

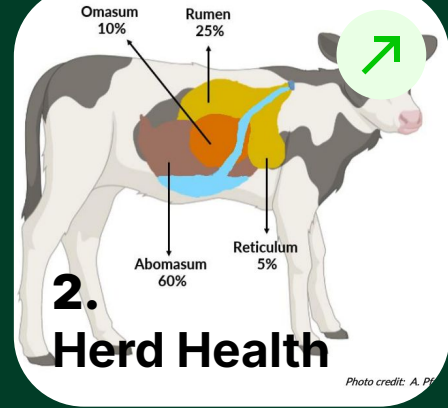
Welcome to our 2026 4-H Dairy family



→ Today's agenda

- Greeley Extravaganza
- Stall Decor/posters
- Dairy Website
- Little American Royal
- Door Prizes

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**1. Guest Judge,
Brianna McBride**



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4. Final Paperwork

Greeley Dairy Extravaganza



June 12th-14th, 2026
Stall Set up on Thurs., June 11th

Showman App

Registration now open. Please be patient during this first transition year to this new registration process. You can find the link on our website under dairy shows, and once you click the Enter the Colorado Youth Dairy Extravaganza tab, you will be asked to either sign in or create an account and then follow the prompts to register.

- Enter BOTH Showmanship and Breeding
- LAD do not add hoof trimming
- For meals, please include all family that will be joining you that day
- Indicate you want to be with Larimer County Dairy Project

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Pocahontas
March 5, 2025

Jersey
Shown by: Shari



Owned by: Mountain View Farm

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Stall Signs

- **Every animal must have a stall sign with your name, animal name, birth date, breed**
- **8x10 at least that can be read from a distance**



Setting up your stall





Learning From Our Own



Rowan Hummel



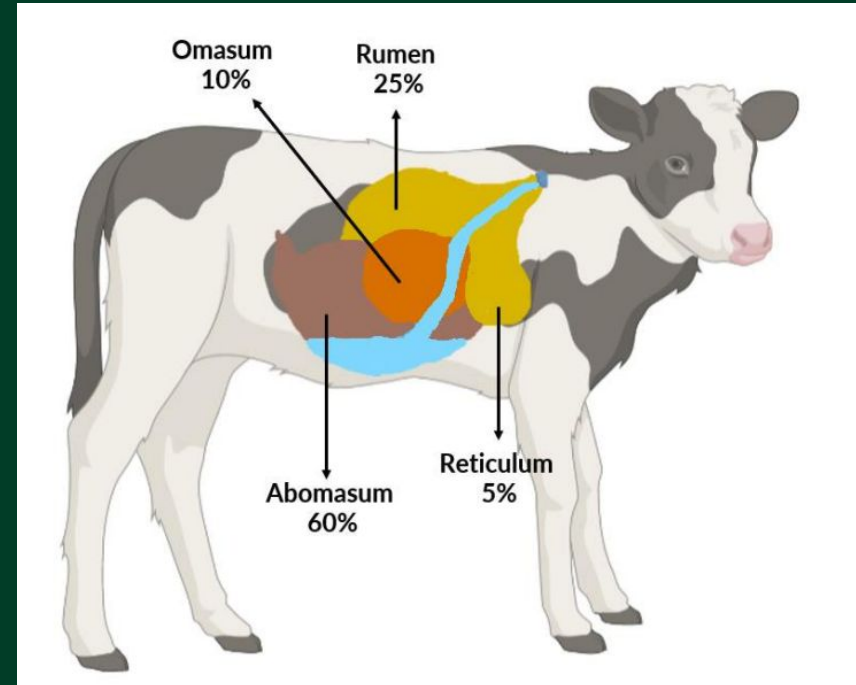
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Herd Health

Cows have one stomach divided into four distinct compartments

- Ruminant stomachs have four compartments: the rumen, the reticulum, the omasum and the abomasum.
- Rumen microbes ferment feed and produce volatile fatty acids, which is the cow's main energy source. Rumen microbes also produce B vitamins, vitamin K and amino acids.
- In calves, the esophageal grooves allows milk to bypass the rumen and directly enter the abomasum. Rumen development occurs following a change in diet and microbial growth.



