

## 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.