

2026 Trumbull Junior Fair Dairy Rules

1. Each Junior Fair Dairy Exhibitor must show his or her own animal for the showmanship class, unless approved by executive member of dairy committee prior to the start of the Jr. Dairy Show.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per class. The exhibitor must show the first entry; the second must be shown by another Trumbull County Junior Fair Dairy Exhibitor.
3. The first-place animal (and/or judge's discretion) in each class will be called back for the championship class.
4. **Registered or Qualified Purebred animals are eligible to be shown at the Trumbull County Junior Fair Dairy Show.** All animals must be registered, qualified purebred, or leased in the name of the exhibitor as follows:
 - a. **Registered or qualified dairy projects must be entered in the exhibitor's name, farm, or immediate family name.**
 - b. **Qualified for this exhibition to mean no evidence of cross breeding and some type of genetic background that could be traced at the discretion of the 4-H Dairy Committee.**
 - c. **At this time animals showing mixed breed characteristics may not be shown.**
 - d. **There are no restrictions on where dairy animals may be purchased.**
 - e. **Leased animals:**
 - i. **A Junior Fair exhibitor may enter a maximum of five leased animals.**
 - ii. **Dairy project animals may be leased from a bona-fide owner within Trumbull County or from any adjacent Ohio county (Ashtabula, Geauga, Portage, or Mahoning).** (As per leasing guidelines, a leased dairy animal can only be shown/exhibited by the lessee and thus cannot be shown at more than one county junior fair show)
 - iii. **Three copies of the lease agreement are required:**
 1. **1 copy to the lessor**
 2. **1 copy attached to the registration entry at the Extension Office**
 3. **1 copy attached to the registration paper at the fair**
5. "Production Class" animals must be registered as per section 4 above. All production animals that have completed at least three months of lactation in the past year are eligible.
6. Animals must be entered at the Extension Office by April 1st.
7. **Registration Entry Forms must be completely filled out including, but not limited to, the following information:**
 - a. **Sire's Name & Registration Number**
 - b. **Dam's Name & Registration Number**
 - c. **Animal's D.O.B. & Registration Number.**

If a project animal has a grade classification and will not have a registration number, the animal may be identified by a photo picture for Holstein, Guernsey, Ayrshire, and Milking Shorthorn breeds. The Jersey and Brown Swiss breeds are to be identified with a permanent tattoo. All breeds should also have a metal ear tag or breed identification, for identification also. (*Registration number also qualifies as identification.*) Please turn in registration form with entry forms.
8. All state & county required health papers, animal registration papers, DUNF forms, and lease papers must accompany the animal to the fair. Animals and registration papers

will be checked beginning at 6:30 Tuesday. Parent and Junior Fair Exhibitor must be present. **If conflicts arise regarding time and/or parent being present, contact Rich Owen to make arrangements for an advisor to be present during check-in times with the exhibitor.**

- a. **Warning** will be given if registration papers are not presented at check-in. Exhibitor will be given until 9 a.m. on Wednesday to produce paperwork. If paperwork is not produced by 9 a.m., exhibitor **will not be permitted** to show animals at the 4-H Dairy Show.
9. An animal may only be entered in one class (except in best bred and owned/group classes).
10. If an animal is the only project and it cannot be shown due to health problems or death, this must be verified by an organizational advisor; the organizational advisor will contact the 4-H Committee; then a replacement may be sought with the approval of the Dairy Committee. Member and parent will receive a response from the Dairy Executive Committee within 5 days. The decision of the committee is final.
 - a. If animal is in estrus the morning of the dairy show and members of the executive committee deem the animal unsafe for the exhibitor, a substitution may be considered for showmanship class.
11. *Grooming Rules: All current State Guidelines for grooming will be followed during fair week as per Senior Fair Board instructions. **Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration by immediate family (parent/guardian, siblings & grandparents), an advisor of a Trumbull County 4-H dairy club or current Trumbull 4-H dairy member. The penalty for violating these rules will result in a verbal/written warning to cease for the first offense. Failure to comply and second offense is disqualification from the 4-H dairy show.**
12. Open farm signs may be exhibited in Jr. Fair Dairy Barn by 4-H members. For safety reasons, signs must be hung on the center line partition of the barn and must be flush.

SHOWMANSHIP RULES (Age as of January 1, 2025)

1. The showmanship classes are as follows:
 - a. Junior (9 – 11 yrs)
 - b. Intermediate (12 – 14 yrs)
 - c. Senior (15 – 18 yrs)
 - d. Advanced (9 – 18 yrs) Current winners, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Winners plus all 4-H eligible Advanced Showmanship Winners are eligible to participate.
2. Participants **MUST** be in correct age class.
3. A member who has won their age class will move up to the next age group. Each member can only win an age group once.
4. A member who has won the senior showmanship division will move up to the advanced group. 4-H members can show in the advanced class until age 18.
5. An alternate will be selected and may be asked to participate in showman of showmen competition in the event that the winner is unable to be present.

DAIRY PROJECT JUDGING

1. Dairy project judging is required for all 4-H dairy project members wishing to compete at the Trumbull County Fair or the 4-H Outstanding Dairy Project Award.

DAIRY SHOW AND SHOWMANSHIP DRESS CODE

1. Full length black pants
2. White shirt with collar
3. No farm name or printed advertisement on shirt (4-H club name permitted)
4. No hats of any kind
5. Hard soled shoes of cowboy or work boot type
6. No gum chewing or any other substance while in the show ring
7. No eating or drinking while in the show ring

DAIRY OUTSTANDING PROJECT

The Dairy Outstanding Project will be scored on the following criteria:

- a. Dairy project judging score (100 possible points)
 - b. Showmanship placing (at Trumbull County Fair)
 - 1st place- 100 pts
 - 2nd place- 80 pts
 - 3rd place- 60 pts
 - 4th place-40 pts
 - 5th place- 20 pts
 - c. Animal placing (at Trumbull County Fair)
 - 1st place- 100 pts
 - 2nd place- 80 pts
 - 3rd place- 60 pts
 - 4th place-40 pts
 - 5th place- 20 pts
 - d. Hands- on activity* Wednesday of Fair Week at 3:00 p.m. (100 possible points)
2. A member's Dairy Outstanding Project must be designated at Animal Project Judging. A member's showmanship division is marked on their registration form.
 - a. A member is allowed to designate an "alternate" project in the case of animal estrus or unforeseen circumstances. A member of the dairy committee's executive board must approve of alternate use towards the Dairy Outstanding Project Award prior to the start of the Jr. Dairy Show. The alternate must be designated on dairy registration form.
 - b. If an exhibitor only has one animal registered and has no alternate, they may exhibit an animal other than their own in showmanship only. If this is done, that member will not receive any points towards Dairy Outstanding Project, however they are allowed to place in showmanship classes.
 - c. Members will declare outstanding project and alternate designation at Animal Project Judging within project books- left side photo, outstanding project and right side photo, alternative. Youth will fill out form at project judging with the correct project information.

DAIRY PRODUCTION AWARD

1. The Dairy Production Award will be open to any 4-H Dairy Project Member who exhibits a lactating dairy project.
2. Participants must complete the dairy records found on pages 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45 in the 4-H Dairy Cattle Project and Record Book (#127). The member will designate one animal as the primary project animal for production award.

3. Dairy Production Award Scoring:
 - a. Completion of required dairy records
 - b. Written test consisting of questions developed by dairy committee members, 4-H educator and knowledgeable community volunteers.
 - c. Oral interview with judge (to be determined each year) **Updated December 2025**