

# **Paulding County Junior Fair**

## **Dairy Cattle Department Guidelines – 2024**

Show Date and Time: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 4:00 pm

### **New Rule Changes**

No rule changes for 2024

### **Calving Dates**

Junior Heifer Calf – Calved between March 1, 2024 and April 1, 2024

Intermediate Heifer Calf – Calved between December 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024

Senior Heifer Calf – Calved between September 1, 2023 and November 30, 2023

Junior Yearling – Calved between March 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023

Senior Yearling – Calved between September 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023

2-Year-Old Cow – A cow calved between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022 and has calved

3- to 5-Year-Old Cow – A cow calved between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2021 and has calved

Aged Cow – A cow calved on or before August 31, 2019

Dry Cow – A pregnant cow calved on or before August 31, 2021 and is dry (within the last 45 to 90 days of pregnancy)

### **Possession Dates**

Junior Heifer Calf – April 6, 2024

Intermediate Heifer Calf – April 6, 2024

Senior Heifer Calf – April 6, 2024

Junior Yearling – April 6, 2024

Senior Yearling – April 6, 2024

2-Year-Old Cow – April 6, 2024

3- to 5-Year-Old Cow – April 6, 2024

Aged Cow – April 6, 2024

Dry Cow – April 6, 2024

### **Classes – with descriptions**

#### **Showmanship**

##### **1. Senior Showmanship**

- a. Exhibitors age 14 and up (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year) will register for this showmanship class unless one of the following apply:
  - i. First year completing the project
  - ii. Are not yet 14 but have won Junior Showmanship in the past
- b. Once an exhibitor wins Senior Showmanship for the species being exhibited, they may not compete in Senior Showmanship for that species in the future. The youth, regardless of age, will move to the Champion of Champion Showmanship class.

- c. The exhibitor that wins Senior Showmanship may enter the Champion of Champion Showmanship class for their species on the same day they win Senior Showmanship. This exhibitor will be asked if they want to show in the Champion of Champion class during the show.
- 2. Junior Showmanship
  - a. Exhibitors beginning at 8 years of age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year) thru 13 years of age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year) will register for this showmanship class unless one of the following apply:
    - i. First year completing the project
    - ii. Have won Junior Showmanship in a previous year.
  - b. Once an exhibitor wins Junior Showmanship for the species being exhibited, they may not compete in Junior Showmanship for that species in the future. The youth, regardless of age, will move to the Senior Showmanship class.
- 3. Beginning Showmanship
  - a. This class is for an exhibitor who is exhibiting a species for the first time, regardless of age.
  - b. Exhibitors may only show in beginner showmanship the first year they exhibit the species. After the first year exhibiting, they will follow the guidelines set for Junior or Senior Showmanship.
- 4. Pee Wee Showmanship
  - a. A fun showmanship class for youth who are no older than 7 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - b. Registration in a project is not required but interested youth must register before the show to indicate their interest in showing in this class
  - c. A parent/guardian must sign a release of liability waiver before the start of the show for the youth to participate
- 5. Champion of Champion Showmanship
  - a. Exhibitors who have won Senior Showmanship for this species in the past are the **only** exhibitors who are eligible for the Champion of Champion Showmanship class
  - b. There are no age requirements for this class
  - c. Winners of this class will be eligible to show in the Showman of Showmen contest in the year they won this class.

### **Junior Dairy Breeding**

- 1. Junior Heifer Calf
  - a. Calf must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy calf project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
- 2. Intermediate Heifer Calf
  - a. Calf must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy calf project.

- e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
- 3. Senior Heifer Calf
  - a. Calf must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy calf project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
- 4. Junior Yearling Heifer
  - a. Heifer must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy heifer project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
- 5. Senior Yearling Heifer
  - a. Heifer must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy heifer project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.

### **Senior Dairy Breeding**

- 1. Cow 2 Years Old
  - a. Cow must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy cow project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
- 2. Cow 3-5 Years Old
  - a. Cow must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy cow project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
- 3. Aged Cow
  - a. Cow must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - b. This is not a breed specific class.
  - c. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy cow project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
- 4. Dry Cow
  - a. Cow must be dry, meaning they are pregnant and between 45 and 90 days of calving.
  - b. Cow must be 100% dairy breed born within the specified calving dates
  - c. This is not a breed specific class.
  - d. There is no weight limit for this class.

- e. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy cow project.
  - f. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
5. Herd Class
- a. This class consists of 3 female cows with at least one cow being 3 years old or older.
  - b. Cows shown in this class must be 100% dairy breed.
  - c. This is not a breed specific class.
  - d. There is no weight limit for this class.
  - e. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy cow project.
  - f. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.
6. Producer of Dam
- a. This class consists of a cow and her son or daughter.
  - b. Cows can be of any age.
  - c. Cows shown in this class must be 100% dairy breed.
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a dairy cow project.
  - e. Cattle showing in this class will not sell at the livestock sale.

