



Dept. 4A – Youth Dairy Cattle

Superintendents:

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1st Half of the Week:

Ayrshires/Guernseys/ Jerseys/Milking Shorthorns

Arrive Fri. Sept. 18, noon - 8 p.m. (heifers must be in place by 8 p.m.)

Sat. Sept. 19, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (cows must be in place by 10 a.m.)

Shows will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Showmanship - 8 a.m.

Heifers - Approx. 9:30 a.m. (following showmanship) | Cows – 12:30 p.m.

Milking cows released Immediately following show on Sun. Sept. 20

Heifers & Dry cows released Monday, Sept. 21, Noon - 3 p.m.

2nd Half of the Week:

Brown Swiss/Holsteins

Arrive 8 a.m. - Noon, Tues. Sept. 22 – Must be in place by Noon

Shows will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24

Showmanship - 8 a.m.

Heifers - Approx. 9:30 a.m. (following showmanship) | Cows – 12:30 p.m.

Milking cows released Thurs., Sept. 24 at 8 p.m.

Heifers & dry cows released Sat., Sept. 26, at 6 p.m.

New for 2026: Youth and Open shows will run simultaneously in the ring together. Youth Showmanship classes will be offered on both show days. Youth must elect one showmanship day to participate in regardless if you have species in both show days. The

Overall Champion selected on Sunday will be asked to come back and show again on Thursday for the selection of Master Showman.

Additional Youth Dairy Rules:

1. Youth exhibitors can only show in one (1) Fitting & Showing Class.
2. A dairy cow must have been owned by the exhibitor before the animal was a two-year-old to be exhibited in the cow classes.
3. In Dam & Daughter Class, both animals must have been exhibited by the same exhibitor in Classes 1-18. Define entry should be made for each entry in the Dam & Daughter Class.
4. Youth follow PDCA rules in addition to the Frederick County Youth rules.
5. Youth exhibitors are allowed no more than 2 entries per class. Youth exhibitors must show their own entry.
7. An exhibitors' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at Building 32

Premiums:

1st - \$24 | 2nd - \$20 | 3rd - \$18 | 4th - \$17 | 5th - \$16 | 6th - \$15 | 7th - \$14 | 8th - \$13 | 9th - \$11 | 10th & up - \$10

BREED DIVISIONS

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| 1. Ayrshire | 4. Holstein |
| 2. Brown Swiss | 5. Jersey |
| 3. Guernsey | 6. Milking Shorthorn |

CLASS

1. Spring Calves (3/1/26 – 5/30/26)
2. Winter Calves (12/1/25 – 2/28/26)
3. Fall Calves (9/1/25 – 11/30/25)
4. Summer Yearling (6/1/25 – 8/31/25)
5. Spring Yearling (3/1/25 - 5/31/25)
6. Winter Yearling (12/1/24 - 2/28/25)
7. Fall Yearling (9/1/24 - 11/30/24)
8. Junior Champion – RIBBON ONLY
9. Reserve Junior Champion – RIBBON ONLY
10. Dry Cows 3 & Over
11. Fall Yearling in Milk (9/1/24 - 11/30/24)
12. Junior 2 Yr. Old (3/1/24 - 8/31/24)
13. Senior 2 Yr. Old (9/1/23 - 2/28/24)
14. Junior 3 Yr. Old (3/1/23 - 8/31/23)
15. Senior 3 Yr. Old (9/1/22 - 2/28/23)
16. 4 Yr. Old (9/1/21 - 8/31/22)
17. 5 Yr. Old (9/1/20 - 8/31/21)
18. Aged Cow 6 and older (*Born before 9/1/20*)
19. Senior Champion – RIBBON ONLY
20. Reserve Senior Champion – RIBBON ONLY
21. Grand Champion - RIBBON ONLY
22. Reserve Grand Champion - RIBBON ONLY
23. Dam & Daughter
24. Junior Bred & Owned Champion – RIBBON ONLY
25. Senior Bred & Owned Champion – RIBBON ONLY
26. Supreme Junior Champion – RIBBON ONLY

27. Supreme Senior Champion – RIBBON ONLY
28. Supreme Junior Bred & Owned Champion – RIBBON ONLY
29. Supreme Senior Bred & Owned Champion – RIBBON ONLY

DIVISION 7 - SHOWMANSHIP

Pee Wee showmanship classes will be held on Sun. 9/20 at 5 p.m. only.

1. Pee Wee Showmanship (*under 8 yrs old*) considered open class - Ribbon Only
2. 1st Year Showmanship (*any age between 8-18, first time dairy exhibitor*)
3. Junior Showmanship (*8-10 yrs. old*)
4. Intermediate Showmanship (*11-13 yrs. old*)
5. Senior Showmanship (*14-18 yrs. old*)
6. Overall Showmanship – RIBBON ONLY
7. Master Showman - RIBBON ONLY

DIVISION 8 – PRETTY COW CONTEST

Show Chairs: Abby Riggleman & Sharon Thomas

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Contestants must prepare a written 5-minute dialog with the purpose of promoting the Dairy Industry

1. Pee Wee Under 5
2. Pee Wee Over 5
3. Junior Division
4. Intermediate Division
5. Senior Division
6. Overall Champion

DIVISION 9 – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Educational Exhibits will be judged based on the Danish ranking system and will be awarded premiums as follows: Blue - \$20, Red - \$10, White - \$5. Contact your department superintendent for more information. Youth participants must be showing in the Dairy department to participate.

Class 100 – Educational Displays

- Youth exhibitors are invited to plan an educational exhibit to be displayed during The Great Frederick Fair in the Milky Way. The exhibit may be an informational poster or other educational display.

Class 101 – Educational Demonstrations

- Youth exhibitors are invited to plan and execute a demonstration with the public during The Great Frederick Fair in the Dairy Barns/Showing.

Dairy Herdsman Awards:

The Youth Dairy Barn Awards will be combined with the Open Class and be called Herdsman Awards. The Youth and Open Class Superintendents will appoint a committee to make inspections during the week to determine their judgment using established criteria. Please refer to the Open Class Catalog Section for details.