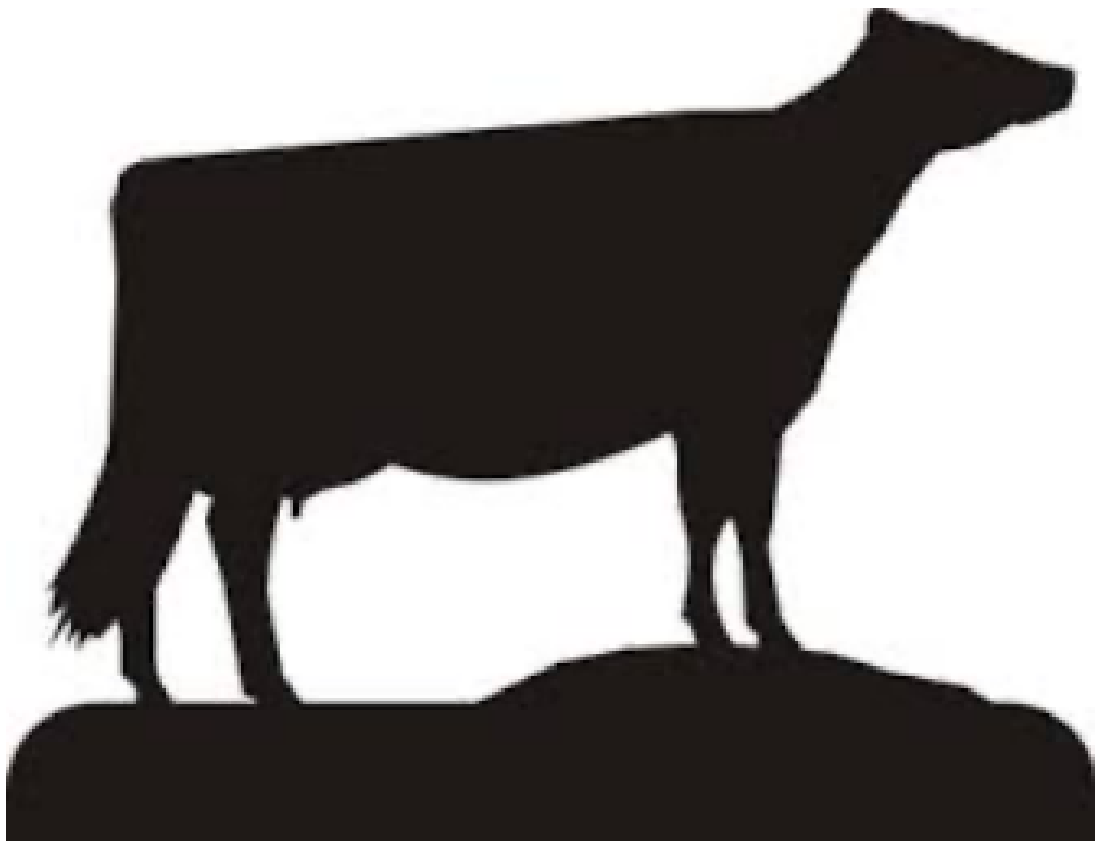


Chautauqua County 4-H Dairy Handbook 2024-2025



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Purpose:

The 4-H Dairy program is designed to offer educational opportunities for youth. 4-H youth of the dairy program are challenged with real-life issues as they learn responsibility through raising their dairy animal(s) and participating in dairy project meetings.

- ❖ All Dairy Project youth must be enrolled as a Chautauqua County 4-H Member. Open enrollments are from October 1-31 of the current 4-H year. All youth must complete and return the enrollment form back to the 4-H office by November 1 of the current 4-H year.
- ❖ Communication for any dairy activity is done via email from the 4-H Dairy Committee and on the Chautauqua County 4-H dairy Facebook page.
- ❖ 4-H youth must meet fundraising requirements if there is a fundraiser during the current 4-H year.
- ❖ To be eligible to show an animal at the county fair all youth must attend **three (3)** dairy meetings One mandatory rules and expectations meeting and two project meetings (dairy bowl, dairy judging or educational). Please be sure to sign in at every meeting as a record of your attendance.
- ❖ Opting out of meetings is available for senior members who are attending an institute of higher education outside Chautauqua County. Youth may submit a letter to the Dairy Committee by December 31 with their reason for opting out of meetings for the current project year.

Cloverbuds

For ages five through eight, who would like to learn about dairy. Cloverbuds will learn what their animals eat, the different dairy breeds, dairy products and parts of a dairy cow and how to show a dairy animal at their educational meetings. Cloverbuds do not have to bring their own animal to the county fair; an animal can be borrowed that is already at the fair.

Animal Ownership

Cattle may be either owned or non owned and must fit under one of the following criteria.

