

2024 Ashland County Dairy Project Requirements

Revised 1/2024

Reminders for 2024

- **NEW: ALL Dairy animals must be identified under the member's profile in 4Honline by June 1.**
- **NEW: All animals must have water or the option of water in front of them at all times.**
- **Please join the Ashland Co. Fair Dairy Committee Remind text: Text the code @dairyexhi to 81010 to join.**
- **Quality Assurance training by June 1 is mandatory for anyone taking a living, breathing animal project to the fair.**
- **Dairy lease form must be uploaded into member's 4Honline profile for any leased animal.**
- **ANIMALS WILL BE INSPECTED BY THE BARN SUPERINTENDENT OR A DAIRY COMMITTEE MEMBER BEFORE UNLOADING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SATURDAY,**

Possession deadline is June 1, 2024

- Animals must be in the care and possession of the exhibitor prior to June 1.
- Care of the animal will be considered lost if, after June 1, the animal has been consigned or sold through an auction or any other type of transaction resulting in someone else showing the animal at an open, jackpot, breed, county, or state show.
- Only the 4-H member may show the animal and only in his or her name between June 1 and the Jr. Fair Dairy show at the county fair. It cannot be shown by anyone else in any Junior Fair class, Open Class, or at the State Fair.
- In situations where a member is leasing a Dairy animal as a project, a Dairy Lease form must be uploaded for that animal in the member's 4Honline profile.

Required to Complete Project/Show at Fair

1. Participant must be a 4-H member in good standing enrolled in 4-H Dairy Heifer #127HE, Dairy Cow #122CO or Dairy Calf #127CA or a FFA member with a Dairy project. Members may enroll in 4-H and projects can be registered at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Deadline to enroll in 4-H and still be eligible to show at fair is April 15.
2. ALL Dairy animals must be identified under the member's profile in 4Honline with front, left and right sided pictures uploaded by June 1.
3. Complete Livestock interview judging and project record book judging. See required pages in book handout attached. Use 4-H 127R Dairy Resource Handbook for reference. For interview, members will be evaluated using a rubric grade sheet and earn a superior, excellent, good or needs improvement grade as their performance dictates. Each member is required to complete a new project record book in 2024. The Dairy Committee has paid for one Dairy project book for each 4-H Dairy member.



- 4. Must participate in the Ashland County Dairy Skill-a-thon.** Members who have completed a Dairy skill-a-thon at The Ohio State Fair may have this counted as their skill-a-thon requirement. Skill-a-thon participation from other counties is NOT accepted.
- 5. Quality Assurance training is mandatory for all members showing a living, breathing animal.** The QA program must be completed prior to June 1. Other Quality Assurance trainings MAY be accepted but contact the Extension Office to find out for sure if they qualify. Proof of QA attendance must be turned in to the Ext. Office by June 1.
- 6. Must attend at least one of the clinics listed below.** After attending your one required clinic, members will receive \$50 for each additional clinic they attend (with proof of attendance for any clinic other than Ashland Co. clinic). If you are not sure if an event qualifies as an extra, please contact a committee member listed below.

March 27-30	Spring Dairy Expo
April 20	Dairy Palooza Mahoning Co. Canfield
June 17	Ashland Co. Dairy Clinic Harpster Farm
TBD	Ashland County Dairy Clinic Twilight
Tour	
July 26	Ohio State Fair Dairy Judging Contest
Aug. 1	State Fair Dairy Judging
Clinic	
TBD	State Fair Dairy Skill-a-thon

******If you attend a clinic not sponsored by the Ashland County Dairy Committee, you must take a picture and send to a Dairy Committee member to receive credit for attending. ******

Additional opportunities: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dairy/dairy-calendar-events>

Ashland County Fair Dairy Auction page on Facebook QR Code
<https://www.facebook.com/acfdairyauktion>



- 7. Submit an accurate Jr. Fair entry online through the Jr. Fair Office by the August deadline. Fair Entries will open in July. Exact Dates to be posted in 4-H newsletter.**
- 8. Dress Code:** A Jr. Fair Dairy show T-Shirt provided by the Committee must be tucked in along with white pants and boots or proper protective footwear.
- 9.** Please note that each exhibitor must attend and exhibit auction items.
- 10. All animals must have water or the option of water in front of them at all times.**
- 11.** Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor members will be chosen, by the Dairy Committee, based on rubric grade and skill-a-thon score, clinic attendance, interview judging score and levels. Each Outstanding member will receive \$100.

Levels

Please consult with your advisor before signing up for a particular level, as it also depends on your ability. Member will complete different activities each year.

Beginners	Grades 3-5	1 st -3 rd year of the project
Intermediate	Grades 6-8	4 th -6 th year of the project
Advance	Grades 9 and up	7 th year and beyond of the project

Award Premiums

Members will receive award premiums based on the following:

Senior Champion	\$35	Junior Champion	\$25	
Showmanship	First Place	\$100	Fourth Place	\$40
	Second Place	\$75	Fifth Place	\$25
	Third Place	\$50	All Others	\$10

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to:

- 2024 Ashland County Junior Fair Book
- Ohio State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules at: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19>

**For more information or questions,
please contact a Jr. Fair Dairy Committee member:**

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Required Pages in Dairy Project Book

Cover

Pages 5-10

Page 11- Topic of Interest: answer the topic of interest questions listed below based on your grade level

- Beginners Grades 3-5 as of January 1, 2024.
 - What is your role in caring for your animal (s)? what are your specific responsibilities?
- Intermediate Grades 6-8 as of January 1, 2024
 - What do you do if an animal is showing symptoms of disease or illness? What are indicators your animal is ill?
- Advanced Grades 9 and up as of January 1, 2024
 - What are some factors that increase stress for an animal? How can these be reduced or eliminated? Why is decreasing stress important?

Pages 12-13

Page 15- for each animal registered in 4-H online (Extra pages can be found on website listed in the project book)

Page 16- 2 pictures required- at the beginning of project and one right before judging (end of project)

Page 17

Page 18- Picture or drawing are acceptable

Page 19 -23

Pages 26-27

Page 28 Optional for beginners- required for intermediate and advanced for Yearling/Heifer and/or Cow projects

Page 30 Optional for beginners- required for intermediate and advanced

Pages 36-38 Required- Must look up information online for 2024 (website listed in the project book)

Pages 39-44

Page 45 Cow projects only

Pages 46-50 for page 50 print score or screenshot and bring to show committee member