

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

4-H / FFA DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent: Sam Murphy

Exhibit Check In: Thursday, July 30th, 8:30am; Beef Barn

Exhibit Judging: Thursday, July 30th; 7pm; Show Arena

The 4-H Dairy Cattle project is designed for youth to learn animal husbandry, management, and the science of milk production.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. Complete a Dairy Cattle Family Identification Worksheet and turn it in to the Extension Office by the first Sunday in May. All animals must be owned/leased by the exhibitor by the first Sunday in May of the current year.
3. Judging order will be decided by superintendents and posted in barn on show day.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to no more than a total of four dairy animals housed in the barns for the full week of county fair.
5. Double registered animals show in dairy or beef, but not both.
6. Milking dairy cows may be displayed on the day of the show only and are limited to four cows on that day of show. They are not housed in the barns overnight.
7. Be prepared to show registration or transfer papers dated before first Sunday in May of current year when checking in your animal at the fair. Animals may be co-owned and co-registered by two or more 4-H or FFA members of the same family, but may not be registered in a farm name or include names of adults. Animals registered or transferred to you after the first Sunday in May of the current year cannot be shown at the fair.
8. Dress for dairy: white shirts with white or black slacks or jeans.

Classes

Dairy Breed Show

- Spring Heifer Calf, born March 1st – May 31st of current year
- Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1st of previous year - February 28th of current year
- Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1st - November 30th of previous year
- Summer Yearling, born June 1st - August 31st of previous
- Spring Yearling, born March 1st - May 31st of previous year
- Winter Yearling, born December 1st two years ago - February 28 of previous year
- Fall Yearling, born September 1st - November 30th two years ago
- Two and Three Year Old Cows (must have freshened), born September 1st four years ago - August 31st two years ago
- Four Year Old Cows and Older, born before August 31st four years ago

Showmanship

- Senior Showmanship – ages 14 thru 18
- Intermediate Showmanship – ages 10 thru 13
- Junior Showmanship – ages 7 -9