



DAIRY CATTLE

Department 2—Open Show

Amount Offered:	\$3,310.00
Entry and Stall Fee:	\$10.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)
Group Entry Fee:	\$7.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)
Late Entry Fee - Requires Approval:	\$45.00 per entry
Judging Time:	Friday, August 7 th 2026 at 9:00 am
Superintendent:	Adam Gardner.....(815)403-1478
Assistant Superintendents:	Cindy Gardner.....(815)675-2472
	Susan Simons.....(815)790-8453
	Ken Bauman.....(815)923-1509
	Alan Ainger.....(262)749-4814

Rules and Regulations

NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.

All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, campground and barns. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors must buy one (1) week long exhibitor pass, **no exceptions.**
3. The **Division and Class number written on the entry form will be the Class you are entered in**, not the description written. Please be sure the number matches the description. Verify Class entries with a Superintendent when arriving.
4. All exhibits must be in place between 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Tuesday. If the animal is not entered in the 4-H show, they may be brought in on Thursday, between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm only if special permission is granted by the Superintendent(s) before Tuesday of Fair week.
5. Release time is 6 pm on Sunday.
6. A senior yearling that has calved will be shown in the two-year-old cow Class.
7. Exhibits must merit a blue ribbon by the judges to receive it.
8. Entries must be positively registered in exhibitor's name.
9. Superintendent will assign space for feed storage. Due to a lack of space, no display area will be allowed.
10. All horns must be removed on animals born before January 1, 2026.
11. Purebred animals must be at least 87% purebred in the breed they are shown.
12. Breeds must exhibit 15 animals, shown by 3 exhibitors, to remain as a separate breed for the following year.
13. Breeds which are currently considered as A.O.B. will be a separate breed the following year if at least 20 animals are shown by 5 different exhibitors.
14. Superintendents may combine some Classes based on the number of animals exhibited in the previous year.
15. Red and White and Black and White Holsteins will be shown together as one breed.
16. All animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor, both in the Junior and Open Shows. Animals in the Junior Show must be the property of the exhibitor.
17. Members of immediate family **ONLY** may combine entries to show in group Classes in **OPEN SHOW ONLY.**
18. Exhibitors with milking cows are responsible for parlor clean up.
19. All animals in a group class must be from the same breed.
20. Any animal entered in the 100,000-pound cow Division must have records available to verify production and may not be shown in another cow Division.
21. Final health decision will be made by the McHenry County Fair veterinarian.
22. There can be absolutely **NO** antibiotic milk put into the tank. Antibiotic milk must be disposed of separately. The tank will be tested **DAILY.** If any antibiotic residue is found in the tank, each cow will be tested individually. The exhibitor found responsible will take full responsibility for the effected tank and pay for milk loss plus any additional costs.
23. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits

the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

24. **While exhibiting on the McHenry County Fairgrounds, owners of animals in need of additional nutritional supplements or medical attention must let the superintendent know immediately AND have the Fair Veterinarian fill out and sign off on the Veterinarian Treatment Form. Any forced substances used on breed or market animals while on fairground property, must be approved by the Fair Veterinarian. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Premiums – Individual Classes: First-\$45; Second-\$35; Third-\$25; Fourth-\$20; Fifth-\$15; Sixth-\$10; Seventh-\$8

Premiums – Group Classes: First-\$35; Second-\$30; Third-\$25; Fourth-\$20; Fifth-\$15; Sixth-\$10; Seventh-\$8

Grand Champion Holstein: Banner

Jr Champion Holstein: Rosette

Grand Champion Jersey: Banner

Res. Jr Champion Holstein: Rosette

Grand Champion A.O.B.: Banner

Jr Champion Jersey: Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Holstein: Banner

Res. Jr Champion Jersey: Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Jersey: Banner

Jr Champion A.O.B.: Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion A.O.B.: Banner

Res Jr Champion A.O.B: Rosette

Grand Champion Over All Breeds: \$150.00 and Banner Jr Grand Champion Over all Breeds: \$75 and Rosette

Class Definitions

Spring Heifer Calf– born between March 1, 2026 and May 31, 2026

Winter Heifer Calf– born between December 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026

Fall Heifer Calf– born between September 1, 2025 and November 30, 2025

Summer Yearling Heifer– born between June 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026

Spring Yearling Heifer– born between March 1, 2025 and May 31, 2025

Winter Yearling Heifer– born between December 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025

Fall Yearling Heifer– born between September 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024

Cow, Junior 2 year old– born between March 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024

Cow, Senior 2 year old– born between September 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024

Cow, Junior 3 year old– born between March 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022

Cow, Senior 3 year old– born between September 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023

Cow, 4 year old– born between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022

Cow, 5 year old– born any time before August 31, 2021

Cow, Dry Cow, 3 years old and older– born before August 31, 2021

Ribbons Not given for the following classes:

Produce of Dam– 2 animals any age, from same dam

Dam and Daughter– any age owned by the exhibitor

Special Herd– 3 animals bred and owned by the exhibitor

Junior Herd– 3 animals, fall yearling and under, 1 bred, owned by exhibitor

Dairy Herd– 3 animals, at least one of milking age, all owed by exhibitor

Division	Class	
A Holstein B Jersey C A.O.B.	1 Spring heifer calf 2 Winter heifer calf 3 Fall heifer calf 4 Summer yearling heifer 5 Spring yearling heifer 6 Winter yearling heifer 7 Fall yearling heifer 8 Cow, junior 2 year old 9 Cow, senior 2 year old 10 Cow, junior 3 year old 11 Cow, senior 3 year old	12 Cow, 4 years old 13 Cow, 5 year old and over 14 100,000 pound cow 15 Dry cow, 3 year old and over 16 Produce of dam 17 Dam and daughter 18 Special herd 19 Junior herd 20 Dairy herd

JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE

PEE-WEE SHOW

Registration, In-person only will be Sunday, August 9th at 10:00 am

Show Time will be announced at Registration

No entry fee

1. **Two age groups for Exhibitors as of September 1, 2025:** 4 years & under and 5 to 8 years old (non 4-Her). Registration is limited to the first 24 children. 12 in 4 years & under and 12 in 5 to 8 years old.
2. Registration will begin at 10 am near Dairy Barn.
3. Animal shown must be of calf age (spring, winter or fall calf)
4. All animals exhibited must comply with general health regulations of fair.
5. No premiums will be paid.
6. Dairy Show dress code. i.e. white pants and heavy shoes. T-shirt will be provided.

Dairy Cattle Entry Form

_____ Open Show

Use a separate form for each show

- Register online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2nd, Tuesday July 7th 2-7pm and July 19th 11 am-2pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry (include Breed)
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: mchenrycountyfair.com

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

Number of Head

#	Fee	Total
	\$10.00 per entry and stall fee	
	\$7.00 per Group Class	
	\$45.00 per Late Entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	Total	\$