- All owned cattle must be personally owned and registered to 4-H youth as well as cared for by the 4-H youth no later than June 15 of current 4-H year.
 - Dual ownership of a youth and a farm name is not allowed. Dual ownership with another youth or person is not allowed. Ownership with a syndicate are not allowed
 - Dual ownership between siblings will be allowed as long as the following criteria is met:
 - Youth are all bona fide siblings (sister, brother, step-sister/brother, half-sister/brother, adopted)
 - All siblings on the registration paper of animal(s) are of 4-H age and regular members as of Jan. 1 of the current year. Cloverbuds are not eligible.

- One sibling has to designate the animal as their project animal for the project year by June 15th of the current 4-H year by filing and completing a Dairy Cattle Identification Certificate
 - Designation of animal(s) cannot change during the program year and animal(s) must be shown and exhibited by designated sibling.
 - Bred and owned recognition can be given to designated youth as long as dual ownership is a current and legal partnership filed with breed organization.
- All non-owned cattle must be designated in 4-H youths name and cared for by the 4-H youth no later than June 15 of current 4-H year.
 - Non-ownership is not available to youth already owning registered dairy cattle. Youth can either own or lease animals of the same species but not both. Example youth cannot own a Jersey and then lease a Holstein.
 - A non ownership certificate must be properly filled out and supplied along with registration papers to prove designation. Youth are allowed two non-owned dairy animals.

Meat Animal Sale - Dairy Product Cooler

(more information will be provided to those youth eligible)

- 4-H Dairy Cooler registration form must be filled out and returned to the 4-H office by January 31, 2025
- Enrolled and paid Chautauqua County 4-H member by November 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Completed at least two consecutive years in the 4-H Dairy Project as previous Cloverbud or as a regular 4-H member
- 4-H Dairy Record book completed and turned in by September deadline of previous 4-H year.
- Actively participate in Dairy project fundraising if available current 4-H year.
- Attend a total of five dairy project meetings during the 2024-2025 project year. Four educational meetings (dairy bowl, Dairy judging, tours, clinics) and one marketing meeting to be held closer to fair time.
- 4-H youth are responsible for getting their own donations and keeping the products cold prior to their buyer receiving them at the fair. Dairy coolers must have a minimum value of \$250.00.
- 4-H youth will be responsible for writing a short bio to be published in the 4-H Market Sale book.
- Youth will be responsible for creating a poster or display of what is included in their cooler to be displayed in the 4-H building during fair and one to display with your dairy project animals
- Youth must agree to promoting your project and dairy cooler to potential buyers through letter and personal visits to speak to potential buyers.
- Youth must be available the Friday of Chautauqua County Fair to participate in Meat Animal sale.
- Youth who participated in past meat animal sales will need to display a Thank You sign to your previous year buyers in your tack area or near your project area at county fair.
- Display a Thank You sign to you current year buyer in your tack area or near dairy project after the youth dairy cooler has been sold.
- Thank you notes must be sent to your current year buyer and a copy sent to the 4-H office within two weeks of the county fair.

4-H Dairy Project Record Books

- All youth enrolled in the project are required to keep and complete records. Cloverbuds are recommended to complete a cloverbud record book. Record books are available at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office and a fillable PDF is available on CCE Website under 4-H youth, Dairy.
- If youth does not participate in the county fair, due to animal(s) becoming sick or other reasons a record book is still required to be completed as much as possible.
- To complete the Dairy project youth are required to complete and turn in their project record books to the 4-H office by September 15 of the project year to be eligible to receive a blue award and/or considered for year-end awards. Record books turned in between September 16th and September 30th are considered late and the highest award they can receive is a red award and not be eligible to receive any county awards. Failure to turn in a record book by September 30th may prevent that member from participating in the project in the next project year.

Chautauqua County Fair - July 13-20, 2025

4-Her's are encouraged to tie their animals in the 4-H Dairy barn fair week

- **Wednesday** - Open Class Dairy Show
 - **Thursday** - 4-H Showmanship
4-H Dairy Show
 - **Friday** - Dairy Day In Snack Bar
 - **(All 4-H Dairy members and at least one parent are required to work in the snack bar for two hours)**
 - Dairy Judging
 - Meat Animal Sale
 - **Saturday** - Holstein Show
- ★ Fair Vouchers must be received in the 4-H office by 4:30 pm, June 12, 2024. Vouchers received after this date will be refused. If for some reason an animal cannot be exhibited due to health and it's the only animal the 4-H member owns/leases, the animal may be replaced with another animal after the deadline. Vouchers need to be printed clearly as the information is used to create the show book and stall signs. More than one line may be used per entry. If applicable please type. Only one 4-H youth per voucher.

- ★ Junior Superintendents applications are due at the beginning of May to the 4-H Office

- ★ 4-H Barn Readiness is required for all dairy youth to help prepare the 4-H Dairy barn for the county fair.

- ★ Check in of 4-H Dairy animals will take place on move in Sunday of the county fair, time will be determined closer to the fair at the picnic tables at the end of the 4-H Dairy barn. 4-H youth must attend and bring their registration papers and any scratches the youth may have. Stall cards will not be made until all scratches have been completed.

