

2024 Dairy Cow Study Guide

Skillathon is a judging event for all exhibitors exhibiting Livestock Projects at the Holmes County Fair.
Age divisions for Skillathons are as follows: (Your age as of January 1st):

Juniors 8-11

Intermediates 12-14

Seniors 15-18

The Holmes County Fair Skillathon will take place on July 18 and 22, at the Fairgrounds. Youth do not have to attend both judging nights. This Study Guide describes each station that will be in the species specific Skillathon.

Project Book Evaluation

(20 points)

The judge will review your records and completed project book. Point values will be assigned to sections and the judges will award points recognizing the degree to which the book has been completed. Sections to be complete in the book may include: Feed Records, Treatment Records, Inventory of Animals, Project Activities, Medication Label and Insert, etc. **Your book score MUST be a 12 or higher to exhibit animal at the fair.**

Interview

(20 points)

You will have an interview for the project you are exhibiting. Please be prepared to state the 4-H pledge or motto and wear appropriate show attire as points will be awarded for exhibitor presentation.

Station 1: Anatomy

(20 points)

Members will be asked to identify up to the number of parts listed below.

Juniors-10

Intermediate-15

Senior-20

Station 2: Breeds

(12 Points)

Members will be asked to answer questions about breeds. Intermediate and senior will also be asked to identify traits.

Juniors-6

Intermediate - 6

Senior - 6

Station 3: Diseases

(16 Points)

Members will be asked to correctly label up to the number listed below.

Junior-4

Intermediate- 4

Senior- 4

Station 4: Quality Assurance - Medication Label

(12 points)

Members will be asked to correctly label up to the number listed below.

Junior-6

Intermediate-10

Senior- 12

