
“J” DEPARTMENT 1 - Dairy Cattle

Superintendent(s)

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Livestock exhibitors are asked to use Nelson Parkway (east entrance) only when delivering livestock, feed equipment, etc. to Fairgrounds.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

Junior Fair Regulations, Ag 160, Exhibit Rules, Health Rules, Animal ID Check-In, Influenza A Testing (2024)

DAIRY EXHIBIT REGULATIONS:

Exhibitor Should Check on Health Rules Governing the Exhibition of Cattle.

1. Exhibitors are responsible for their own exhibits. The Vernon County Agricultural Society will provide reasonable security for all exhibits but assumes no liability for exhibits damaged or lost during the exhibit period.
2. No Junior Fair exhibitors will be allowed to stay on the grounds overnight in any buildings on the grounds. This rule will be enforced by night security and by the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Society.
3. Veterinary services performed on grounds will be paid for by exhibitor.
4. Persons using fairgrounds' wash racks must use biodegradable soap only, when washing animals. State regulations prohibit non-biodegradable soap residue in the wastewater generated.
5. **The use of common watering troughs on the Vernon County Fairgrounds is prohibited.**
6. Teat dip will not be furnished. You must bring your own.
7. There shall be no beverages in glass bottles allowed on the grounds. There shall be no smoking in any buildings.
8. All cattle must be checked by the veterinarian prior to entering the fairgrounds.
9. All paperwork accompanying the cattle will be given to the superintendent once in the barn.
10. Exhibitors must show their own stock unless permission has been granted otherwise by the Superintendent of the Junior Fair.
11. Junior Fair exhibitors will not be permitted to exhibit an animal that has been shown by any other person, except immediate family members (siblings, parents, grandparents), at any other fair or show after June 1st of the current year.
12. Junior Fair exhibitors are not permitted to show more than one animal per Lot No.
13. Exhibitors under grade 6 must have carried the animal as a project for 2 consecutive years to exhibit in two year and older classes.
14. All bull calves must be registered.
15. All Cattle must be tied in their stall with a rope halter or leather tie halter. A rope or strap around the neck is not permitted for show.
16. Animals in the Junior Fair Registered Classes may be post entered in the Open Class Show and shown by exhibitor for. Entries must be made with the Open Class Superintendent.
17. All Junior Fair Dairy Cattle to be shown in Registered Classes must have registration papers.
18. **There will be no power-washers allowed at the wash rack next to the Junior Fair Dairy cattle barn.**
19. Only Members of the exhibitor's immediate family or an adult project leader or another junior dairy exhibitor from the Club to which the member belongs will be allowed to help clip and fit dairy exhibits.
20. Managerial Animals must be housed in the Junior Dairy Barn.
21. **All animals must be dehorned.**
22. **Copy of Registration Certificate Need to be attached to the Vernon County Fair Animal ID and Vet Check Information Form for all Registered Cattle. Paperwork must match animal that is being shown.**
23. **One entry per lot.**
24. **See Animal Check-In Procedures for additional details.**

HOLSTEIN SPONSORS:

1. Junior Champion Registered Female, Award: Wubbenhorst Farm
2. Reserve Junior Champion Registered Female, Trophy: LIRR Farm
3. Senior Champion Registered Female, Trophy: Vernon County Holstein Breeders
4. Reserve Senior Champion Registered Female, Trophy: Paul & Darlene Buhr
5. Best Fitted Grade 3-4 Showmanship, Trophy: Nelson Agri-Center
6. Best Fitted Grade 5-6 Showmanship, Trophy: John and Wendy McClelland, Jr.
7. Best Fitted Grade 7-8 Showmanship, Trophy: Cashton Vet Center
8. Best Fitted Grade 9-13 Showmanship, Trophy: Grant and Jenny Rudrud & Family
9. Grand Champion Registered Female, Trophy: Kevin and Julie Larson
10. Reserve Grand Champion Registered Female, Trophy: Orgnanic Valley