- ★ All 4-H dairy youth are encouraged to do a dairy project interview at the county fair. Times will be determined closer to fair

- ★ Friday is Dairy Day in the snack bar and the busiest day for the snack bar due to the meat animal sale. All dairy youth and at least one parent are required to work a two hour shift. You must wear a hat when working in the snack bar.

- ★ For all youth at County Fair, Showmanship is mandatory. All 4-H dairy youth must show his/her own animal if there is an issue and youth are not able to show his/her own animal the dairy committee must approve the use of another animal. Showmanship will run oldest to youngest. All first and second place winners or judges' discretion in each class will come back in for Grand Champion along with any member who has won showmanship in previous years. Cloverbuds will participate in showmanship with a big buddy after Grand Champion is complete.

- ★ Animal care and fitting is recommended to be done by the 4-H youth who owns or leases the project animal, or with the assistance of another 4-H member

- ★ 4-Her's must show their own animal(s) with the following exceptions.
 - Two or more animals in the same class another dairy youth may show the other animal it's the 4-Hers responsibility to find another 4-Her to help.
 - Illness, family emergency, out of town travel, another 4-Her may show the animals, however the dairy committee must be made aware of the situation.

New York Youth Dairy Cattle Identification Certificate

___ Personally owned ___ Non-owned Date: _____

Name of Animal: _____

Date Animal Born: _____

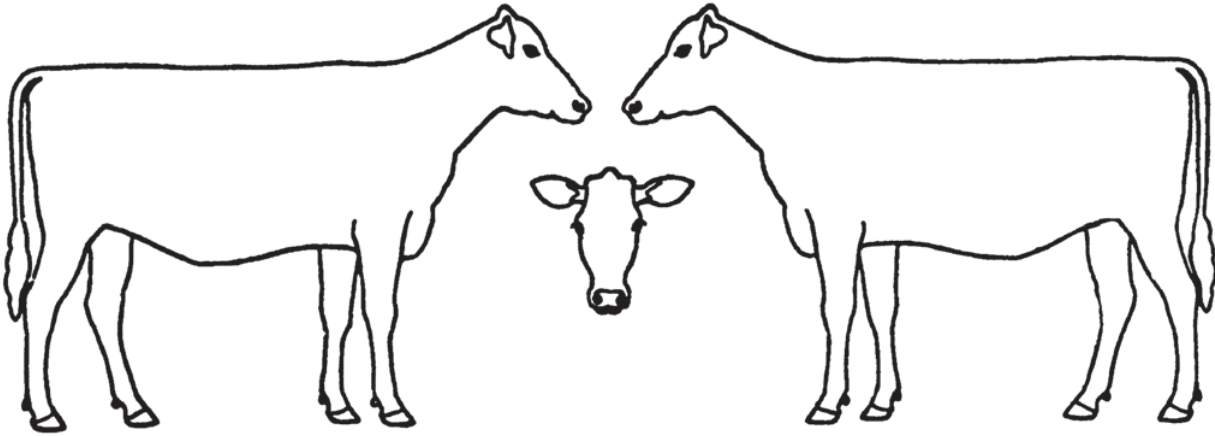
Name of Sire: _____

Name of Dam: _____

Registry/Breed: _____ Reg. No.: _____

Tattoos: Left ear _____ Right ear: _____

Ear Tags: Left ear _____ Right ear: _____



Draw color markings of all the sides or provide photos of each side.

Owner: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature of Owner

Telephone

This animal has been care for by the youth and is officially designated as his/her youth project animal as of June 15 of the current year.

Name of youth: _____ Youth Leader's Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Youth's signature

Leader's signature

Parent/Guardian: _____ 4-H Educator or authorized representative: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Parent/guardian signature

Representative signature

Remember to follow Animal Health requirements for Admission to New York State and County Fairs:
<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/vet.html>. Consult your veterinarian.

New York Youth Dairy Non-Ownership Policy

The exhibitor, upon request to the event sponsor, shall provide proof of ownership of any exhibit.

This non-owner **certificate** verifies that a 4-H member in New York and the owner of the animal have entered an agreement. A lease agreement allows a 4-H member to use the specified animal as a 4-H project.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) encourages the use of written lease agreements, however, it is the responsibility of the owner and exhibitor to agree upon the lease terms. Neither CCE nor Cornell University is legally involved in writing, implementing or terminating any lease agreements.

The following policy was revised in 2023 by NYS 4-H Dairy Committee and approved by the NYS Association of Fairs.

*Non-owner/lease opportunities are intended for youth who do not already own an animal of this species type. **Youth who own no dairy cattle may register two non-owned animals of this species as their project animals but may be restricted to showing only one of these animals per youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show/exhibition at their county's discretion. This applies to the county and state level.***

The following bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987.

Exhibits must be in the care of exhibitor by June 15 of the current year or by a prior date designated by county of 4-H enrollment.