

DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED, EXCEPT SERVICE DOGS

Sunday, October 11th

5:00 p.m.	Barns open to receive Dairy Cattle	Dairy Arena
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Registration for Youth/ Open Dairy Cattle Show	Teague Arena
	Weigh in – Commercial Classes	HN Lewis

ALL DAIRY CATTLE MUST BE ON GROUNDS & CHECK-IN BY 7:00 P.M.

Monday, October 12th

9:00 a.m.	Youth Dairy Cattle Show – Showmanship	Teague Arena
Following Showman	Youth Dairy Cattle Show	Teague Arena
1:00 p.m.	Open Dairy Cattle Show	Teague Arena

Tuesday, October 13th

7:15 – 8:00 a.m.	Check-in for Dairy Judging Show	Teague Arena
8:15 a.m.	Dairy Judging Contest	Teague Arena
8:15 a.m.	Youth Dairy Cattle Show – Premier Exhibitor	Teague Arena
11:30 a.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 p.m.	Check-in for Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest	Teague Arena
1:30 p.m.	Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest	Teague Arena

RELEASE OF ALL DAIRY CATTLE

**If youth dairy cattle exhibitors plan to show in the Open Dairy Cattle Show, they will have to register online before the deadline. There will be NO entries accepted at registration.

GENERAL DAIRY CATTLE RULES

1. **Exhibitors:** All Youth Livestock Show exhibitors must be a bona fide resident of the state of Alabama. Exhibitor agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, its officers, directors, and members; the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc., its sponsors, its officers, directors, employees and volunteers, and the City of Montgomery for any claims, demands, or law- suits of any nature whatsoever involving loss of livestock or injury to livestock or exhibitor's personnel or for any actions by exhibitor's personnel. The owner and/or exhibitor is fully responsible for all his livestock and other properties, and the Fair is not responsible in any way for such livestock and properties. For damages or injuries that may be done to, or suffered by, said exhibitor, he, she, or they shall have redress against that person or persons causing damage or injury, and not against the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc., or the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, or the State of Alabama.
2. **EXHIBITORS AGE: EXHIBITORS MUST BE NO YOUNGER THAN NINE YEARS OLD AS OF DAY OF SHOW.**
3. **Entry:** To be eligible, exhibitor will have to make entries online at www.alnationalfair.org under the participate tab and then the competition tab. Online entry deadline will be **Saturday, August 15, 2026** – no substituting or changes. No refunds will be granted. There will be \$200 late fee for any entries made after August 15, 2026, until September 13, 2026.
4. **Passes:** The Fair's Coliseum Boulevard Gate will be always open so that those wishing to see livestock events may gain admittance without inconvenience. Admission tickets will be required.
Gate Passes: Upon receipt of entry, each livestock exhibitor will receive a complimentary 10-day wristband. All other family members will be required to purchase a 11-day gate passes for admittance to the Fair or a one-day pass (prices may vary daily). Passes will be sold at the Livestock Gate Entrance for \$30 each (children 5 and under are admitted FREE.) Passes will be picked up at the Livestock Gate. Pre-order competitor wristbands can be purchased for \$25 online with livestock entries.
Truck/Trailer Passes: Truck and trailer stickers will be required for livestock exhibitors at a cost \$10. They may be purchased at the Livestock gate upon arrival, or pre-order online with registration.
5. **Restraint/Unruly Animals:** Exhibitor and patron safety are a top priority. Therefore, Ring Stewards may be forced to remove any unruly animal from the show at any time; to which there will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with a halter and sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by the exhibitor.
6. **Bedding:** The Fair will provide wood shaving for the first bedding only. Hay, Feed and additional bedding will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are expected to keep their stalls and area clean.
7. **Stalling:** Insofar as possible, the Fair will provide one stall per animal in the exhibitor barns. Stalling will be assigned in the exhibitor barns and will be based on the number of entries from each county. Non-entered cattle are prohibited from the Coliseum grounds.
8. **Exhibitor Equipment:** Positively, NO open fires, charcoal fires, grills, cooking or food preparation will be allowed in the barns, pens, displays, or show areas. Each exhibitor must furnish their own watering containers. Community or common watering facilities are prohibited.
9. **Project Care:** Exhibitor must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s).
10. **Pets:** Pets, excluding those defined with the Americans with Disabilities Act as service animals, are not permitted on the grounds at any time.

11. **Animal ID:** To be eligible, animals must comply with Alabama Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) requirements. All cattle that are to be shown must have one of the following methods of official ID appropriately placed in the ear:
 - An official EID (an electronic identification) ear tag purchased from an approved animal identification number (AIN) manager or distributor.
 - The Original Brucellosis silver metal ear tag (available from the State Veterinarian's office.)
 - An orange Official Calf hood Vaccination (OCV) ear tag, placed in the ear when the heifer receives her OCV.
12. **Fitting/Grooming:** Animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves.
13. **Parking:** The parking spaces behind Teague Arena is designate area for Fair staff and volunteers. There will be hang tags assigned. The exhibitors' car park will be across from Crawford Arena. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.
14. **HEALTH:** Out of State cattle must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection indicating that they show no visible signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases. This certificate must be signed by an accredited veterinarian and is void after 30 days of issuance.