GRADE HOLSTEIN TROPHY SPONSORS:

1. Junior Champion Female, Trophy: Premier Coop
2. Reserve Junior Champion, Female Trophy: Prairie Vet Service
3. Senior Champion Female, Trophy: Crestview Acres – Steve & Kay Holte
4. Reserve Senior Champion Female, Trophy: Vernon Electric Co-op
5. Grand Champion Female, Trophy: Kent and Anna Wendorf
6. Reserve Grand Champion Female, Trophy: Pine-Haven Farms, Bruce & Amanda Von Ruden
7. Supreme Campion Grade, Trophy: Signs by Shawn

JERSEY SPONSORS:

1. Registered Senior Champion Female, Trophy
2. Registered Junior Champion Female, Trophy
3. Registered Champion Female, Trophy
4. Grade Champion Female, Trophy
5. First Jersey Class, Trophy

Trophies provided by Vernon County Jersey Breeders, John Selin, Larry Sullivan, Gary Leum Family, Peterson Jerseys, Steve Swenson, Mike Fremstad Family, Tom Leum Family, Kel-View Jerseys, Marvin Amundson Family, Mike Hall Family

SHOW SUPPLIES awarded for all Best Fitted Jersey Member. Sponsored by: Pine Prairie Jersey and Peterson Jersey.

BROWN SWISS SPONSORS:

1. Registered Grand Champion Female, Award: Brown Swiss Canton 3
2. Registered Junior Champion Female, Award: In memory of Carter and Romana Thompson – Lloyd and Amy Hardy

ALL BREEDS COMPETING SPONSORS:

1. Grade 3-4 Showmanship, Award: NextHome/Olerud Team
2. Grade 5-6 Showmanship, Award: Vernon Communications
3. Grade 7-8 Showmanship, Award: Koon Kreek Feeds
4. Grade 9-13 Showmanship, Award: River Bank, Westby
5. Halter, Third Place Showman in each of the Dairy Showmanship Classes: Presented by Tractor Supply of Viroqua
6. Rosette Ribbons for Showmanship: Donated by Ralph & Nicole Hendrickson, Kontur Maal Holsteins
7. Dream Prairie Holstein, Carey & Joy Moser will provide trophies for 2nd Place winner in each of the showmanship classes.
8. Best Bred and Owned: by Joe Harbaugh, GajoLy Holsteins
9. Supreme Champion Registered Show: Pine Prairie Jerseys
10. Supreme Champion Grade Show: Dale & Brenda Torgerson Family
11. Supreme Jr. Champion Award: Westby Creamery
12. Top Guernsey (Registered – Grade) – In memory of James Daines.
13. Junior Champ Guernsey (Registered) Award – Brent Clements

GROUP SPONSORS:

1. Club Herd (Judging based on any 4 animals exhibited by at least 2 different exhibitors) Plaque, Dave and Rick Williams
2. 4-H Club Herdsmanship Plaque: Sleepy Hollow
3. Overall Best Udder, Trophy sponsor by Chaseburg Farmers Union Co-op

MILK HOUSE HOURS:

Wednesday: 5:00pm - 8:30pm
Thursday: 6:30am - 9:00am, 5:00pm - 11:00am
Friday: 7:00am - 9:00am, 11:00am - 4:00pm, 5:00pm - 11:00am
Saturday: 7:00am - 9:00am, 11:00am - 4:00pm, 5:00pm - 10:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am - 11:30am

*** Use of strip cup to check for mastitis is required.**

CHEESE OF CHAMPS SALE | REQUIREMENTS: (replaces the former Champion Dairy Ribbon Sale)

1. An exhibitor can sell only one project during the Meat Animal Sale/Cheese of Champs Sale. If the exhibitor chooses the Meat Animal Sale he/she forfeits the Cheese of Champs Sale.
2. Youth are eligible for the Cheese of Champs Sale in back to back years, however, one opportunity per year (example-if a youth has Supreme Champion and wins showmanship, they are eligible for one cash award)
3. Any member earning a Cheese of Champs monetary award must be in the showmanship contest with their project animal.
4. Only members of the exhibitor's immediate family or the adult project leader or another junior dairy exhibitor from the club/organization will be allowed to help clip and fit dairy exhibits. Violations may lead to disqualification from the sale.

