

2024 Holmes County Jr. Fair Dairy Exhibit Guidelines

Project Checklist

- ☐ Check the 4-H calendar for the most up-to-date information regarding our program
- ☐ **Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (oh.4honline.com) by April 1. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.
- ☐ **Attend Quality Assurance Training** - Check the 4-H calendar for up-to-date information. 2024 QA sessions in Holmes County will be held at Harvest Ridge on 2/20, 3/28, and 4/23. All sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. Per ODA rules, exhibitors must complete QA 45 days prior to the exhibition.
- ☐ **Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring to a Skillathon interview to be graded.
- ☐ **Dairy Leases:** National Breed Leases or Standardized 4-H Livestock Lease Forms are due June 1 on FairEntry.
- ☐ **Tag:** Dairy feeder projects must be weighed and tagged in on May 18, 2024, at Harvest Ridge.
- ☐ **Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read a Holmes County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair. Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project.
- ☐ **Project Completion:** Attend and participate in Holmes County 4-H Skillathon Interviews on either July 18 or July 22, 2024.
- ☐ **Fair Entries** due by 11:59 pm on June 1: Make ALL fair entries online at <https://holmesjrfair.fairentry.com> for your animal(s).
- ☐ **DUNF:** All dairy feeder exhibitors must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair. See the Holmes County 4-H program newsletter for more information.



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Important Notes for Dairy Exhibit Projects

- **Project Leases:** Exhibitors may lease a dairy animal to provide an additional positive learning experience that would have otherwise been unavailable. The lease is to be in place 60 days prior to the exhibition and be in effect until the end of the project.
- **Feeder Weight Limits:** Dairy feeders must be 428 to 735 lbs. If the animal is below or above the weight limit, the animal will not be able to show for Champion but will be able to sell.
- **Cleanliness:** Exhibitors must keep dairy exhibits clean; committee members will monitor daily for cleanliness (pens and animals manure-free and clean), Friday and Saturday included. A sign will be placed on the pen if it is found to be unacceptable. A time will be placed on the notice when it is posted, the exhibitor will have two (2) hours to clean the pen. The notice must remain on the pen until it has been cleaned. Dairy Committee members will remove the sign after checking the pen and animal for cleanliness. The first violation will be a warning, the second violation will include forfeit of dairy auction monies or not being permitted to sell their animal.
- **Sale Photograph:** Champions will be the only animals to enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. Please see the dress code and submit your photo by July 31st to hclivestockphotos@gmail.com
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank you, cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office by the end of the fair. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. Contact the Jr. Fair secretary's office if you cannot find it.
- **Outstanding Market Livestock/Breeding Livestock Award:** The Holmes County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Awards program was developed to recognize youth who go above and beyond in their species both in and out of the show ring. Exhibitors who wish to participate must enroll in the project in FairEntry, complete the skillathon/project record book judging (no make-up judging), and showmanship. Awards will be presented Saturday, August 12 at the 4-H Awards Ceremony in the Large Arena.