

Department 2 – Youth Dairy Cattle

Classes in this department will be evaluated based on videos and/or pictures. Videos should be no longer than 90 seconds and be continuous in nature with no narrative. The exhibitors should utilize the camera person as the judge, moving the animal away and around the camera person as they would in a show ring. The video should include all angles of the animal in order for a judge to make an evaluation. Exhibitor should be in the video at all times. Show clothes typical for industry is recommended. The following photos are recommended: one of exhibitor and project, a front view, back view, profile A and profile B. More information on how to take a good photo and video can be found at the MSU Extension Virtual Learning showcase and auction website. All videos must be uploaded to Youtube and link entered into the system. Youtube channel should be set to unlisted.

Guidelines:

1. Follow General Agriculture and Livestock Rules.
2. The Michigan State Fair Youth Dairy Show is open to all youth in Michigan, who are eight (8) years of age and no older than nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Animals need not be registered to exhibit in this show, however, a youth is only allowed up to 3 unregistered animals. Unregistered animals are only eligible for exhibiting in the Michigan State Fair Youth Dairy Show. Youth do not have to own the unregistered animals.
3. An animal is eligible to enter and compete at the Michigan State Fair LLC in only one breed Classification regardless if they animal is registered in more than one breed association or registry. All individual breed association rules related to eligibility for show will apply.
4. Registration papers should match exhibitor in accordance with individual national breed association's rules. If registered, photos of the registration paper (with transfer if necessary) must be submitted with entry.
5. For unregistered animals, enter in the breed class that your animal best represents. For example: if you have a black and white animal, that animal would be entered as a Holstein. A solid brown animal would be entered as

a Jersey. If the pedigree is known, but the animal is not registered, enter in the breed class that matches the animal's pedigree. For example: an animal sired by a Holstein bull, out of Holstein cow would be entered in the Holstein class. Please refer to each breeds website for specific breed characteristics to determine breed class for unregistered animals.

6. Youth exhibitors in this department will be permitted to enter a maximum of seven head in the Youth Division no more than 1 animal per class.

DEFINITIONS

1. A Spring Heifer Calf is born after March 1, 2020 and is over four months of age.
2. A Winter Heifer Calf is born after December 1, 2019 and before February 28, 2019.
3. A Fall Heifer Calf is born after September 1, 2019 and before November 30, 2019.
4. A Summer Yearling Heifer is born after June 1, 2019 and before August 31, 2019.
5. A Spring Yearling Heifer is born after March 1, 2019 and before May 31, 2019.
6. A Winter Yearling Heifer is born after December 1, 2018 and before February 28, 2019.
7. A Fall Yearling Heifer is born after September 1, 2018 and before November 30, 2018.
8. A Fall Heifer in Milk is born after September 1, 2018 and before November 30, 2018.
9. A Two Year Old Cow is born after September 1, 2017 and before August 31, 2018.
10. A Three Year Old Cow is born after September 1, 2016 and before August 31, 2017.
11. A Four Year Old Cow is born after September 1, 2015 and before August 31, 2016.
12. A Five Year Old Cow and Older is born before September 1, 2015.

Youth Dairy Showmanship

RULES: There will be three age divisions for Showmanship: 8 – 11, 12 – 15, and 16 – 19 (Age as of January 1, of the current year).

1. Exhibitors who show an animal in a youth class are eligible for the showmanship class using one of the animals they are exhibiting.
2. The animal used by an exhibitor must be one used in a regular class.
3. A video of up to 90 seconds should be submitted. The video should contain the usual moves of a showmanship class. Moving the animal around the ring, presenting for the judge to handle, rear view and side view.