

Project Requirements Dairy Heifer (#122)

The Dairy Heifer project is designed as a project for all ages.

Members must:

- Turn in completed penning assignment form no later than July 1st to the HCFG Jr. Fair Board Office.
 - Check the 4-H Calendar, fair book or 4-H Family Focus newsletters for the 4 scheduled dates and times for turning in this form.
- Attend Project Evaluation (either Livestock Project Evaluation & Skill-a-thon or a Pre-Evaluation).

Animal Guidelines

- Own and raise at least one dairy heifer. Animal must be in the possession and continual care of the exhibitor as of June 1 of the current year.

Record Book and Presentation

- Look for your project level (Junior/Beginner, Intermediate or Senior/Advanced) and follow Project Guidelines.
- Read and study the Dairy Resource Handbook (#127R).
- Book should be neat and accurate. All sections identified for your project level must be complete. Attitude and appearance will also be evaluated (please refer to 4-H Evaluations Dress Code).

Evaluation & Interview

- Know the signs of your heifer coming in heat. Seniors - Be able to describe in detail a heifer in heat and when a heifer should be bred.
- Know at what age and weight you should breed your heifer.
- Know the difference between permanent and non-permanent identification and examples of each.
- Be able to answer questions on Quality Assurance.
- Know the 5 essential nutrients for dairy cattle.
- Be familiar with a simple pedigree.
- Know what a dairy product is.

	Junior (8-11)	Intermediate (12-14)	Senior (15-18)
Breeds	Know 6	Know 6 and their traits	Know 6 and their traits
Parts	Identify 10	Identify 20	Feet & Leg Chart
Diseases – including their symptoms, causes, treatments and preventions	Know 4	Know 8	Know 8
Feeds	Identify 4	Identify 6	Identify 12
Medication Insert	Identify 6 parts	Identify all parts	Situation Card (from Skill-a-thon)
Pedigree	Identify 6 parts of basic pedigree	Answer 6 questions	Answer 6 questions

If information is contained in your Resource Handbook and/or Record Book you may be questioned on it.

PLEASE READ YOUR DAIRY RESOURCE HANDBOOK!!!!

Fair Participation

- Know and follow all fair book rules.
- Check in at the Holmes County Fair Grounds will be the Sunday prior to fair starting.
- All Market projects must also turn in a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) at this time.

All above requirements must be met in order to exhibit and sell your project at the county fair.