

Important Dates 2023

- **4-H Enrollment Deadline** is April 1st
- **Lease Papers** are due June 1, 2023
- **Animal Visits** will be conducted in June by Committee Members
- All Market & Lactating projects must attend one Quality Assurance training:
 - ❖ February 22 - 6:00 p.m.
 - ❖ March 9 – 6:00 p.m.
 - ❖ April 10 – 6:00 p.m.
 - ❖ May 2 – 6:00 p.m.
- Submit **Pen Forms** for fair online in FairEntry (if exhibiting at the fair) between 6/1/23 and 7/1/23
- **Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon** (July)
- Send **Market Sale Flyers** to potential buyers
- **Fair Weigh-in** on 8/6/23 at Harvest Ridge
- **Show at the Holmes County Fair-** 8/11/23
- **Livestock Sale** Dairy Sale on 8/11/2023

Remember to thank your 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:

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



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Holmes County 4-H

Species Guide for First Year Projects



Dairy Cows & Heifers



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Considering a Dairy Cow/Heifer Project?

The following are project requirements and guidelines for Holmes County 4-H Dairy Projects.

Members must:

- ☐ Enroll in 4-H by the April 1 Deadline
- ☐ Attend Quality Assurance training (if taking a market or lactating project)
- ☐ Dairy Livestock lease forms uploaded to 4-H online Animal Tab by June 1, 2023.
- ☐ Animal Visits will be conducted in June by Committee Members (for cows and heifers)
- ☐ Complete Project Book and attend Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon (July)
- ☐ Submit fair exhibition reservations online in FairEntry (if exhibiting at the fair) between 6/1 and 7/1. (Formerly called "pen forms").
- ☐ Bring Cow/Heifer to the Fair at scheduled time

The Holmes County Fair Book lists all exhibition rules and requirements. It is posted on Harvest Ridge website and paper copies are available at the Extension office.

Resources for Dairy Projects

Holmes County 4-H Dairy Website

Dairy Resource Handbook: available for purchase at the OSU Extension office. This book contains essential information for project knowledge and evaluation.

Equipment & Cost Considerations

- Cows/heifers need a minimum of 200 sq. ft. for their pen, adequate bedding, and access to pasture.
- They require regular exercise, brushing and washing.

Recommended Items

- Holmes County Dairy Clinic – June 24, 2023
- Dairy Resource Handbook
- [Ohio Dairy Palooza](#)- April 15, 2023

Show Information

- Showmanship is optional but attendance 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 point details.

Exhibiting a Dairy Project

Items needed for the fair:

- Must provide your own water bucket
- Show box that locks to keep your supplies in
- Feeder, feed tub or pan
- Rice brush
- Shampoo, Soap & Adhesive
- Chute and blower
- Rope halter, Neck rope, & Show halter
- Show stick

Dress code: White trousers and white shirts.

Breed logo/production is acceptable, but farm promotion will not be allowed.

Additional Information

- 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
- 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 Project Judging/Skillathon, **prior to fair** (or when picking up back numbers for the show).