

Cream of the Crop Dairy Show

The 23rd annual Cream of the Crop dairy cattle show will be held on Saturday, June 4th 2022 at the Cuming County fairgrounds in **West Point Nebraska**.

The show is open to everyone (both youth and adults). Members of 4-H and FFA are encouraged to attend. The show is educational and fun for all ages.

Breeds eligible are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn and Crossbred (& others). Both grade and registered cattle may be exhibited. An animal must be at least 75% of that breed, and have normal breed characteristics, to show with that breed

All animals must be in good health. Animals that have visible warts, active ringworm or other signs of health problems, will be asked to leave and not allowed to show. Veterinary health certificates will not be required. Animals coming from outside of the state will need required veterinary health certificates to enter Nebraska.

All animals will be awarded a purple, blue or red ribbon. The first place in each class will receive a \$5.00 certificate to use at any sale held during the show. A champion and reserve champion heifer and a champion and reserve champion cow will be selected from each breed, and will receive a special award.

There will be a **showmanship contest** held at the start of the show. Divisions will be Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Pee-wee. Animals used for showmanship must have been cared for and prepared for the show by the person showing it. Senior showmanship will go to 21 years of age (on January 1st). There will be a Pee-wee showmanship class for the young kids. These kids will not be ranked and will each receive a multi-colored ribbon. This is to give the kids experience in the show-ring, without the pressure of competition. Adults may help these kids. Every kid who participates in showmanship will receive a \$5.00 certificate to use at any sale held during the show. All kids may not be placed in order. We would rather the official judge spend time giving suggestions to the exhibitors, than making bottom placings.

There will be a **judging contest** held following showmanship. Prizes will be awarded to the top individuals in Junior (up to 12 on Jan. 1st) and Senior (13 to 18 on Jan. 1st). There will also be an Adult division. Each adult puts in \$1.00 and the winner gets the total amount. We will have 3 classes, with questions on the last one. Sign-up for the judging contest will take place the morning of the show. Anyone coming for just the judging contest should be signed up by 11:00.

There is NO entry fee. Pre-entry is required by Tuesday May 31st. The earlier you can enter, would be appreciated, so we can put a good show program together. Late entries will be accepted until 9:00 the morning of the show, with a \$10.00, per head, late-entry fee. Everyone must check-in at the show office, between 8:00 and 9:00 the morning of the show. More check-in times will probably be available on Friday evening, to make it go smoother on the day of the show.

Donations to help fund the show would be appreciated. These could be from dairy/farm related businesses, West Point/Cuming County area businesses, farms, organizations or individuals. A donor can get an advertisement in the show program. A \$200 donation qualifies for a full-page ad. A \$100 donation gets a half-page ad. A \$60 donation gets a ¼ page ad. Please contact us if you are interested in donating or advertising.

Animals should be bedded in the barn. **We will have rye straw available for sale** for \$6 per bale. Please contact us to let us know how many you want. It will be delivered to the fairgrounds. This is for sale until it is gone. **Cattle should be in the barns by 8:00 the morning of the show.** Barns will be available on Thursday. Let us know if you plan to come before noon on Friday, or on Thursday, so we make sure we have everything ready for you.

There will be a lunch-stand available, in the morning, and during the show. A free-will offering will be accepted. You can either put money in the can in the lunch room or make a one-time donation, for your family, when paying for everything else.

If you plan to stay overnight, West Point has 2 motels. Horizon Inn & Suites, phone (402) 372-1959 and West Point Inn & Suites, phone (402) 372-3998. The City Park (aka Neligh Park), just south of the fairgrounds, has 16 camper pads with electrical and water hook-ups. Also, a dump-station. One rest-room in the park has showers. Campers may be set up in the fairgrounds but there is no electrical or water hook-ups. You may also set up cots in the barn.

We will have a few sales going on during the show. We will sell our left-over prizes from past years. These include sports bottles, cow bells, rope halters, etc. Most of these will be priced at \$5. You can either purchase them or use the \$5 certificates.

We will have a **silent auction** of donated items. We have some wonderful items, with more to come. There will be a **"White pants and more sale"**. Judges prefer that exhibitors wear white pants, especially in showmanship. These are hard to find and can be expensive. Kids wear them for a couple of shows, then out-grow them by the next year. *Check "show kids got their white pants on" parody on Face-book.* People can bring items that they would like to sell. They would tell us what price they want and we will sell them, like a garage sale. Some larger items could be sold on a silent auction. Many families have quit showing and no longer milk. The **"and more"** could be show equipment such as clippers, show halters or anything else, even the show box. It could also be any other item used by dairy families.

We might, also, have some **show calves** for sale by silent auction. If you would be interested in selling some, let us know, so we can promote them.

On show day, you will be given an invoice to fill out your name and contact information. We will give you a bidder number for the silent auction. Anything that you purchase, during the day, could be put on the invoice and you can make one check out at the end.