### **Project Requirements**

1. Exhibitors must complete the appropriate project for the class they are wishing to exhibit in.
2. All exhibitors of livestock are required to attend a yearly Quality Assurance training.
3. All exhibitors in this department are required to complete the Dairy Skillathon, which is held the last Wednesday in May every year.

### **Livestock Entries**

1. No livestock entry can be shown at the Paulding County Junior Fair that has been shown in another county junior fair show.
2. All livestock entries for the dairy department must be entered into FairEntry no later than 11:59 pm on May 10, 2024. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Exhibitors must register for the appropriate showmanship class by the deadline noted above.
4. Market classes are limited to 2 entries in a single class.

### **Livestock Tagging**

1. Dairy cows shown or exhibited in the dairy cattle show are not required to attend livestock tagging.

### **Loss of Project Animal**

1. If an animal dies, the exhibitor must present the carcass to two Senior Fairboard members within 24 hours of the animal's death.
2. The exhibitor will then be able to declare a replacement animal.
3. The replacement animal will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.

### **Livestock Move-in**

1. All livestock must be moved in on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am.
2. Animals will be assigned a stall no later than the Friday afternoon prior to the start of fair.

3. Exhibitors may come on the Friday afternoon/evening before fair to bed their stalls, move in tack boxes, etc.
4. Stall assignments are not to be changed once set by the Junior Fairboard.
5. All livestock must enter the west gate of the fairgrounds on the date and time of move-in.
6. Exhibitors will be required to have a DUNF completed for each animal shown in this species **before** pulling through the gate with your animal. This online form will be made available on the Monday before the start of the Paulding County Fair.
7. Animals that do not have a completed DUNF will not be permitted to enter the fairgrounds.
8. Animals must be free of all drug residues on move-in date.
9. All cattle must be cross-tied.
10. All cattle must be dehorned.
11. No cattle will be permitted to be exhibited that have ringworm. If your animal had ringworm that has healed and has hair growing back where the ringworm was located, you will be able to exhibit.

### **Non-Market Livestock Check-In**

1. Exhibitors of non-market animals must check-in their animal(s) in the show arena between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:00 pm on the day of move-in.

### **Livestock Check-In**

1. Dairy cattle are not required to weigh-in for the fair.
2. Exhibitors must check-in their animal(s) in the show arena between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:00 pm on the day of move-in.

### **Week of the Fair**

1. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of the exhibited animal, regardless of the acts of a third party.
2. If testing and inspection procedures show evidence of a foreign substance or any drug that is not medically necessary, the exhibitor, the member(s) of the exhibitor's immediate family, or any other person shown to have had care, custody, or attendance of the animal in any way, may be subject to disqualification of participating in the Paulding County Fair and may also be subject to additional penalties according to law.
3. Animals that are not properly cared for, including a clean stall, will receive one written warning and, if the neglect continues, will be removed immediately from the fairgrounds without selling in the livestock sale. Exhibitors who have their animal(s) removed for these reasons will not be permitted to show the same species the following year.
4. Unruly or out-of-control animals may be disqualified and or removed from a Junior Fair show. The show judge and two or more senior fairboard members from the Livestock Committee will have authority regarding unruly or out-of-control animals.
5. Fair goers come to the fair to see the animals and other projects that are being exhibited. Exhibitors are to keep the animals, stalls, and aiseways clean and swept. Exhibitors should strive to make their exhibit and the barns as welcoming and inviting as possible.
6. Straw bedding is not to be used anywhere on the fairgrounds during the fair.

7. The exhibitor is responsible for their own equipment. The Paulding County Junior and Senior Fairboards are not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen items.

### **Day of Show**

1. Grooming is allowed.
  - a. Any product that changes, enhances, or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted. This includes but not limited to paints, dye, powder, non-clear adhesive, and foam or show polish.
  - b. Unethical fitting will not be tolerated and is punishable by law.
  - c. The exhibitor must be present during grooming.
  - d. Supervision and help is allowed by a family member, 4-H or FFA advisor, or another 4-H or FFA member.
  - e. Professional groomers or help from a professional groomer is not permitted. A professional groomer is anyone who is paid, or has been paid in the past, to groom an animal for show.
2. Show attire
  - a. Dairy cattle exhibitors should wear white pants and a white button-up shirt.
  - b. Closed toed shoes or boots are required to be worn when showing.
  - c. Any exhibitor found to be wearing inappropriate clothing or footwear will be asked to change their clothing or footwear before entering the ring.

### **Livestock Auction**

1. Dairy cattle are not sold at the livestock auction.

### **Livestock Release**

1. The release time for all non-market animals and animals designated to go home will begin at 5:00 pm on the last Saturday of the Paulding County Fair.
2. No animals are permitted to leave the fairgrounds prior to this time unless permission has been granted by the junior and senior fairboards.
3. If an animal is found to leave the fairgrounds prior to this time without approval, a fee of \$100 per animal will be assessed.
4. Stalls must be cleaned after the animal occupying the space has left the fairgrounds and no later than 1:00 pm on the Sunday after fair.
5. Exhibitors who fail to clean their stall(s) before the stated time above will be assessed a \$25 fee per stall.