

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Junior Dairy Cattle

- Division: See Specific Numbers
- Department 922
- Entry Fee: \$25 per entry

Entries Close:	Monday, August 10 th
Begin Arrival:	Thursday, September 3 rd at 12:00 noon
In Place:	Thursday, September 3 rd at 5:00 p.m.
Open & Jr. Cow Show:	Friday, September 4 th at 9:00 a.m.
Open & Jr. Heifer Show:	Friday, September 4 th at 11:00 a.m.
Showmanship:	Friday, September 4 th at 2:00 p.m.
CO Dairy Youth Foundation Awards:	Following Showmanship
Begin Release:	Friday, September 4 th following Show
All Out:	Saturday, September 5 th at 12:00 noon

Competition Requirements

1. All entrants must have read and be familiar with the General Competition Requirements, Livestock and Competition Requirements, Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Welfare Policy, and Livestock Health Requirements. When applicable, all Association rules shall apply. All Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) Competition Requirements and Show Ring Code of Ethics will be enforced.

2. All entrants for livestock exhibited in Open, Breed or Market competitions must provide a premises identification number (PID) at the time of entry. To obtain a PID, contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or click on the following link:

<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

3. Bedding: Exhibitors are responsible for their own livestock bedding. Entry into competition at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition ("State Fair") does not include bedding.

Exhibitors may pre-order bedding and shavings through the official bedding vendor or bedding will be available to purchase on-grounds from said vendor upon arrival. The phone number and order portal will be posted on the Fair's website.

Straw may only be used for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding sheep, and open breeding cattle tie-outs. All other uses of straw are prohibited.

Outside bedding for livestock exhibitors is permitted.

4. Colorado residency is not required. Exhibitors must be enrolled and active in 4-H (being 8 years of age and not have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31, 2025); in FFA and active in an approved VoAg school program and not have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31, 2025; or a Jr. Breeding Association member with proof of membership, as a current year breeding project, and have not reached their 21st birthday as of December 31, 2025.
5. Females may be purebred or high-grade. Regarding grade heifers, exhibitors must submit proof of ownership (Colorado Brand Certificate/Permit) upon check-in. Registered animals must be registered or leased by an association under the exhibitor's name with original papers in hand at check-in. Association leases must be filed with the county by the May deadline.
6. Original proof of ownership on all animals must be available for inspection at the show.
7. Substitutions and add-ons must be made upon arrival and check-in. No exceptions. No exceptions will be accepted at the time of show.
8. To be eligible for competition, animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Ownership papers and legal transfer forms must be in the exhibitor's name prior to showing.

Transfers not formalized by the respective national breed association prior to show will be picked up by the superintendents and mailed to the appropriate breed association.

9. Owners/farms and families will be limited to 20 animals they may enter in individual classes. No more than two premiums will be awarded to any one owner in individual classes unless otherwise specified.
10. Animals owned in a partnership may be shown in the name of the partnership only; except that at the time of entry, a determination shall be made that such animals will be shown in the name of one (but not both) partners.
11. The exhibitor is considered the owner or member of the partnership owning the animal. Members of the same family or different families owning animals housed as one herd on the same farm will be considered one exhibitor.
12. The breeder is considered the dam's owner at the time of service.
13. Exhibitors should wear white shirts with white pants as appropriate show ring attire. No shorts will be allowed. No names or emblems will be allowed on animals or exhibitors.
14. Entry Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a number, which will be provided to all exhibitors. The exhibitor must display these numbers when the animal is in the show ring.
15. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are the individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown. All exhibitors must maintain a reputation of integrity and present a wholesome and progressive image of Dairy Cattle in the proper care of and management of those animals at all times. All animals must be in a sound, healthy state and presented in the show ring in a respectful manner. Violations of this code are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the appropriate dairy breed association and Authority officials.
16. Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status of any animal for the class in which it is shown, will be reported to the respective breed association and show management and will result in the animal and exhibitor being immediately disqualified.
17. 1st through 6th place ribbons will be awarded in show classes.