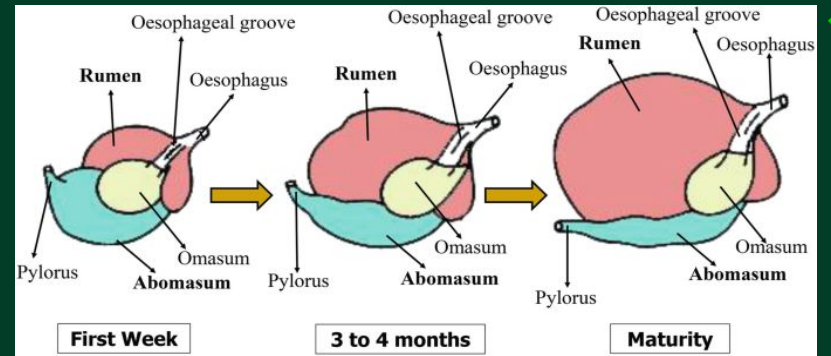
Herd Health

Calf digestive system

The rumen, reticulum and omasum remain undeveloped at birth and during the first few weeks of life. The calf's largest stomach compartment is the abomasum. At this stage of life, the rumen doesn't function and thus some feeds that mature cows can digest, calves can not.

During nursing or bucket feeding milk bypasses the rumen and directly enters the abomasum via the esophageal groove. Reflex action (e.g. when the calf nurses) closes the groove to form a tube-like structure. This prevents milk or milk replacer from entering the rumen. If the calf drinks milk rapidly, some may overflow into the rumen.

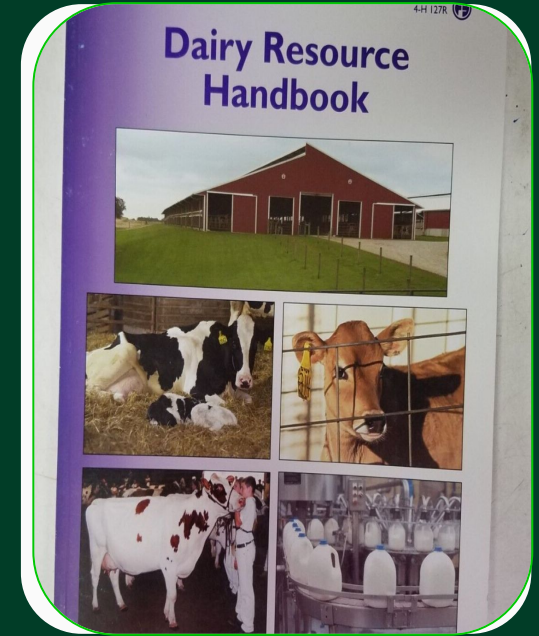
The rumen will remain undeveloped as long as the calf stays on milk. Once the calf begins eating grain and forage, a microbial population will develop in the rumen and reticulum. Feeding grain with or without forage during the first few weeks of life will result in larger and heavier papillae growth in the rumen. Thus, the rumen will begin functioning like the adult's when the calf is three months old.



Dairy Exhibitor Test

Friday, July 31st - time has not been decided yet, but we will make sure all members are able to take the test

All members are encouraged to participate in our dairy test, however, this is a requirement for our Lease A Dairy members and is part of both the Mike Dickinson & Shari Stroup awards. You will receive a study guide around the time of Extravaganza and the majority of the questions come from your dairy handbook. There are a few questions that will come from our workshops, MQA and our monthly newsletters.



