

Dairy Cattle

Department G

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Division G048, Dairy Cattle

- A. An exhibitor is limited to showing **two** animals. If a junior herd is shown, the **three** animals in the junior herd may be shown in individual classes.
- B. Only female dairy cattle will be allowed to show.
- C. Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.
- D. Registered and Grades will show together.
- E. A Champion and Reserve Champions will be selected at the discretion of the Judge. **Only purple ribbons will be considered for Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons, Awards and Prizes.**
- F. Dairy Cattle must submit an Animal Ownership Affidavit by **June 1**.
- G. **Grooming-** All preliminary clipping of animals must be done prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Box Butte County allows a **full fit show**. Anyone can assist exhibitors in the clipping, blocking, fitting and/or grooming of an animal if the exhibitor is in attendance and actively involved in the process.
- H. **Dress Code-** When showing animals, exhibitors must wear the official 4-H Council approved T-shirt or FFA shirt (white preferred). White jeans and closed-toed shoes are appropriate.
- I. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**—Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through the yqcaprogram.org website. (See Livestock Handbook for more information)
- J. **Livestock Handbook Agreement-**ALL exhibitors and one parent must review, sign and return, to the Extension Office, the Large Animal Handbook Agreement, to be eligible to show and sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair. This must be complete by July 1 of the current year.
- K. See the Livestock Handbook for more information.

Dairy Cattle Showmanship

- G048001** Dairy Junior Division (ages 8-10 before January 1 of the current year)
- G048002** Dairy Intermediate Division (ages 11-13 before January 1 of the current year)
- G048003** Dairy Senior Division (ages 14-18 before January 1 of the current year)

Classes of all breeds are as follows:

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| Spring calf (3-1-2024 to 4-30-2024) | Winter Yearling (12-1-2022- to 2-29-2023) |
| Winter calf (12-1-2023 to 2-29-2024) | Fall Yearling (9-1-2022 to 11-30-2022) |
| Fall calf (9-1-2023 to 11-30-2023) | Two-Year-Old (9-1-2021 to 8-31-2022) |
| Summer Yearling (6-1-2023 to 8-31-2023) | Three-year-old (9-1-2020 to 8-31-2021) |
| Spring Yearling (3-1-2023 to 5-31-2023) | Four-Year-Old & Older (Born before 9-1-2020) |

Dry Cow Any Age

**Animals born after 8-31-22 that have calved must be shown as two-year olds.

Exhibitors in the Junior Herd class will enter **three** females. At least one of the three must be a cow that has freshened and has been fresh long enough to have a projected 305-day M.E. All three must be of the same breed. These must be pre-entered as a herd to qualify.

Option: All Dairy animals will be given the option of coming in on the day of the show and leaving after the show. If need be, the animal will be returned for Round Robin Showmanship. Stall space may dictate whether Dairy animals will be allowed to stay at the Fair for the entire week.

Breed Classes

G048004	Ayrshire	G048005	Brown Swiss
G048006	Guernsey	G048007	Holstein
G048008	Jersey	G048009	Milking Shorthorn
G048010	Junior Dairy Herd		