

**HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H & AGRICULTURAL FAIR**  
**COUNTY 4-H DAIRY SHOW**

**Date: THURSDAY OF FAIR**  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Superintendent: Kathy Young**  
**Location: LARGE LIVESTOCK BARN**

**Show Rules:**

1. Members must have fulfilled all project area and club requirements before exhibiting at the fair and must be a member in good standing of an official 4-H club in good standing.
2. **All project record books are to be checked by a club leader, who will verify that your project book is up-to-date by signing the leader verification box on entry form.**
3. Animals must meet the following requirements to be eligible:
  - a. They may be registered purebreds or grades.
  - b. They must be owned or leased solely by the exhibitor as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, must be on file at the County 4-H office by May 1<sup>st</sup>, of the current year and signed and dated by the agent.
4. Members and exhibits should appear neat at all times. White outfits are requested for the show (no shorts or skirts allowed). Exhibitors must not wear any item which denotes personal herd, club or county identification during the show. **Work boots are required** - open toed shoes, sneakers, and flip flops cannot be worn.
5. No decorations or ribbons shall be allowed in the show ring except those being presented.
6. Animals may arrive at the Fairgrounds after 2:00 p.m. Tuesday before Fair. All animals must be checked in by 10 a.m. Wednesday, or 7:00-8:00 a.m., Thursday. **At check in have all registration papers, copies of lease forms and health certificates available. Make arrangements for a vet to check all animals before they are unloaded.**
7. Exhibitors need to provide their own feeding utensils and equipment. These should be plainly marked with the name of the owner.
8. Placings will be on merit alone; premiums will not be paid.
9. Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow, etc.
10. State health requirements will be enforced:
  - a. Animals must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection verifying that all animals have been observed by a veterinarian on the farm of origin. The certificate must verify that the entire herd is free of any signs of infectious or contagious disease. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection must be dated within 30 days of the show or at veterinarian's discretion.
  - b. All animals must be free of ringworm and pinkeye.
  - c. All bovine must be vaccinated for rabies.
  - d. In the event an animal is sick and the owner cannot be located, the show superintendent or head herdsman is authorized to call the veterinarian to attend the animal at cost to the owner.
  - e. The exhibitor (owner or leaser) is responsible for showing of the animal which they have registered for the show. No substitutions of showmen are allowed unless approved by the 4-H Leader.

11. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping the barn clean during and after the show, as advised by the head herdsman.
12. **Responsibility for Accident** - The Fair Association shall not be responsible for any accident which may occur to or by reason of any animal exhibited at the fair, and the exhibitors shall hold them blameless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from any such accident.
13. Exhibitors must leave animals until 5:00 p.m. Sunday.
14. The General Rules apply to this and all 4-H shows taking place at the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair.
15. Breed Classes: Colored Breeds to be shown independently in their own breed. There must be at least 3 animals in the Junior and Senior classes to have selection of Junior and Senior Champion.
16. **Completed entry form should be sent to show superintendent: Forms should be completed and given to your 4-H leader by August 1<sup>st</sup>.**
17. Main Club 4-H Leaders have the right to determine animal substitutions due to animal conditions that may potentially cause harm or injury to exhibitors, spectators and fair goers or spread of disease. These conditions may include animal in heat, illness, contagious or infectious disease. If such conditions occur during the 4-H and Agricultural fair, the Hunterdon County 4-H Club Leaders have the authority to have the animal removed from the grounds and the exhibitor will have an opportunity to make an animal substitution.

## **CLASSES**

1. Junior Heifer Calf – born between March 1, 2024 and May 31, 2024
2. Intermediate Heifer Calf – born between December 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024
3. Senior Heifer Calf – born between September 1, 2023 and November 30, 2023
4. Summer Junior Yearling – born between June 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023
5. Junior Yearling – born between March 1, 2023 and May 31, 2023
6. Intermediate Senior Yearling – born between December 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023
7. Senior Yearling – born between September 1, 2022 and November 30, 2022

### **Selection of JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE AND RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**

8. Two-Year-Old Not Yet Freshened – born between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022
9. Junior Two-Year-Old in Milk – born between March 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022
10. Senior Two-Year-Old in Milk – born between September 1, 2021 and February 28, 2022
11. Junior Three-Year-Old – born between March 1, 2021 and August 31, 2021
12. Senior Three-Year-Old – born between September 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021
13. Four-Year-Old – born between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020
14. Five-Year-Old – born between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019
15. Mature Cow-Six Years and Over – born before September 1, 2017
16. Three and Four-Year-Old, Dry – any animal born between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2021 that has freshened and is now dry.
17. Five Years and Older, Dry – any animal born before August 31, 2019 that has freshened and is now dry.

### **Selection of SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE AND RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**

**Selection of GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE**

**Selection of SUPREME CHAMPION – All Grand Champion Breeds**

18. Dam & Daughter – two animals, a cow and her female offspring
19. Best Udder
20. Bred By Exhibitor
21. Bred by Lessee
22. Showmanship – Every exhibitor **must** enter the showmanship class. Exhibitors who do not enter this class will forfeit any awards received during the show. Members must own or lease their showmanship animal. The showmanship classes are as follows:
  - Cloverbud Showmanship – Grades K-3
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Showmanship – Grades 4-8
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Showmanship – Grades 9-13 Beginner
  - Showmanship – Grades 5-6 Intermediate
  - Showmanship – Grades 7-9 Experienced
  - Showmanship – Grades 10-13