CHEESE OF CHAMPS SALE | WHO BENEFITS

1. Supreme Champion of the Grade & Registered Show each receive the largest cash award
2. Champion of the Bred & Owned Class (new in 2022 as a pilot offering)
3. Four showmanship winners (one from each of the four age groups)
4. Six lottery winners (announced at the end of each showmanship group, therefore one must participate in showmanship to be eligible as follows, put their name on a card and enter it into a drawing before entering the ring:
5. 3rd and 4th grade (1 lottery winner) 5th and 6th grade (1 lottery winner) 7th and 8th grade (1 lottery winner) senior (2 lottery winners)
6. The cheese sale "ring appearance" would include Supreme Champion of the Grade and Registered Jr. Show with the youth exhibitor who led the animal, and as many dairy youth as possible wearing their dairy T-Shirts (will be provided by the Dairy Youth Fund). If a Supreme Champion animal doesn't have the disposition to be surrounded by youth, then we will forego that animal in the ring.
7. Cheese blocks sold would be manufactured from the milk produced the fair year prior by dairy cows exhibited by Jr. & Open class dairy exhibitors.
8. The checks would be awarded to the youth as listed above at the October Dairy Gala encouraging youth and their family to attend.
9. The proceeds from the Cheese of Champs Sale will go toward the Dairy Youth Fund for projects and support such as dairy youth scholarships, spring farm tours, Day of Dairy, Snowday Funday, Milk It With Milk DaY, farm tours, career panels, dairy judging incentives, double premiums for dairy youth exhibitors and a showmanship participation cash award, Jr. and Sr. Dairy Youth Awards, and Jr. Holstein Convention to name a few examples.
10. The Cheese of Champs sale will take place at the end of the Meat Animal Sale on Saturday night of the Vernon County Fair.
11. A 5% commission from the Cheese of Champs Sale is paid
12. The Cheese of Champs Sale committee is made up of members of the Dairy Youth Fund committee and the Jr. Dairy Superintendent.
13. If there are grievances, they must be presented in writing to the Dairy Youth Fund committee by October 15th following the respective fair in the same year as the grievance aligned to. The Dairy Youth Fund committee will respond to a decision in writing by December 1st of that same year. The ruling will be final.

DAIRY CHAMPIONS RIBBON SALE REGULATIONS:

1. Removed

JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW PREMIUMS:

1. The Junior Dairy Show double premiums are the result of funding provided by the Vernon County Dairy Youth Fund and past Dairy Ribbon Sales and the NEW Cheese of Champs Sale which **doubles the original fair premiums** for all dairy exhibitors in the Registered and Grade Jr. Dairy Shows.
2. In addition to the doubled fair premiums listed above, all dairy youth who participate in their respective showmanship class also receive a \$10.00 cash premium at the fair.
3. The Dairy Youth Fund Committee was formed to provide financial support to enhance the dairy youth development and activities of all dairy youth involved in Vernon County 4-H, FFA, and Jr. dairy breed organizations.

LITTLE BRITCHES DAIRY SHOW

The Little Britches Dairy Show is open to youth who are too young to show through Junior Fair at fair time. Child will show a calf that is **under four months of age at fair time**. The show will be on Friday the week of fair at approximately 12:30pm during the break in the regular showing. Calf will be brought in that morning and taken home that afternoon. Each child will be asked to lead his/her calf around the ring and answer a question from "the judge".