Age Classifications (All Breeds):

Spring Heifer Calf	born after 02/29/2026 and over 3 months by show
Winter Heifer Calf	born 12/01/2025 to 02/29/2026
Fall Heifer Calf	born 09/01/2025 to 11/30/2026
Summer Yearling Heifer	born 06/01/2025 to 08/31/2025
Spring Yearling Heifer	born 03/01/2025 to 05/13/2025
Winter Yearling Heifer	born 12/01/2024 to 02/28/2025
Fall Yearling Heifer	born 09/01/2024 to 11/30/2024
Dry Cow - 3 years and over	born before 09/01/2024
Unfresh 2 Year Old	born 09/01/2024 to 08/31/2024
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow	born 03/01/2024 to 08/31/2024
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	born 09/01/2024 to 03/28/2024
Junior 3-Year-Old Cow	born 03/01/2023 to 08/31/2023
Senior 3-Year-Old Cow	born 09/01/2023 to 02/28/2023
Four-Year-Old Cow	born 09/02/2022 to 08/31/2023
Aged Cow – 5 Years & Older	born before 09/01/2022

Junior Dairy Classes

Heifers - A	Div. 1- Ayrshire	Div. 2. Brown Swiss	Div. 3 Guernsey	Div. 4 Holstein	Div. 5 Jersey	Div. 6 Milking Shorthorn	Div. 7 Other Breeds
Spring Heifer Calf	1801A	1802A	1803A	1804A	1805A	1806A	1807A
Winter Heifer Calf	1811A	1812A	1813A	1814A	1815A	1816A	1817A
Fall Heifer Calf	1821A	1822A	1823A	1824A	1825A	1826A	1827A
Summer Yearling Heifer	1831A	1832A	1833A	1834A	1835A	1836A	1837A
Spring Yearling Heifer	1841A	1842A	1843A	1844A	1845A	1846A	1847A
Winter yearling Heifer	1851A	1852A	1853A	1854A	1855A	1856A	1857A
Fall Yearling Heifer	1861A	1862A	1863A	1864A	1865A	1866A	1867A
Champ. Jr. Female – Award B	1871A	1872A	1873A	1874A	1875A	1876A	1877A
Res. Champ. Jr. Female – Award B	1881A	1882A	1883A	1884A	1885A	1886A	1887A

Cows - B	Div. 1- Ayrshire	Div. 2. Brown Swiss	Div. 3 Guernsey	Div. 4 Holstein	Div. 5 Jersey	Div. 6 Milking Shorthorn	Div. 7 Other Breeds
Dry Cow, 3 Yrs. Old & Older	1891B	1892B	1893B	1894B	1895B	1896B	1897B
Unfresh, 2 Yr. Old Cow	1901B	1902B	1903B	1904B	1905B	1906B	1907B
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow	1911B	1912B	1913B	1914B	1915B	1916B	1917B
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	1921B	1922B	1923B	1924B	1925B	1926B	1927B
Junior 3-Year-Old Cow	1931B	1932B	1933B	1934B	1935B	1936B	1937B
Senior 3-Year-Old Cow	1941B	1942B	1943B	1944B	1945B	1946B	1947B
Four-Year-Old Cow	1951B	1952B	1953B	1954B	1955B	1956B	1957B
Five-Year-Old Cow	1961B	1962B	1963B	1964B	1965B	1966B	1967B
Aged Cow, 6 Yrs. Old & Older	1971B	1972B	1973B	1974B	1975B	1976B	1977B
Champion Senior Female - Award B	1981B	1982B	1983B	1984B	1985B	1986B	1987B
Res. Champion Senior Female - Award B	1991b	1992b	1993b	1994b	1995b	1996b	1997B

Awards

Award A: Rosette in each breed by Colorado State Fair Authority

Award B: Banners in each breed by Colorado State Fair Authority

Premium Schedule

Jr. Dairy Classes No. of Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	\$50	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3-4	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$55	\$0	\$0
5-6	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$0
7-8	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$15
9-10	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
11-12	\$95	\$85	\$75	\$65	\$55	\$45
13 and Up	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50

Supreme Champion Selection

- Division 100
- Department 922

2298. Supreme Champ. Jr. Female

- Trophy by Colorado Dairy Youth Foundation (Selected from the Jr. Champion of each breed)
- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

2299. Supreme Champ. Sr. Female

- Trophy by Colorado Dairy Youth Foundation (Selected from the Sr. Champion of each breed)
- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

Junior Dairy Showmanship

Show: Friday, September 4th following Heifer Show

- Division 25
- Department 922

Competition Requirements

1. No pre-entry or entry fee is required.
2. Classes are limited to exhibitors with Junior Dairy show entries. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
3. Four age divisions are offered, with exhibitor age considered as of December 31st of the previous year.
4. The judge will consider the appearance of the animal, showmanship ability of the exhibitor, and the exhibitor's appearance, courtesy, and knowledge.

