

# 2026 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY FEEDER RULES

\*-denotes rule changes from previous year

1. 4-H age applies to all rules to include all County and State rules.
2. First year dairy feeder exhibitors can only show one dairy feeder. A dairy feeder exhibitor who has completed one dairy feeder project can then exhibit a maximum of two dairy feeders.
3. Dress code:
  - a. Full length black pants
  - b. White shirt with collar
  - c. No farm name or printed advertisement on shirt (4-H club name permitted)
  - d. No hats of any kind
  - e. Hard soled shoes of cowboy or work boot type
  - f. No gum chewing or any other substance while in the show ring
- a. No eating or drinking while in the show ring.
4. Dairy feeders **must** be purchased from within Trumbull County OR from any adjacent Ohio county (Ashtabula, Geauga, Portage, or Mahoning).
  - a. \*First year members are allowed to tag two projects, exhibit one. Second plus year members are allowed to tag three projects, exhibit two.
5. Dairy Feeders must be Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn (must be an EXP or full herd) or a cross of these breeds. No Dairy/Beef crosses are allowed.
6. Dairy feeders must be male.
7. The designated tagging day/health clinic is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in March of the current fair year at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds.
  - a. The tagging day/health clinic will be held at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. All projects **MUST** attend.
  - b. All projects **MUST** attend the tagging day/health clinic to be able to participate in the Trumbull County Fair 4-H Dairy Feeder Program.
  - c. All services at the tagging day/health clinic will be performed by an approved licensed veterinarian.
  - d. Services provided at the tagging day/health clinic include:
    - i. Castration: band type with a tetanus vaccination.
    - ii. Dehorning: burning with anesthesia.
    - iii. \*Photo identification of project.
  - e. Castration and dehorning performed prior to the tagging day/health clinic will be checked by the approved licensed veterinarian at the tagging day/health clinic.
  - f. A Dairy Feeder project will not be admitted to the Trumbull County Fair if either horns or testicles can be visualized by the 4-H Dairy Program Development Committee; at the final discretion of the Trumbull County Senior Fairboard Veterinarian.
8. Dairy Feeders must meet all health requirements of the Trumbull County Agriculture Society and the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
9. No one is to give any medication to their Dairy Feeder at the Trumbull County Fair without the approval of the Official Trumbull County Fair Veterinarian.

- Club advisors must also be notified.
10. Weight classes for the Trumbull County Fair 4-H Dairy Feeder show will be determined after the weigh in at the Trumbull County Fair.
    - a. Dairy Feeders must weigh a minimum of 300 pounds or a maximum of 600 pounds at weigh in at the Trumbull County Fair to be eligible for a weight class.
    - b. Dairy Feeders that are not eligible to show in a weight class are still eligible for Showmanship classes.
  11. All Dairy Feeder owners wanting to pull projects from the Trumbull County Livestock Sale must complete a Pull Sheet and pay a Pull Fee to the Trumbull County Livestock Sale Committee. This must be completed and turned into the Trumbull County Livestock Sale Committee with in 1 hour of the completion of the Dairy Feeder Show.
  12. The Grand & Reserve Champions and the Outstanding Project Winner must be sold at the Trumbull County Livestock Sale.
  13. There will be four showmanship classes:
    - Junior (9-11 years of age)
    - Intermediate (12-14 years of age)
    - Senior (15-18 years of age)
    - Advanced (any past and present showmanship winners)
  14. When a member wins their showmanship class and advanced to the advanced showmanship class only the points from their original showmanship class will be counted towards their outstanding project award. Members which are only showing in the advanced showmanship class will use the points awarded in this class towards their outstanding project award.
  15. A member who has won their showmanship class will move up to the next showmanship class regardless of age. A member can only win a showmanship class once, with the exception of advanced showmanship.
  16. If the declared outstanding dairy feeder project by the registered 4-H member is not shown in its showmanship class, zero points will be awarded towards the outstanding project award.
  17. The member must declare their outstanding project dairy feeder at weigh-in at the Trumbull County Fair.
  18. The Outstanding Dairy Feeder Project Award will be based on the following criteria:
    - a. Dairy Feeder Project Judging Score (based on 100 possible points)
    - b. Showmanship Placing (at fair)
      - 1<sup>st</sup> place- 100 pts
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> place- 80 pts
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> place- 60 pts
      - 4<sup>th</sup> place- 40 pts
      - 5<sup>th</sup> place- 20 pts
    - b. Animal placing (at fair)  
(Same point value as above)

19. Sale order will be determined upon the completion of our show; will be sorted as follows:

Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Outstanding Project (unless listed above)  
1st place winners of the weight classes, rest of the Grand Champion's Class placings, rest of the Reserve Champion's Class placings, the remainder of the feeders will be sorted by their placings in their weight class heaviest remaining class to the lightest remaining class.

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