

## Important Dates

- Enrollment Deadline, April 1
- **Quality Assurance** (lactating projects must attend)
- **Lease papers due June 1**
- June animal visits by committee
- 6/1 – 7/1 Submit pen forms for fair ONLINE if exhibiting at fair
- **Livestock Judging and skill-a-thon (July)**
- Distribute auction flyers to potential buyers
- Showmanship (optional, prior to show)
- **Sale: Must attend**

**Remember to  
thank buyer(s)  
after the sale!**

## Dairy Committee Contacts



Questions about your dairy project? Contact a member of the Holmes County 4-H dairy committee or visit the [Holmes County 4-H dairy website](#).

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# Species Guide for First Year Projects



## Dairy Cows and Heifers



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## Considering a 4-H Dairy Cow/Heifer Project?

Be aware of the following project requirements and guidelines for Holmes County 4-H dairy projects.

### Members must:

- Enroll in 4-H by April 1
- Attend Quality Assurance training (market/lactating projects only)
- Dairy Livestock [lease forms](#) due to OSU Extension office by June 1
- Complete project book and attend livestock judging and skill-a-thon (July)
- Complete pen assignments for exhibits ONLINE
- June visitation (cows and heifers)

### Recommended:

- Dairy Resource Book
- Dairy Palooza
- Holmes County Dairy Clinic



## Resources for Dairy Projects

### [Holmes County 4-H Dairy](#)

**website:** <https://holmes.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock-project-information/dairy>

**Dairy Resource Handbook** – available for purchase at the OSU Extension office. This book contains essential information for project evaluation.



## Task, Equipment and Cost Considerations

200 sq. ft. pen  
Access to pasture  
Adequate bedding  
Exercise  
Brushing  
Washing

Feed Pan

Water

Bucket

Chute

Blower

Rope Halter

Rice brush

Adhesive

Shampoo

Neck rope

Show halter

Soap

## Exhibiting a Dairy Project

All exhibits must conform to Livestock Exhibit Health Requirements listed in the fair book and as outlined in the National Dairy Farm Program Manual, which can be found at [www.nationaldairyfarm.com](http://www.nationaldairyfarm.com)

Dairy participants are limited to one animal per exhibitor per class. Exhibitors must use their project animal for showmanship classes

All Dairy Heifer and Cow project exhibitors must turn in two thank you cards for Dairy Sale Buyers at Pre-Judging, Skillathon, or when picking up back numbers for the show.

Showmanship is optional, presence at dairy sale is mandatory.

Proceeds of the Dairy Sale will be divided among the dairy cow and heifer exhibitors using a points system which will reward exhibitors based on their performance in Book Judging, Showmanship, and Project Exhibition at the fair. See the fairbook for points details.

**Dress code:** White trousers and white shirts. Breed logo/production is acceptable, but farm promotion will not be allowed.

The Holmes County Fair Book lists all exhibition rules and requirements