

2026 Jackson County 4-H Dairy Project Expectations

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Fair Entry Registration For Project:

- Fair Registration forms, and Exhibitor Agreements, are due in Fair Entry by mid June.
- Family Pass Form with member photo are due to the Fair office by mid-June.
- The deadline dates and instructions will be posted on the Jackson County 4-H FB pages, Premium book and in the May newsletter. The exhibitor is responsible for making sure that they have the information.
- Premium checks & dairy checks are mailed to the address listed in Fair Entry, so please make sure that your mailing address is correct in your profile.

Communication and updates:

- All communication and updates regarding dairy can be found in the 4-H newsletter. We also have a facebook page: Jackson County 4H Dairy where we post updates.

PEN SET UP

- Tack can be brought in, and decorations can go up **AFTER** pens have been sanitized. Exhibitors will be notified when this is complete.

CHECK-IN: Saturday, August 8th, 8:00 am-11:00 pm

- Please call or text one of us superintendents to check cattle off the trailer before you unload.
- All cattle must be healthy and have an RFID tag.

SHOW DAY

- SHOWMANSHIP: Monday, August 10th @ 8:30 am
- PERFORMANCE: To follow after showmanship in fairbook order.

SHOW ATTIRE:

- Showmanship – white shirt and white pants or jeans (no jeans with holes or tear)
- Performance – whatever you want as long as it's appropriate (no bad language, explicit pictures, beer/drug advertisement, no low-cut tops, etc.)

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BARN RULES:

- Walkways must be kept free from clutter.
- Pens must be cleaned with fresh bedding by 9:00 AM every morning.
- Clean up manure throughout the day.
- Tack and feed need to be kept in your assigned space. We try to give families/clubs at least 10 feet of tack room but sometimes spacing can get tight.
- Both neck ropes and halters are required to be on your dairy animals
- If you use auto waterers, they must be shut off at 10PM every night to prevent accidental flooding – thank you!

AUCTION: Thursday, August 13th

- Luncheon & Registration starts at 12:00 PM. Auction begins at 2:00 PM
- Exhibitors need to be in the auction ring at the time we sell the Dairy Basket, wearing their provided dairy shirt.
- We will call everyone about dairy shirt sizes after fair entry submissions. All 4-H/FFA members receive a free shirt; you can purchase additional shirts at cost.

FAIR CHECKOUT:

- Animals can be loaded out starting at 11:00pm on Saturday, August 15th.
- We ask that everyone move bedding away from the front of the animal stalls to help the skid loader clean the barn more easily.

Please watch emails closely for information regarding HPAI and changes in the exhibition this year!

PLEASE SEE LARGE ANIMAL 2026 BYLAWS FOR PROJECT GUIDELINES, LARGE ANIMAL BYLAWS & 2026 FAIR BOOK FOR FAIR RULES.