



## Dept. A – Open Class Dairy

### Superintendents:

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Half of the Week:

#### **Ayrshires/Guernseys/Milking Shorthorns/Jerseys**

*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.

Heifers - Approx. 9:30 a.m. (following youth 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.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Heifers - Approx. 9:30 a.m. (following youth 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.**

### **LegendAIRY Supreme Show**

*Selected 7 p.m. Fri. Sept. 25*

## Rules & Regulations

1. Show times are subject to change based on breed entries.
2. The dairy cattle show is open to all, irrespective of residence.
3. An entry fee of \$5 is required for each entry, payable when entry is made. Refer to Rules/Regulations for pass policies.
4. No entry fee deductions will be made from any premiums awarded.
5. The Registration Certificate – which will be considered as proof of identity, parentage, birth date, ownership, and breeder of an animal, must be available upon request to the Cattle Superintendent or any person designated by Show Management during the show. All animals must be registered in their respective herd books.

**Ayrshire** – Ayrshire Genetic Recover animals which are registered in the GR stage may also be shown. The registration certificate will state “Grade Ayrshire – Genetic Recovery. Dual registered animals must show in the same breed shows if the animal is to be shown in the respective youth and open show.

**Brown Swiss** – Standard Registration from which is white with the green border is issued with a normal six-digit Registration Number for Registered Brown Swiss Females and Certified Identity Enrollment Female (CIE). Brown Swiss step II | E Identity Enrollment animals which have a 379 plus six-digit registration number may also be shown. Registration paper is green with black border.

**Guernsey** – Registered Guernsey females and females in step four of the Genetic Recover Program are eligible to show. Step four females have a “GR” prefix in their name. No other prefixes are eligible. Dual registered animals must show in the same breed shows if the animal is to be shown in the respective youth and open show.

**Holstein** – Holsteins with the 87 percent Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA) and above are eligible to show. Dual registered animals must show in the same breed shows if the animal is to be shown in the respective youth and open show.

**Jersey** – Registered Jersey females and females in the step three of the Genetic Recover Program are eligible to show. Step three animals are designated as “GR”, “J1”, “OA”, and “PR” animals are not eligible to show.

**Milking Shorthorn** – Cattle must have full herd book six-digit Milking Shorthorn Registry Certificates. Tattoo numbers must correspond with the registry certificate. Milking Shorthorn females with the nine-digit Birth Record Certificates, (begins with 36000 or 37000), are not eligible to show. Any Milking Shorthorn with black hair cannot be shown. Dual registered animals must show in the same breed shows if the animal is to be shown in the respective youth and open show. All show entries must comply with the eligibility regulations of the breeds national show policy. The Dairy Superintendent and staff will use all reasonable diligence to prevent errors or improper substitutions of animals. All entries must be checked and identified with a registration certificate by a Dairy Superintendent/Show Manager prior to showing. Any animal which cannot be identified by means of color markings or ear tattoo will be disqualified. Management invites the cooperation of Breed Registry Organization personnel and exhibitors in preventing errors in entering or in the showing of animals.

6. Animals must compete in individual classes to be shown in group classes.  
**Group Entries** – Entries not included on original entry form must be made no later than 1 p.m. of the day prior to the show. Group Cards designating animals must be completed by exhibitor and handed to show management prior to entrance in ring.

**Entries will not be accepted once the breed show has begun.**

7. Any changes in entries must be made at check-in time. Substitutions may be made within the same breed. No added entries will be accepted.
8. Exhibitors are allowed two entries for individual classes. All group classes limited to one entry per exhibitor.
9. All champions, both juniors and seniors of each breed, must remain on fairgrounds for the entire week.
10. All trailers must be parked in Lot E as designated by fair officials.
11. **An exhibitors' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at Building 32, South Mt. Creamery Large Arena.**
12. Parent/Guardian will be and are responsible for conduct of minor children.
13. Exhibitors are to present a copy of Approved Animal Health Papers to their Superintendent upon check-in. All animals exhibited must be listed on approved health papers. Original approved health papers will still be required by exhibitors to have upon arrival and until such time as reviewed by fair officials and or the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Inspectors.
14. In the show ring competition, the decision of the judge is final in all cases, except where an error or misrepresentation is discovered after the placings have been announced, but before the end of the show. In such cases, the final decision will be made by Department Superintendent.
15. Anyone not wearing closed toe shoes will not be permitted to enter the milking parlor. (Crocs, clogs, sandals, flip flops, etc. are not permitted.)
16. Dress Code for Open Classes: White pants and a colored or patterned shirt without any printing/advertising including farm names, no hats, no sunglasses.
17. No Children under the age of 6 will be permitted in the show ring during the open class shows even if accompanied by an adult. Other children ages 6-8 may be asked to leave the show ring at the discretion of the Superintendent(s) if a safety concern is identified.
18. TV's are not permitted in the barns.
19. All exhibitors MUST clean out all bedding into the center aisle of the barns. Exhibitors that do not comply will forfeit premium checks.
20. Refer to general rules and regulations for additional information.

