2012 Dairy Information Sheet

Prepared by the 4-H State Fair Dairy Show Committee and the Center for 4-H Youth Development

This information sheet gives details on the rules for this year's Minnesota State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. Although some counties may follow slightly different guidelines, these rules will apply at the state level.

Ownership Requirements

- Dairy Cattle must be owned by the 4-Her or the 4-Her's family.
  - The family includes the 4-Her's parents / guardians and siblings living together as a family unit.
- The definition of family includes an extended family where the dairy may be owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her's parents are actively involved with and working on the dairy farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement.

Leasing Program

- If a 4-Her cannot own their own Dairy animal, they may be leased.
- The lease portion of the "Minnesota 4-H Dairy Cattle Ownership Affidavit" (DIDA) must be completed and submitted by your species ID coordinator to the extension office by May 15.
- An animal may be leased and exhibited in a cow class only if the 4-Her leased the same animal **prior to first freshening**.
- Assume responsibility for care and management of the leased animal when animal is in lessee possession.
- The leased animal must be exhibited by the lessee at any show while the lease is in effect.

Birthdates

Winter Calf	December 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012
Fall Calf	September 1 – November 30, 2011
Summer Junior Yearling	June 1 – August 31, 2011
Spring Junior Yearling	March 1 – May 31, 2011
Winter Senior Yearling	December 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011
Fall Senior Yearling	September 1 – November 30, 2010
Junior Two Year Old	March 1 – August 31, 2010
Senior Two Year Old	September 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010
Three Year Old Cows	September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009
Four Year Old Cows	September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008
Aged Cow	Born before September 1, 2007
Dry Cow	Dry cow of any age

Identification Details

- All dairy animals must be identified with a **unique form of identification. This may include: DHIA or breed association ear tag, tattoo, or photo. A photo by itself is not adequate for solid colored animals.**
- A 4-Her cannot exhibit an animal in the Two Year Old or cow class if it was not identified in the extension office before its first freshening. Cows do not need to be shown prior to first freshening.
- No family member or other 4-Her will be allowed to show an animal that has been shown by another 4-Her after the animal's first freshening.

Identification Forms & Deadlines

- "Minnesota 4-H Dairy Cattle Ownership Affidavit" (DIDA) will be submitted to the Extension Office by May 15 Deadline.
- If an animal is leased, the lease portion of the "Minnesota 4-H Dairy Cattle Ownership Affidavit" (DIDA) must be completed prior to submission to your Extension Office.

Dates of State Fair 4-H Livestock Encampment & Show Times

- 4-H Livestock Encampment ~ Wednesday, August 22 – Sunday, August 26
  - Show Day & Time ~ Saturday – 9:00 a.m.

Registered / Grade Holsteins

- Registered and Grade Holsteins are shown separately at State Fair.
- Registered Holsteins may not be shown in the grade ring.
- Registered Holsteins are classified as animals that have 87% or more Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA-NA) as recorded with the Holstein Association.

"Crossbred and Other Breeds" Class

- **If an animal is less than 87% (7/8) of any one breed, it must be exhibited in the "Crossbred and Other Breeds" class. In addition, any grade animal not showing the predominant characteristics of one breed at verification by the show committee, will show in the "Crossbred and Other Breeds" class**.

Registration Papers

- If you are exhibiting a registered animal, you must present a photocopy of the registration certificate at the time of verification.
- **If the registration certificate is not presented by the time of the show, the animal is ineligible for any awards beyond a blue ribbon.**

Show Information

- **For colored breeds, registered and grade animals are shown together.**
- **For the colored breeds, the following classes will be combined if one of the classes has less than 4 animals and the combined class does not result in more than 10 animals**
  - **Winter and Fall Calf**
  - **Summer and Spring Junior Yearling**
  - **Winter and Fall Senior Yearling**
  - **Junior and Senior Two Year Old**
  - **Three and Four Year Old**
  - **Note: Aged Cows and Dry Cows will be shown separately**
- **Senior Yearlings that have calved show as Two Year Olds**
- **The Show will start with all cows classes before the heifers. An approximate show order will be posted outside the dairy office by Thursday at 7:00 pm.**
- **Genomic Predictions will be utilized in the Total Merit Show. All animals will be searched and genomic values will be used where available. If no genomic value is available, Parent Averages and PTA's will be used.**

State Fair Health Requirements

- Dairy Cattle are not required to have a health certificate.
- Cattle known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease OR to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, OR to be from a quarantine herd may not be entered.
- Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases.
- Dairy Cattle will be inspected by the official State Fair Veterinarian on the opening day of exhibition and daily thereafter.
- The official State Fair Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the State Fairgrounds of any Dairy Cattle with symptoms of an infectious or communicable disease.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown.

State Fair Interviews (workshops)

- To qualify for any awards above and beyond a blue ribbon, exhibitors must participate in the Dairy interviews.
- Interview Finalists will be called back for a second interview and all Finalists will receive awards.
- Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.
- Workshops will be held on the St. Paul campus.

State Fair Showmanship ~ Age Divisions: Junior = grades 6-7, Intermediate = grades 8-9, Senior = grades 10-11, & Advanced = grades 12 - 13

- All exhibitors may participate in showmanship. There is no sign-up for this class

State Fair Herdsmanship

- Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
- Please see the Herdsmanship section of the 2012 Premium Book for further updates. Again in 2012, there will be specific requirements regarding electrical cords in the cattle barn.

State Fair Grooming Rules

- All grooming of livestock, including clipping, trimming and blocking (all species) must be clearly done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member. Immediate family members are defined as being parents, step parents, legal guardians, ***grandparents,*** brothers or sisters. ***The 4-Her exhibiting the animal should be present and involved in the fitting process at the fair.***
- Any exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from further competition in the show and will not be eligible for any awards or premiums – including championships and showmanship.