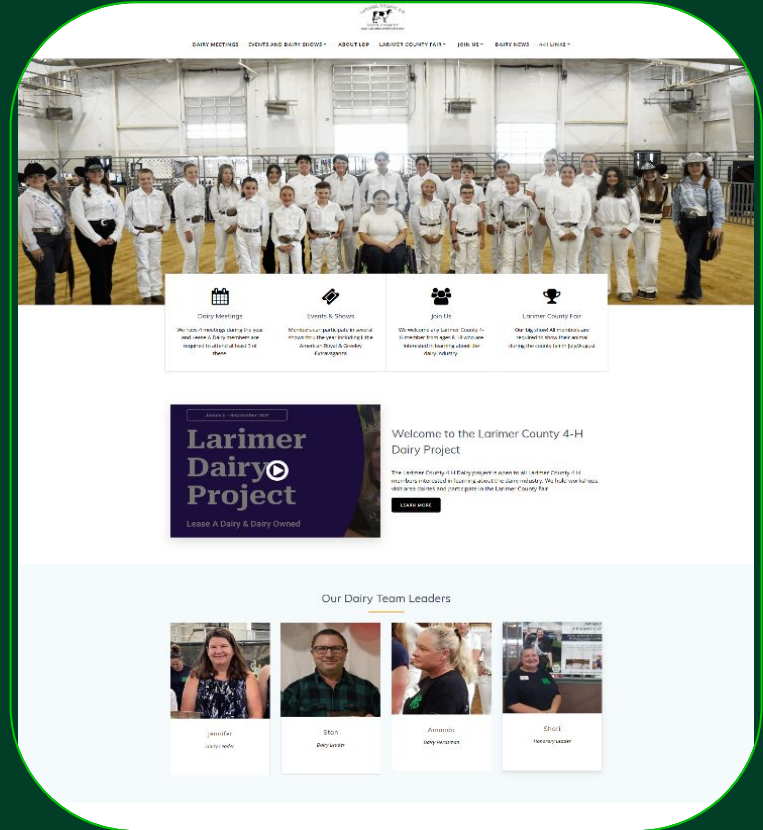
- Juniors - 10 questions + basic dairy anatomy
- Intermediates - 10 questions + basic & skeletal anatomy
- Seniors - 10 questions + skeletal & organ anatomy

Dairy Website

Larimerdairyproject.com

Keep up to date on all the latest information from our website:

- Links to forms
- Learn about dairy shows
- Watch videos of prior years events
- Download your record books
- Get County Fair information and links
- Learn About dairy cattle breeds
- Support our dairy sponsors



Additional Forms

Animal Housing Form

I have copies tonight if you want one or they can be downloaded off our website. Please turn them into me for signing and I will turn them into the extension office.

Animal IDs

Animal ID's are due May 1st to 4-H Online

- Take a picture of all 4 sides of each of your animals
- Cannot change animals after May 1st
- These are the animals registered to you for the county fair

Proof of Ownership

ALL MEMBERS MUST FILE WITH THE EXTENSION OFFICE

- Lease A Dairy have your online lease agreement
- Breed Associations, Brand Inspections, Registrations
- Prevent cattle theft, track diseases and herd populations



Little American Royal - Kersey

Friday, May 1st - Dairy show begins at 5pm

- Platte Valley MS Field House, 700 Hill Street, Kersey, CO 80644
- Free to watch
- Weather says 65 and cloudy

LITTLE AMERICAN ROYAL

Friday, May 1st @ 5pm
Registration Opens April 15th

This is a great show to come and watch and learn what a dairy show looks like. The Dairy Cattle show is held outdoors. LAD cannot participate, but we encourage you to come and support our Own Your Own members

Platte Valley Middle School Field House
700 Hill Street, Kersey, CO 80644 . Hosted by Platte Valley FFA