**Ownership**

**Exhibitor** – An exhibitor must be the owner or member of a partnership owning the animal. To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be the bona fide property of exhibitors, except where otherwise specified. Certificate of Registration showing ownership must be available for checking by the Superintendent or any person designated by Show Management prior to the day of showing. In classes for Daughter-Dam and Produce-of-Dam, animals need not be owned by exhibitors.

**Animals owned in Partnership** – (each partner being named on the Registration Certificate), may be entered in any class of the show under one owner's name throughout the show. Each unique partnership requires a separate entry form. However, for an animal owned by more than one person, (any partnership), to qualify under the "Family Unit", all owners must be bona fide members of the "Family Unit". Animals owned by a syndicate, firm, or farm must be entered and shown exactly as listed on the registration certificate.

**Family Unit** – If a herd is registered in the names of the immediate members of a family (Member) of the farm owner (Major Exhibitor), these persons must enter the

show as individual exhibitors and they may combine their entries and be considered one exhibitor. All animals must be (A.) Under the exclusive care and management of the herd owner, and (B.) Housed, health tested, and production tested with the owner’s herd. In order to qualify as a “Family Unit” under this rule, all animals must be tested under one ownership or as one farm unit. Once the “Family Unit” option is adopted, all animals entered from the farm must be shown under the “Family Unit”. The Major Exhibitor must own one or more animals in the Herd Unit. However, each individual owner must submit a separate entry blank.

A list of names of all individuals owning animals included in the “Family Unit” and the names of the “Family Unit” must be submitted with the application for entry and will be considered as one exhibitor throughout the show.

If the “Family Unit” option is elected, any animal owned by any person in the group may be substituted for one owned by any other person in the group according to substitution rule #7. Partnership or Syndicate owned animals do not qualify under the Family Unit Rule. They must enter separately.

**Herdsmen’s Awards - Dairy Barn Awards Donors:**

Bill, Sandy & Kristy Allen

Alex Gardner (*in memory of O.C. Smith*),

Rudman Family (*in memory of Marcia Molesworth*)

Herds must consist of two or more animals. Any display should follow the theme of the Fair. There are no other class of livestock exhibits that requires such great attention to cleanliness, neatness and sanitation as does the exhibit of cattle. Realizing that the herdsman is directly responsible for the condition of the herd and the area it occupies, the Herdsman Contest should not only be an incentive to the herdsman but should also add greatly to the general appearance of the barns.

The Herdsman Awards will be presented at 7:30 a.m.  
Saturday, September 26, during the Dairy Exhibitors Awards Ceremony.

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 judgement, using the following points system:

**NO WALK-IN DISPLAYS ALLOWED.**

<b>Two awards will be in each group</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
Small Group: 2-7 head	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
Large Group: 8 or more head	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25

<b>Judging Criteria</b>	<b>Weight of Criteria</b>
Cleanliness of exhibit ( <i>includes animals, bedding, aisles, tack, etc.</i> )	40%
Display is related to the Fair’s theme	25%
Dairy Promotion / education included in display	25%
Attitude / behavior observed by public	10%

**Supreme Champion Award Donors:**

**Junior Supreme Champion:**

Denny & Marsha Remsburg will award \$200

**Senior Supreme Champion:**

Dekalb Seed - Michael Harrison, District Sales Manager will award \$300

**Junior Champion Best Bred & Owned:**

Spring Vale Farm, Hubbard Family.

**Senior Champion Best Bred & Owned:**

Daysland Farm, Albaugh Family.

**The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics**

Adopted May 5, 2015

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders.

For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.

PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations.

The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue.

The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

## **Grooming and Preparation -**

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (2009), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge.

