

DEPARTMENT B - DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent - Lee Hodge

*****NEW THIS YEAR*****

Tuesday 6:30 PM - 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship

Judge - Justine Kelsey, Canastota, NY

Thursday 9:30 AM

4-H & Open Dairy Cattle Show

Judge - Abe Light, Argyle, NY

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Entries close in Department B on ***Friday, July 24, 2026 @ 5:00 pm.***
2. All cattle must meet all health requirements as set by the Chenango County Fair and NYS Ag & Markets.
3. All cattle entered must be registered and show transfer in the name of the exhibitor prior to start date of fair.
4. All cattle must have required paperwork available when cattle arrive on grounds and have them available at any other time the cattle superintendent may request to see them.
5. An exhibitor is defined as an individual or firm in whose name the animal is registered and transferred. Members of an immediate family, such as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister may put their animals together for a group entry, but registration papers must check at time animals are shown in ring.
6. All animals exhibiting in this department must be on the grounds and ready for exhibition by 9:00 AM Wednesday.
7. *Animal "Check In" Times: **Monday 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Tuesday 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)***
8. *All cattle coming into the fair must enter through the Maydole Street Gate (next to the main fair office) and proceed through the check-in lanes as directed by designated fair officials. Cattle will be vet checked off the trailers and not in the barns.*
9. ***NEW FOR 2026: 4-H DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP ON TUESDAY NIGHT STARTING AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWING THE EXHIBITORS MEETING.***
10. A decision by the State Veterinarian to remove an animal from the grounds for any health reason or health paper inadequacies is final. The animal will not be allowed to return to the grounds for the remainder of the week.
11. No animal to be removed from the grounds without permission of the superintendent.
12. Cattle must show in ring to compete for prizes. Premiums paid only on breed specified and to animals of merit (at the discretion of the official judge). The judge's decision will be final in all cases, except when error, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases the superintendent or such referee as appointed may make decision, whose decision shall then be final.
13. In classes where there is no competition between exhibitors, the second premium money may be paid (at judge's discretion). No exhibitor will receive more than two prizes in any one class.
14. All animals placing first and second in single classes will automatically compete for championships. Entry fee not required.
15. No person shall be allowed to interfere with the judge during the adjudication, and any person who by letter or otherwise attempts to interfere will be excluded from competition. Protest must be made to the Superintendent of Cattle in writing.

16. Stall assignments will be made by the dairy cattle superintendent. No changes in the stalls partition are to be made without consulting the barn superintendent.
17. No water tanks inside the barns.
18. All exhibitors are required to clean their stalls and surrounding area at the time of release of cattle
19. No exhibitor under the age of 18 years of age will be allowed to sleep in the cattle barns during the night.
20. Exception: When a child under 18 is accompanied directly by a parent. No exception to the exception.
21. All campers and/or tents must be placed in the appropriate camper designated area as posted. Camper and/or tent assignments and payment can be done at the fair office.
22. There is to be no dumping of human waste on the fairgrounds.
23. Damage toward personal property or exhibits caused by the consumption of alcoholic beverages will cause exclusion from all future competitions, loss of premiums and possible legal action. Anyone found to be selling or giving alcoholic beverages to minors will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Any minor found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages or suspected of consuming alcoholic beverages will be turned over to the appropriate authorities. Possible suspension from future Chenango County Fair competitions may result at the discretion of the Chenango County Fair Board.
24. All garbage must be disposed of in appropriate trash barrels located throughout the grounds. Keep garbage, wire, glass, tin, boards, string, etc. out of manure pit.
25. Under-age guests (under 18 non-exhibitors) who plan on staying overnight on the fairgrounds must have an adult chaperone or supervisor. They must also submit proper paperwork to the Chenango County 4-H director/leader prior to staying overnight
26. The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) Show Ring Code Of Ethics will be used. To view the PDCA code, visit: <http://www.nyholsteins.com/carousel14fmdex.php>

DEPARTMENT B – DAIRY CATTLE SECTIONS AND CLASSES:

Holstein = Section 1 Guernsey = Section 3 Jersey = Section 5
 Ayrshire = Section 2 Brown Swiss = Section 4 Shorthorn = Section 6