Classes

2285. Pee Wee Division (ages under 8)

2286. Junior Division (ages 8-12)

- Halter by Dick & Emmie Himes Family Memorial

2287. Intermediate Division (ages 13-15)

2288. Senior Division (ages 16-21)

- Framed scholarship certificate by N.J.C.
- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

2289. Champion Showman

- Trophy by Colorado Livestock Association

2290. Jr. Dairy Herdsman Award

- Award by Need Sponsor

- Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority

2291. Youth Dairy Extravaganza

- Cash Award by CO Dairy Youth Extravaganza

Junior Dairy Special Awards

Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Assn., Leonard Johnson, 800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, WI 53511; will provide 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons for the junior competition in each Brown Swiss class.

Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza, Larry Hooker, 525 N. 15th Street, Greeley, CO 80631; awards ten dollars (\$10.00) (paid with premiums) to every youth who exhibits at the Colorado State Fair and who also exhibits at the Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza.

Colorado Dairy Youth Foundation, Debbie Carpio, 27503 Co. Rd. 55, Kersey, CO 80644; sponsors trophies for the Supreme Champion Junior Female and the Supreme Champion Senior Female of the Junior Dairy Show.

Colorado Dairy Youth Foundation, Debbie Carpio, 27503 Co. Rd. 55, Kersey, CO 80644; provides special cash awards to youths with a Colorado Dairy Youth Project. Eligibility for these awards is as follows:

1. The Superintendent will select a minimum of two qualifying animals from each breed during the selection of the breed Junior Champion and Senior Champion. Animals must have won first or second place in an individual class:
 - a. The female selected must be registered, identified or leased on a breed association program in the individual name of the youth owner or in a partnership with immediate family or one an approved breed association lease program in the exhibitor's name. Each junior must have an individual membership with the association.
 - b. The female selected must be bred by the individual owner or a partnership within an immediate family or have been purchased with ownership transferred to the individual's or partnership's name prior to the animal's first birthday.

2. The winner will be selected by the Judge plus one breeder of each of the breeds of dairy cattle being shown at the State Fair. The Judge and breeders working individually will place an overall score from 75 to 95 points on each female. The superintendents will total the judges' and breeders' scores, and the female with the highest total score will be the award winner. If the females winning the Supreme Senior Champion and the Supreme Junior Champion do not qualify for these awards, they will be given to the highest scoring females that meet all qualifications. If no females meet the qualifications or are not considered worthy of these awards, the awards will not be presented.
3. Cash awards will be paid directly from the Colorado Dairy Youth Foundation and presented at the Colorado State Fair.
 - a. \$1,000.00 to the first-place Senior Female
 - b. \$ 400.00 to the second-place Senior Female
 - c. \$ 500.00 to the first-place Junior Female
 - d. \$ 200.00 to the second place Junior Female

Colorado Livestock Association, Zach Riley, 2425 35th Avenue, Suite 202, Greeley, CO 80634; will present a trophy to the Champion Showman in the Junior Division.

Colorado State Fair Authority will sponsor awards for the Supreme Champion Junior Female and the Supreme Champion Senior Female.

Northeastern Junior College, 100 College Avenue, Sterling, CO 80751; will award a One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) scholarship to N.J.C. to the Senior Division Showmanship winner. A framed scholarship certificate will be presented at the show.

The American Jersey Cattle Association, Kim Billman, 6486 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068; will award a set of three ribbons to the top placings in each individual female Jersey class as well as a Champion rosette.

The Dick Himes & Emmie Himes-Meek Memorial Award, The families of Rich Himes, Pueblo, CO and Jeanne Robison, Colorado City, CO; will present a show halter with a plaque to the winner of the Junior Division of the Junior Dairy Showmanship.

The Holstein Foundation, Kelli Dunklee, P. O. Box 816, Battleboro, VT 05302-0816; will present ribbons through fifth place as well as Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons for the Junior Holstein Show.

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