

**DIVISION 9-13
DAIRY CATTLE**

Entries close Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Entries must be in the fair office before 5:00 P. M. or made online before midnight.

No late entries will be accepted.

- **Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per class, for classes 1-11, including one stall
Tack stalls (if available) \$10.00
\$10.00 per class, for classes 12-16, no stall included

Sunday, August 2

12:00 pm Exhibitors may begin bringing tack and bedding to Iowa Building

Monday, August 3

7:00 am Dairy cattle can begin arriving in Iowa Building

10:00 am – 5:00 pm Open show entries, health papers checked

5:30 – 6:30 pm Youth show sign-up

5:45 pm Youth dairy judging contest sign-up

6:00 pm Youth dairy judging contest

7:00 pm Exhibitor pizza supper and meeting

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 am Open dairy show starting with Spring Heifer classes
Kiddie Kapers Class between Jr. Champion and cow classes
Group classes following cow classes, one breed at a time
Senior Champion Over All following group classes
Open youth showmanship (Juniors: 7th grade and younger) (Seniors: 8th grade – Age 21)
Cows that won't be exhibited in junior show are released after August 4 open show, but welcome to remain until August 5. All calves and heifers must remain until after the junior show on August 5.

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 am Open youth dairy show starting with Spring Heifer classes (All youth exhibitors between kindergarten and age 21 are eligible)
Scott County 4-H Bucket Calf Show
Junior Champion Over All
Open youth cow classes and Scott County 4-H cow classes following Junior Champion
Senior Champion Over All
Youth showmanship competition (Scott County 4-H Exhibitors)
All cattle released at conclusion of youth show

Open Show Premiums Awarded by Mississippi Valley Fair

- **Premiums:** Classes 1-11: 1ST \$30.00, 2ND \$25.00, 3RD \$20.00, 4TH \$15.00, 5TH \$10.00
Classes 12-16: 1ST \$30.00, 2ND \$25.00, 3RD \$20.00
Ribbons awarded: 1ST- 5TH, Champion Rosettes, Champion Overall Rosette
10 Champion and 10 Reserve Champion Rosettes

Superintendent: Dan Bernick, Asst. Superintendents: Jeni & Kevin Rochholz, Kyrnan Liske, Nancy Shannon, Dan Newell
Open show judges: Dave Koss, Epworth, IA and Adam Kruse, Holy Cross, IA; Youth show judge: Bob Hagenow, Poynette, WI

RULES

1. **IMPORTANT:** It is each exhibitor's responsibility to read and abide by the General Rules, Regulations, Health Requirements, and IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.
2. All entries must be made on entry forms provided or online. If not entered online, complete the entry form and return with fees to Mississippi Valley Fair Office.
3. No painting of hooves allowed in barns or on concrete. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification, and the exhibitor will be expected to pay for any damage as a result of painting on concrete.
4. No grooming chutes inside Iowa Building.
5. Cows that won't be exhibited in junior show are released after August 4 open show, but welcome to remain until August 5. All heifers must remain until after the junior show on August 5.
6. Youth exhibitors and 4-H members must pay open class entry fees to exhibit in open show.
7. Each animal must have official breed identification papers that verify ownership. Animals owned in partnership may be shown in one partner's name but must show full ownership on entry.

8. All cattle must fulfill the health requirements of livestock for exhibition in the State of Iowa. Exhibitors must supply animal health documents during check-in.
9. Exhibitors are expected to bring cattle to the show ring when they are called.
10. Exhibitors must keep their cattle, stalls, and alley behind cattle clean and presentable; aisles should be regularly swept and presentable for public; manure and litter must be put in appropriate place.
11. Trailers must be parked in designated areas.
12. Before leaving, any hay needs to be raked to the back of stalls.
13. All fans must point to east.
14. All personal exhibitor bedding must be put away before start of show.
15. Exhibitors who do not follow these rules may forfeit premiums and/or be barred from exhibiting.

OTHER

1. Shows will not break for lunch.
2. All youth exhibitors between kindergarten and age 21 are eligible to participate and show heifers and cows in the youth dairy show on Wednesday, August 5. Animals must be entered in Open Class or 4-H shows to be eligible.
3. A judging contest will be held in the Claussen building on Monday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m. All youth, grade 12 and under, are eligible and encouraged to participate; please enter by 5:45 p.m.
4. Open Jr. & Sr. Showmanship Contest (Juniors: 7th Grade and younger) (Seniors: 8th grade – Age 21) will be held after Grand Champion selection on Tuesday August 4.
5. There are no milking facilities on site.
6. Join the Mississippi Valley Dairy Show Facebook group for updates and notices.

Divisions

9. Ayrshire
10. Brown Swiss (Southeast Iowa Canton Show)
11. Guernsey/Milking Shorthorn
12. Holstein
13. Jersey

Classes

1. Spring Heifers, born on or after March 1, 2026
2. Winter Heifers, born Dec. 1, 2025, to Feb. 28, 2026
3. Fall Heifers, born September 1, 2025, to November 30, 2025
4. Summer Yearlings, born June 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025
5. Spring Yearlings, born March 1, 2025, to May 31, 2025
6. Winter Yearlings, born Dec. 1, 2024, to Feb. 28, 2025
7. Fall Yearlings, born Sept. 1, 2024, to Nov. 30, 2024
- Junior Champion Female
8. 2-Year-Old Cows, born September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024
9. 3-Year-Old Cows, born September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023
10. 4-Year-Old Cows, born September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022
11. Aged Cows, 5 years & over, born before September 1, 2021
- Senior Champion Female
- Grand Champion Female
- Grand Champion Cow Over All

Groups: All animals composing a Group must be shown in individual classes. (Will complete one breed at a time.)

12. Dairy Herd, four head, at least one cow in milk. One entry per exhibitor.
13. Daughter-Dam, any age, bred and owned by exhibitor.
14. Three Females, any age, bred and owned by exhibitor. One entry per exhibitor.
15. Cow in Milk, any age, judged on udder alone. Three entries per exhibitor.
16. Produce of Dam, two animals, any age, produce of one cow.

Kiddie Kapers Class: A fun class for children that promotes dairy products. It takes place during open show between Junior Champion and Cow Classes. No entry fees. Enter day of show.

1. A fun class for children nine and under.
2. Calves can be any dairy breed, under three months of age.
3. Calves don't need to be owned by exhibitors and may be entered and released on show day. Animals must have health paper.
4. Judged on showmanship, eye appeal, originality, and most entertaining.