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	AGE REQUIREMENT
1	Spring Heifer Calf	After March 1 of current year (over 3 months of age)
2	Winter Heifer Calf	Between December of preceeding year - February 29 of current year
3	Fall Heifer Calf	Between September 1 - November 30 of preceeding year
4	Summer Yearling Heifer	Between June 1 - August 31 of preceeding year
5	Spring Yearling Heifer	Between March 1 - May 31 of preceeding year
6	Winter Yearling Heifer	Between December 1 of 2nd preceeding year - February 29 of preceeding year
7	Fall Yearling Heifer	Between September 1 of 2nd preceeding year - November 30 of preceeding year
JUNIOR AND RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION SELECTION		
8	Yearling in Milk	After March 1 of preceeding year
9	Junior 2 Year Old Cow	Between March 1 - August 31 of 2nd preceeding year
10	Senior 2 Year Old Cow	Between September 1 of preceeding year - February 29 or preceeding year
11	Junior 3 Year Old Cow	Between March 1 - August 31 of 3rd preceeding year
12	Senior 3 Year Old Cow	Between September 1 of 4th preceeding year - February 29 or 3rd preceeding year
13	4 Year Old Cow	After August 31 of 4th preceeding year & before September 1 of 5th preceeding year
14	5 Year Old Cow	After August 31 of 5th preceeding year & before September 1 of 6th preceeding year
15	Aged Cow	On or after September 1 of 6th preceeding year
16	Dry Cow Under 4 Years Old	
17	Dry Cow Over 4 Years Old	
SENIOR AND RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION SELECTION		
GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SELECTION		
SUPREME CHAMPION SELECTION		
18	Junior Best 3 Females - bred and owned by exhibitor - all animals under 2 years of age	
19	Best 3 Females - bred and owned by exhibitor - animals any age	
20	Dairy Herd - consisting of 3 cows, all 2 years and older, all having calved at least once	
21	Produce of Dam - 2 animals, any age, both having the same dam	
22	Dam and Daughter - both owned by one exhibitor	
23	Type and Production - must submit required documents prior to show	

DEPARTMENT B DAIRY CATTLE ENTRY FEE SCALE:

Classes 1 – 7 \$1.25 per entry
 Classes 8 – 16 \$1.75 per entry
 Classes 17 – 23 \$2.25 per entry

Premiums will be determined using the point system. Total premiums paid out not to exceed \$4000 but may be limited to \$3400 as the number of entries may warrant.

TYPE AND PRODUCTION CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

D.H.I.C. Association Records – The formula for computing Type and Production Class is:

- Type 1st 50pts, 2nd 48pts, 3rd 46pts, 4th 44pts and so on.
- Production: 1st 50pts, 2nd 48pts, 3rd 46pts, 4th 44pts and so on.
- Production is 4% PCM = (0.4xlbs. Milk) + (1.5xlbs. Fat).
- Must submit original lifetime sheet to Dairy Superintendent

PREMIER BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR AWARDS:

Premier Breeder award shall be made to the exhibitor credited with the most points on at least 3 animals, but not to exceed six animals **bred and owned** by the exhibitor. No entry form is required. **Premier Exhibitor** award shall be made to the exhibitor of animals credited with the most points on at least 3 animals, but not to exceed six animals **exhibited by himself and/or other exhibitors**. No entry form is required. Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Awards will be based on the following point scale:

Junior-Age Females & Dry Cows:

1st = 5 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th place = 1 point

Senior-Age Females:

1st = 10 points, 2nd = 8 points, 3rd = 6 points, 4th = 4 points, 5th place = 2 points

MILKING FACILITIES – MARGARET JOHNSON MEMORIAL MILKING PARLOR

A milking system is available for exhibitors to use. **Milking hours will be determined by the milk house superintendent in cooperation with the exhibitors as best as possible. Needs/issues should be directed to the milk house superintendent. Milk from exhibitors milking in the barns may not be allowed to be put into the bulk tank. The fair board, dairy cattle superintendent, nor the milk house superintendent can guarantee that exhibitors will be compensated in any way for their milk. There is to be **NO** colostrum milk, mastitis milk, flaking milk, or milk treated with antibiotics in the milking parlor or bulk tank.

HERDSMANSHIP:

Herdsmanship is expected to encourage more attractive livestock displays and promote a positive view of agriculture to fairgoers. The premise of herdsmanship is a pride in all that we do. This includes clean and neat exhibits as well as decorations that are attractive and informative to the public. Each exhibitor is required to have a neat and attractive livestock exhibit that is clean and ready for public view **NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM** each morning of the week. This is to include, but not limited to, manger area, aisle area, clipping area, and watering areas. Depending on funding and sponsorship, there may be specific awards given to the best exhibits during fair week.