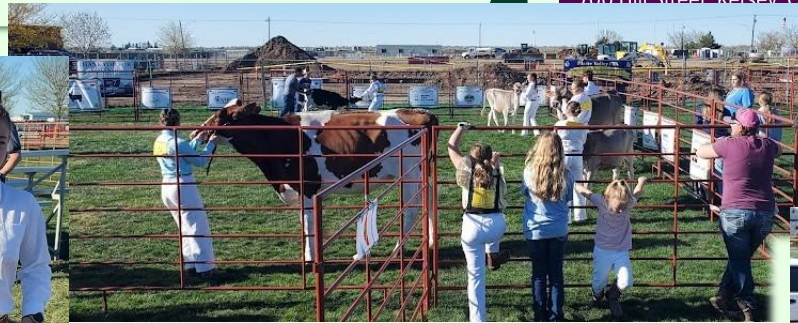
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Friday, May 1st, 2026
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3:00-4:30 PM Meat Goat Check-In (Weigh Cards)
3:30-5:00 PM Dairy Cattle Check-In
4:30-6:00 PM Sponsor Appreciation Snuggly Dinner
5:00 PM Meat Goat Judging
5:00 PM Dairy Cattle Show Judging
5:30 PM Sheep Show Judging

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026
7:00-8:30 AM Swine Show Check-In (Weigh Cards)
7:00-8:30 AM Horse Check-In
8:00 AM Horse Show Judging
10:00 AM Swine Show Judging
9:00-10:30 AM Beef Show Weigh-In
11:00 AM Beef Show Judging (Blow & Go)
12:30 PM All-Around Showmanship
4PM-5PM Sical Auction Pick-Up
6PM Community BBQ

Online registration—www.showman.app—Opens April 15

Platte Valley Middle School Field House, 700 Hill Street, Kersey, Colorado. For more information, contact a 4-H agent at www.showman.app or call the Platte Valley FFA at 303.675.2222.



**1ST SHOW OF THE SEASON -
COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR
FELLOW 4-H MEMBERS!**



Key Dairy Events & Dates

February

March

April

May

MQA Training

Sat., Feb. 21st
9am - 3pm
McKee Bldg

Dairy Workshop

Fri., Feb. 27th
630pm
Origins Arena Classroom

Hoard's Judging Due, March 8th

Lease A Dairy Day

All lease a dairy members will gather at the dairy to choose their animals

Dairy Workshop

Fri, March 27th
630pm
McKee 4-H Bldg



Little American Royal Dairy Show

Own Your Own Members
Friday, May 1st
Platte Valley HS
4pm

Clipping Workshop

Saturday, May 30th
Anna Hales Home
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Key Dairy Events & Dates ... cont

June

July

July/August

September

Fair Entry Opens

June 1st - online

LAD Clipping

Cows in the week of June 4th for all members. There will be a sign up. LAD will clip at Mountain View

Greeley Dairy Extravaganza

June 12-14th
Island Grove Park

Record Book Checks

All Members need to schedule their time between 4 dates.

Round Robin Clinic

Wed, July 8th @ 4-7pm
Origin Arena

Dairy Royalty Interviews

Applications Due July 7th
In-person interviews July 13th

LAD Clipping Cows

We will have sign ups for the week of July 23rd.



Livestock Record Books Due

September 14th

Thank you!

- Mike Dickenson - Shari
- Door Prizes
- Thank you to Gracie & William and their family and Anna and her family for bringing their animals today!

Brianna judging the Little American Royal in 2025



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GroupMe - [Phone App](#)

Guest Judge, Brianna McBride

Brianna resides in Erie, CO. She grew up in Weld County showing registered Milking Shorthorns and Holsteins throughout the state. Brianna was involved in dairy judging in 4-H, FFA, and collegiately where she was an all-American at World Dairy Expo. Brianna has judged local and state shows including the Arizona State Fair Youth Dairy show and was approved by the Holstein Association Judges Conference this past winter. Ms. McBride now works as an Associate Scientist at Horizon Family Brands



Brianna McBride

Dairy Cattle Judge

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10:00 AM	Silent Auction

Get

Excited!