DAIRY CATTLE SHOW – STALL DECORATING COMPETITION

The purpose of this competition is to promote pride in exhibit presentation, educate fair visitors about the dairy industry, and create an enjoyable experience for exhibitors and guests attending the Fair.

Eligibly

1. The competition is open to all exhibitors who entered the Dairy Cattle Show.
2. Each exhibitor or exhibitor group may decorate only the stalls assigned to their animals.
3. Decorations must be completed by the designated judging time.

Theme

Decorations should promote the dairy industry, agriculture, youth involvement, or the Fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to create attractive and educational displays for the public.

Judging Criteria

Stalls will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Appearance and Attractiveness – 25%
2. Originality and Creativity – 25%
3. Educational Value – 20%
4. Neatness and Cleanliness – 20%
5. Use of Theme and Overall Presentation – 10%

Rules

1. Decorations must be safe for animals, exhibitors, and visitors.
2. All displays must remain within the assigned stall area and may not obstruct aisles, walkways, exits, or neighboring exhibits.
3. No nails, screws, staples, glue, paint, or other materials that may damage fair property may be used.
4. Electrical items may only be used with approval from Fair management and must meet all safety requirements.
5. Decorations must not interfere with care, feeding, watering, or movement of animals.
6. All stalls must be kept clean and presentable throughout the Fair.
7. Offensive, political, or inappropriate materials are prohibited.
8. Fair management reserves the right to remove any display deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

Judging

1. Judging will take place without prior notification.
2. Judges' decisions are final.
3. Stalls must remain decorated until the conclusion of the Dairy Cattle Show unless otherwise directed by Fair management.

Awards

Awards will be presented for 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. Premiums will be awarded.

OPEN DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Ayrshire, Guernsey, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Holstein, and Commercial

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Classes:

*Commercial heifer classes to be set by the Dairy Show Rules Committee upon weigh in at registration. All Commercial heifers (Open and Youth) must be weighed in at time of check-in.

Classes:

01. Spring Heifer Calf: Born March 1 - May 31, 2026
02. Winter Heifer Calf: Born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
03. Fall Heifer Calf: Born September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025
04. Summer Yearling Heifer: Born June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
05. Spring Yearling Heifer: Born March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
06. Winter Yearling Heifer: Born December 1, 2024 – February 29, 2025
07. Fall Yearling Heifer: Born September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024
(Any animal of this age in milk will show in Class 10: Junior Two-Year Old Cow)
08. **JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
09. **RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
10. Junior Two-Year Old Cow: Born March 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024
11. Senior Two-Year Old Cow: Born September 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024
12. Three-Year Old Cow: Born March 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023
13. Four-Year Old Cow: Born September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022
14. Five-Year Old Cow: Born September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021
15. Aged Cow: Six years old and over: Born before September 1, 2020
16. Dry Cow: Three years and over: Born before September 16, 2023
17. **SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
18. **RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
19. **GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE**
20. **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE**

1. **Junior Best Three Female** – This group is to consist of three females from heifer classes, none of which have freshened, all are to have been bred and at least one be owned by the exhibitor.
2. **Best Three Females** – Any age, all are to have been bred and at least one (1) be owned by the exhibitor.

OPEN SHOWMANSHIP

1. The Open Showmanship contest shall be for Adults and Youth, NOT showing in the Youth Showmanship classes.
2. All showmanship contestants must be dressed in white shirts and white or colored pants or slacks. They must wear closed shoes.
3. Showmanship Ages: Classes are divided up into 4 Divisions.
 1. Junior Class (Ages 9 to 12)
 2. Intermediate Class (Ages 13 to 15)
 3. Senior Class (Ages 16 to 19)
 4. Open Showmanship (Ages 9 and above)
4. **Classes:** Exhibitors within each age division will be randomly placed into classes. Classes within each division may be comprised of exhibitors of different ages. There will be no more than 10 exhibitors per class.
5. **Judging:** The judge will not be required to rank every exhibitor within each class. It will be up to the judge to determine how many exhibitors from each class will return for the Division Finals.
6. **Division Finals:** Exhibitors selected by the judge from each class will return to compete for the Division Finals. The judge will rank each exhibitor in the Division Finals.
*Absolutely, no assistance will be given to exhibitors except as determined by the show coordinator and/or judge.

HOLSTEIN AND JERSEY CATTLE ONLY

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD

The exhibitor winning the most points, not to exceed six (6) animals owned and exhibited by himself in the open in the open individual classes, shall be designed the Premier Exhibitor – Banner.

The scale of points will be the same as that for the Premier Breeder.

PREMIER BREEDER'S AWARD

The breeder winning the most points, not to exceed six (6) animals in the open individual classes, exhibited by himself and/or other exhibitors, shall be designed the Premier Breeder – Banner.

The point system for determining Premier Breeder is as follows:

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points Senior Females	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Points Junior Females	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1