Must have an ear tag number in calf.

All Little Britches animals will need to be checked in at the EAST GATE ONLY between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. – where a Veterinarian will check them in, before entering the fairgrounds. You must have a Vernon County Fair Animal ID Check-In information sheet at that time, already filled out. This form can be obtained from the Fair Office the week of fair and also online at www.vernoncountyfair.com.

Special thanks to the following sponsors:

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Star Blends (Sparta)
Compeer Financial (Viroqua)
Westby Cooperative Creamery (Westby)
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Wubbenhorst Tax Service LLC
Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (Madison)
Gundersen Clinic, Viroqua
Kickapoo Insurance (Readstown)
Chaseburg Farmer's Co-op, Chaseburg
People's State Bank (Viroqua)

River Bank, Westby
Royal Bank, Viroqua
Franklin Lutheran Church (Soldiers Grove)
Bank of Ontario, Westby State Bank, Westby
Vita Plus, Ryan Fritsche
American Family, Wright Insurance Agency
Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Co-op
Nelson Agri Center – Lori Hemmersbach (Viroqua)
Road Ready Tire & Lube LLC (Viroqua)
Chaseburg Snow Trailers
Wild West Days (Viroqua)

Kwik Trip (South Viroqua)
Organic Valley Cooperative (La Farge)
Vernon County Dairy Promotion
Vernon Memorial Hospital (Viroqua)
Vernon County Ag. Society
Westby Co-op Credit Union, Westby
Associated Bank, Viroqua
Premier Cooperative, Westby
Klinker Kountry Store, (Viroqua)
Mikkelson Farm, Viroqua

AND ALL The Wonderful Parents and Volunteers, who help make this show a huge success each year for our show people.

Please register in advance to ensure we have enough gifts for everyone. Every child will receive a ribbon and a gift.

Please register by **Friday, September 5th**, with Lori Hemmersbach at Nelsons Agri Center – (608) 637-2192 or email lori@nelsonagricenter.com.

Class - A - HOLSTEIN

Class - B - JERSEY

Class - C - GUERNSEY

Class - D - BROWN SWISS

Class - E - MILKING SHORTHORN

Class - F - AYRSHIRE

Lot No.

1. Removed				
2. Heifer calf, spring (Reg.)	18.00	16.00	14.00	10.00
3. Heifer calf, winter (Reg.)	18.00	16.00	14.00	10.00
4. Heifer calf, fall (Reg.)	18.00	16.00	14.00	10.00
5. Heifer, summer yearling (Reg.)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
6. Heifer, spring yearling (Reg.)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
7. Heifer, winter yearling (Reg.)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
8. Heifer, fall yearling (Reg.)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
9. Cow, 2 years old (Reg.)	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
10. Cow, 3 years old (Reg.)	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
11. Cow, 4 years old (Reg.)	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
12. Cow, 5 years old and older (Reg.)	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
13. Dry Cow, 3 years and older (Reg.)	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
14. Heifer calf, spring (Grade)	18.00	16.00	14.00	10.00
15. Heifer calf, winter (Grade)	18.00	16.00	14.00	10.00
16. Heifer calf, fall (Grade)	18.00	16.00	14.00	10.00
17. Heifer, summer yearling (Grade)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
18. Heifer, spring yearling (Grade)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00

19. Heifer, winter yearling (Grade)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
20. Heifer, fall yearling (Grade)	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
21. Cow, 2 years (Grade).....	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
22. Cow, 3 years (Grade).....	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
23. Cow, over 4 years (Grade).....	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00
24. Dry Cow, 3 years and older (Grade).....	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00

CLASS - G - SHOWMANSHIP - Danish Judging

Lot No.

1. Exhibitors Grade 3rd and 4 th	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
2. Exhibitors Grade 5th and 6 th	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
3. Exhibitors Grade 7th and 8 th	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
4. Exhibitors Grade 9th and over	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50