Entries can be made several ways. You can fill out and mail the enclosed form. You can scan and email it to us. You can just email the information. The enclosed form has showmanship entries on the top 2 and cattle entries are the bottom 3. Please fill out all of the information, so we can have a complete printed show program. Some people use the Cream of the Crop show placings for All-American nominations. We need a show catalog, with complete information, for this

When filling out entries: if the animal is registered, put the complete registered name and registration number. If it is grade, put the name or ear-tag number. For the sire, we prefer the full name. If you don't have that, you can put the A.I. code or herd sire, unknown, etc. If the exhibitor and owner are the same, you can put "same" on one of them.

The official judge will be Kaleb Kruse from Dyersville, Iowa. Kaleb was very active in 4-H and FFA. He was on the Iowa state 4-H Judging and Quiz Bowl teams. He received Associate degrees in 4 different agriculture areas. He got an Animal Science degree from the University of Minnesota. He was 2nd for oral reasons at the World Dairy Expo and on a national champion college judging team. In 2019 he received the Merle Howard award which goes to the top junior exhibitor at the World Dairy Expo. Kaleb is currently working for Cowbuyer.com. Him and his brothers raise and show cattle from most breeds. He judged the national Junior Ayrshire show at the North American International Livestock Exposition, last fall.

If you know of someone else who might be interested in the show, let them know about it, or give us their name and address. If you have room in your trailer, offer to take a kid's heifer along. We have had past exhibitors get started that way. We have been having around 100 head at the show. In recent years we have had exhibitors from 6 different states.

The Cream of the Crop Dairy Show is sponsored by the Nebraska Junior Dairy Association

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Check face-book "Cream of the Crop dairy show" for updates and information

Other good shows to consider: Iowa/Minnesota Area Youth Dairy show is Saturday July 30th in Sibley (NW) Iowa. They are planning some fun activities for Friday evening and Saturday, during the show. For more information contact Charlotte Rollefson (712) 461-1558. The Fremont 4-H Expo dairy show is on Thursday July 7th. For more information contact Carl Aschoff (402) 380-2465. The Beatrice Invitational dairy show is on Saturday June 25th. For more information contact the Gage County Extension office at (402) 223-1384. The Nebraska State Fair open class show will be Friday September 2nd and their open youth show will be on Sunday September 4th. For more information check www.statefair.org or call Don Esau (402) 223-9210 or Roger Henrichs (402) 239-7740

The national Holstein convention will be close this year. It will be in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 27th to July 1st. For more information, go to face-book "2020 National Holstein convention".

SHOW SCHEDULE AND ORDER OF JUDGING

PRE-ENTRIES DUE - - Tuesday May 31st

BARNs AVAILABLE - - Thursday June 2nd - *please let us know if coming before Friday noon*

CATTLE MUST BE IN BARNs - - by 8:00 a.m. Saturday

REGISTRATION and CHECK-IN - - 8:00 to 9:00 the morning of the show

More check-in times may be available on Friday evening or earlier on Saturday morning

SHOWMANSHIP - - starting at 10:00

Senior showmanship - - ages 17 to 21 (as of January 1st)

Intermediate showmanship - - ages 12 to 16 (as of January 1st)

Junior showmanship - - ages 8 to 11 (as of January 1st)

Pee-wee showmanship - - age 7 and under (as of January 1st)

JUDGING CONTEST - - 3 classes following showmanship

JUDGING OF CATTLE - - following judging contest

We will go through class #1 for each breed, then class #2 for each breed, then class #3 for each breed, etc.

Class 1 Spring calf - - born March 1 to April 30, 2022

Class 2 Winter calf - - born December 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022

Class 3 Fall calf - - Born September 1 to November 30, 2021

Class 4 Summer yearling - - born June 1 to August 30, 2021

Class 5 Spring yearling - - born March 1 to May 31, 2021

Class 6 Winter yearling - - born December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021

Class 7 Fall yearling - - born September 1 to November 30, 2020

Class 8 Unfresh 2 year old - - born September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020

SELECTION OF CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER FOR EACH BREED

Class 9 Dry cow - - any age

Class 10 Milking 2 year old - - born September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020

Class 11 Milking 3 year old - - born September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019

Class 12 Milking 4 year old - - born September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018

Class 13 Milking Aged cow - - born prior to September 1, 2017

SELECTION OF CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION COW FOR EACH BREED

Class 14 Produce of Dam - - 2 animals (heifers, cows or both) from the same cow.

Class 15 Dam/Daughter pair - - A cow and one of her daughters (cow or heifer)

In classes 14 and 15 for animals who are the result of embryo transfer, the embryo donor dam, will be considered the dam. All breeds will show together in these classes.

Class 16 Best 3 animals bred by owner - - 3 cattle (heifers, cows or both) that were bred by the person/farm that currently owns them. The breeder is the owner of the animal when she was conceived. All breeds will show together in this class and an entry may contain more than one breed