In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance, and mobility. Specifically:

1. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited (effective 6/1/2015). However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth, or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

## **Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices**

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective National Breed Associations:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
  - a. With an irritant or counterirritant,
  - b. Using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
  - c. Using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation,
  - d. Plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
5. Challenging, threatening, or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

## **Exhibitor Responsibility**

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by Show Management, the State in which the show occurs, and/or the National Dairy Breed Association without recourse.

## **Show Ethics Committee**

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include Official Breed Representatives, Representative(s) of Show Management (e.g., Dairy Cattle Show Superintendent, General Manager), the Official Show Veterinarian, and Extension Representative.

The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect animals and related material to determine if violations have occurred.

### **Violations: Reporting and Investigation**

Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the Breed Superintendent, the Show Superintendent, Show Management, and/or the Ethics Committee.

#### **1. Before an Animal is Shown**

If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management.

Show Management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:

- a. If, at the Exhibitor's discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.
- b. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

#### **2. During and After an Animal is Shown**

All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milk-out may be called for. This call may be by Breed Association rule, or by request of an authorized representative of the National Breed Association, the Judge, the Ethics Committee, or Show Management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and Show Management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and supporting evidence and will be invited to defend or explain the allegations.

Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association.

Sanctions may include any one or combination of the following:

- forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums, or proceeds
- written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and /or responsible person (the "Exhibitor")
- disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition
- disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show
- publication of offense.

Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

*History: Adopted by PDCA in March 1968, revised March 1971, February 1977, February 1981, February 1986, February 1988, February 1989, February 1992, February 1993, November 1995; April 2022; April 2004, May 2015.*

**Premiums:**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$65|2<sup>nd</sup> - \$55|3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50|4<sup>th</sup> - \$45|5<sup>th</sup> - \$40|6<sup>th</sup> - \$35|7<sup>th</sup> - \$32|8<sup>th</sup> - \$29|9<sup>th</sup> - \$25|10<sup>th</sup> - \$22

**DIVISIONS**

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – Ayrshire    | 5 – Jersey            |
| 2 – Brown Swiss | 6 – Milking Shorthorn |
| 3 – Guernsey    | 7 – Misc. Items       |
| 4 – Holstein    |                       |

**CLASS**

1. Spring Heifer Calf (3/1/26-5/31/26)
2. Winter Heifer Calf (12/1/25-2/28/26)
3. Fall Heifer Calf (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. Best Bred & Owned, Jr. – RIBBON ONLY

**Premiums:**

1st - \$70|2nd - \$65|3rd - \$60|4th - \$55|5th - \$43|6th - \$39

11. Jr. Best Three Female under 2 yrs.
12. Dry Cows 3 and Over
13. Milking Fall Yearling (9/1/24 - 11/30/24)
14. Junior 2-year-old (3/1/24 - 8/31/24)
15. Senior 2-year-old (9/1/23 - 2/28/24)
16. Junior 3-year-old (3/1/23 - 8/31/23)
17. Senior 3-year-old (9/1/22 - 2/28/23)
18. 4-year-old (9/1/21 - 8/31/22)
19. 5-year-old (9/1/20 - 8/31/21)
20. Aged Cows, 6yrs old and over (Born before 9/1/20)
21. Long Time Production  
*Cows that have produced 125,000 lbs. of milk or 3,800 lbs. of butterfat. DHIR or DHIA information in support of eligibility. Cows qualifying for this class may be shown in only one class. The exhibitor must designate which class the cow will be shown in at the time registration papers are checked.*
22. Senior Champion – RIBBON ONLY
23. Reserve Senior Champion – RIBBON ONLY
24. Grand Champion Female – RIBBON ONLY
25. Reserve Grand Champion Female – RIBBON ONLY
26. Best Bred & Owned, Sr. – RIBBON ONLY
27. Produce of Dam (2 animals, any age, the produce of one dam. Limit 1 entry per exhibitor)
28. Dam and Daughter (Limit 1 entry per exhibitor)
29. Sr. Best Three Female (All animals in milk, all bred & at least 1 owned by exhibitor. Limit 1 entry per exhibitor)
30. Breeders’ Herd of 5 Females (2 females under 2 yrs, 2 females over 2 yrs in milk, 1 female any age. All owned by one exhibitor, **3 of the 5 must be bred & owned.** Limit 1 entry per exhibitor)

**Miscellaneous Items – Division 7:**

1. Number of tack spaces requested (this is not guaranteed)
2. Prefer to stall in the youth or open barn
3. Prefer to stall next to \_\_\_\_\_