in the front page for the BEGINNING of project. This is the most missed item. Other signatures are required at end of project... If needed you can call me and I can review your record book more thoroughly with you individually as time allows so corrections could be made and questions answered ahead of time.

Please call me when you come to the fair grounds (970-218-9581) so I can meet you for your vet check and help you. Unloading is to be on gravel area to prevent cattle from slipping. After vet check, you must have someone to immediately leave the area with the trailer. That is why you need to have the stalls made up before and as much feed as possible unloaded on Friday. **IF YOUR SPONSOR OR SOMEONE ELSE IS BRINGING IN YOUR ANIMALS, YOU MUST BE THERE TO LEAD THEM FOR VET CHECK IN WHEN THEY ARRIVE!**

11ish, August 5th- Crowning of our new Dairy Royalty-

if you applied (applications are still open I believe till the 25th), please e-mail me so I can make sure we have your application. This is open for 2+ year members who are over 12 years of age.

Applicants will have a phone interview by a royalty judge (not Shari or Amanda). Winner will be announced prior to fair .

Noon, August 5th- COSTUME CLASS, Funnest class at fair! Great Prizes and points for Mike Dickinson Award! No prior entry required. Since it is so close to when you check in cattle, try to get your cattle as clean as possible if unable to get in wash racks right away when you arrived. The judge will be informed. TRY TO BE READY BY 11:45.

FLY SPRAY!!! OH MY- DON'T FORGET THE FLY SPRAY!!!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th

Cattle must be fed by 8am!

Clean stalls by 9am! A lot of public on this day and we need to keep cattle, bedding, and aisle clean!

Wash cattle one at a time, as there is room in wash rack. Beef have priority because of their Showmanship contest Sunday afternoon. We do have a dedicated wash rack time noon to 3pm, however we may need to share the wash rack.

If you are showing other animals, arrange with someone to help you tend to the needs of your dairy animal. They need to have water at all times (except for milk babies). Don't forget to exercise your animals as well.

I am planning on having showmanship practice time if there is interest.

Tentative Show Day Schedule

Monday, AUGUST 7th

Cattle must be fed by 8am!

Clean stalls by 9am !

Monday morning the beef kids have the wash racks till their show starts.

DO NOT GO INTO WASH AREA UNTIL AFTER 9am except to fill water buckets, that is, after beef show starts and it settles down in the wash area.

9am – 10:30 am Wash Rack time dedicated to Dairy Cattle

12:35pm

Try to be changed into your show clothes no later than 12:35!

12:45pm

ALL SHOWMANSHIP CATTLE ARE TO BE IN THE ARENA by 12:45 AND TIED TO THE FENCE UNTIL TIME FOR THEM TO BE SHOWN! Bring them in with rope halters, with the show halter over the rope halter or if your animal is calm enough you can put it on when time for you to show.

After you have cattle tied, go to the announcers'/awards table for group picture and some awards.

SENIOR CLASS SHOWMANSHIP SHOW STARTS PROMPTLY FOLLOWING AWARDS! Younger ages watch and learn until you show.

Bring in and tie up all your heifer show animals in the arena after showmanship. Breed show is done in alphabetical order starting with heifer classes: Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Novelty, Other Breeds. Some classes will go very quickly! MOST BREEDS (EXCEPT PERHAPS HOLSTEIN) WILL HAVE ALL AGES OF SAME BREED (HEIFERS OR COWS) IN RING AT SAME TIME. This will help speed up the show. Cattle will be judged and placed at their individual age entered, then go directly to Breed Championship. Champion and Reserve Champion in each heifer class needs to stay in the ready arena for Over All championship round. Following selection of Over All Champion Heifer, we will go into our Cow Classes. If you have several of the same breed in Heifer or Cow classes please have some other 4-H members ready to help you show them.

After championship rounds, you may take cattle back to their stalls until time is closer unless in Group classes (if participating). **WE NEED you as soon as possible** to come back to the arena to **help** show cattle in the Champion and Supreme Champion rounds. We will also need extra handlers for group classes. Please help!

For group of three it doesn't have to be owned by one exhibitor or club. Prior entry not required. Create your own group! For group classes you must notify show secretary by written note no later than the **start** of cow classes. The note needs to state what class it is, who is showing in the group, and you must have animals out in arena by close of heifer classes. Same with Dam with Daughter class.

We will have cow classes immediately following heifer championship round so have someone help bring them in to the arena and tie them up on the rail if you are showing your cattle in championship round.

There will be the Round Robin Clinic at 4pm, required if you will be representing the dairy department the following day in Round robin. It is open to **anyone** wanting to learn about showing other species. Some of you will be asked to demonstrate the showing of dairy animals

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KEEP ON READING!

ORDER OF SHOW WILL BE AS FOLLOWS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

GROUP PICTURE

INVOCATION

PRESENTATION OF ROYALTY

DEDICATION OF DAIRY SHOW

HOARDS DAIRYMAN JUDGING AWARDS

DAIRY KNOWLEDGE TEST AWARDS

POSTER AWARDS

HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

(ALL THE ABOVE WILL TAKE ONLY VERY FEW MINUTES, EVERY ONE NEEDS TO BE THERE BY THE ANNOUNCERS' STAND NO LATER THAN 12:50!)

SHOWMANSHIP & ROUND ROBIN SELECTION

HEIFER CLASSES/CHAMPIONSHIP

COW CLASSES/CHAMPIONSHIP

SUPREME OVERALL DAIRY SELECTION

GROUP/HERD CLASSES

COLORADO YOUTH FOUNDATION AWARD

MIKE DICKINSON MEMORIAL AWARD- WE NEED EVERYONE OUT IN THE ARENA FOR THIS PRESENTATION!

THE THANK YOU CARDS FOR AWARDS MUST BE FILLED OUT FOLLOWING THE SHOW. THERE WILL BE GROUP THANK YOU CARDS THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO BE SIGNED BY ALL, EARLIER, PRIOR TO SHOW.

Following show, it is your option to take your cattle home if you are not in Round Robin on Tuesday. You can also choose to keep cattle there until Tuesday after Round Robin. The cattle leaving must be out before 8:30pm. You must have a SPECIAL CHECK OUT card to leave grounds. You must have your stall area cleaned and thank you cards signed to get this card.

You must have your cattle cared for and be out of barn by 9pm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

ROUND ROBIN! 10 AM

2 FROM EACH AGE GROUP WILL BE PARTICIPATING. THE ONES PARTICIPATING IN THIS CLASS WILL BE DETERMINED AT SHOWMANSHIP AT THE DAIRY SHOW. CONTESTANTS MUST HAVE THEIR ANIMALS IN SHOW CONDITION FOR THIS CLASS AND WEARING CLEAN, DAIRY SHOW ATTIRE. All age divisions will be showing at same time but only handling and competing in same age. We will be needing handlers for the event. If you didn't make it to round robin, please volunteer to be a handler or a runner. Runners do not need to be a 4-H member, just needs to be over 5 years old. Sorry, Parents of Round Robin participants are not allowed to assist.

CHECK OUT! YOU MUST TOTALLY CLEAN YOUR STALL AREA BEFORE YOU ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE! IF they are not in round robin, **you must have a signed release card to leave the grounds.**

The public, other 4H members, leaders, and parents are watching how you are with your animals and with each other. Try to always be at your best, cooperative and be helpful to everyone.

MOST OF ALL I WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE FUN AT FAIR, AND WITH YOUR DAIRY PROJECT!

ANY QUESTIONS CALL ME OR AMANDA!

HAVE A MOOEY GREAT FAIR!

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970-218-9581

Please send a reply you received this message. Thanks!