

2024 Vermont 4-H State Dairy Show Guidelines



Registration is on-line.

- After you have had an interview, a record book review and if you have fulfilled the requirements then you may fill out the online registration.
- Entries are due on-line no later than August 2nd – see flyer with registration link.
- To request disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Wendy Sorrell at 802-656-7641 or 1-800-571-0668 by August 2, 2024, so we may assist you.
- Remember the 2024 State Show registration is separate from the Eastern States (ESE) entry form.
- Only two animals may be entered per youth for the state show.
- Only registered animals are eligible for Eastern States (Eastern States rule).
- On page three of the guidelines is the list of cattle that are eligible to show at Eastern States. Please submit an official color copy with your entry which is also available on the web on the day of the state show.
- The dates of the state show are August 11 and 12. On August 11, cattle arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. On August 12 the show starts at 9:00 a.m.

Eligibility

1. Record book and interview score of at least 60. Remember: Dairy project 4-H'ers are expected to keep a "4-H Member Record" and a "Dairy Record Book," and additional "Project Record(s)" for any other projects they do.
2. Age of 4-H'er for state show: 11 as of Jan. 1, of the current 4-H year and no older than 18. Note: For ESE, 4-H'ers must be 12 by January 1.
3. Project animal/approval form requirements met. Educators will mark your approval forms once your record book has been checked.
4. Participation in a county/regional level 4-H dairy show but no ribbon level requirement to qualify for the state show.

All 4-H year seniors (age 14 and up) must have also participated in one of the following:

- State Dairy Judging*
- State Dairy Quiz Bowl*
- Bovine Bonanza
- Talk/Demonstration /Illustrated Talk at State Day (Individual or Team)
- Educator-Approved Activity (must be approved prior to May 1)

*Judging and Quiz Bowl should be documented under "Other" in the "4-H Activities" section of the "4-H Member Record" and are to be documented in the "4-H Member Record" in the "Leadership" section.

Chaperones

- The ratio of chaperones to 4-H members varies with different events but should be at least 1:10 for ages 15+ and 1:8 for ages 11-14.
- We will collect a copy of the member's health form at registration.
- Be sure to bring two copies of your health form to the show.
- Chaperones must also have the health forms for the youth they are chaperoning.
- Participants will be staying on the grounds so bring a tent, cot and sleeping bag/bedding material.
- If you bring a camper, there will be a fee of **\$40.00 per night** (made payable to ACFFD. If you want to camp it will be \$5.00.
- Please follow the 4-H rules. No 4-H member is allowed to sleep in the barns.

Meals

We will announce the meal plans later.

Parking

Parents and visitors will park in designated areas. Handicap parking is available.

Animals

- Remember that no horns or scurs are allowed.
- Each 4-H member may bring only two animals; one may be a milking cow, the other one may be a dry cow or heifer.
- **Milking facilities are not available.**
- A 4-H'er may exhibit only one animal per class.
- You must bring your own feed and hay.
- Animal identification to be checked at the county/state dairy shows includes approval, health forms and lease/loan, if applicable, to be matched to the animals by ear tag number. All bovines transported in state or out of state must have permanent identification, either NUES or RFID ear tags, in accordance with the official identification for interstate movement under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Disease Traceability rule. See the requirements for identification on the Vermont 4-H website, dairy, beef, or working steer project section or at the end of this overview. Tattoos or farm tags are not acceptable forms of ID. All forms should be with the animal for every show.
- Sawdust we are still working on.

Classes for Conformation at the State 4-H Dairy Show

Spring Calf	Winter calf	Fall calf	
Summer Yearling	Spring Yearling	Winter Yearling	Fall Yearling
Two-Year-Old	Three-Year-Old	Four Years Old & over	

Fitting & Show Classes

These classes will be determined by the age of the youth as of the first of January 1 of the current 4-H year. Accompanying the animal and upon arrival at the State 4-H Dairy Show, exhibitors must provide the following:

- Approval Form – past approval forms if the animal is 2 years and older.
- Animal Health Form
- Lease/Loan (if needed)
- Colored registration form (only if animal is registered and you want to be considered for Eastern States)
- For all calf and yearling classes, ownership or lease/loan forms must exist in the member's name prior to May 1.
- For cattle two years old or older, an approval form listing ownership or lease/loan, and registration must have existed before the animal's second birthday.
- Forms still need to be submitted by May 1 every year the project animal is shown.
- If you do not have the proper papers, you and your animals will not be permitted to remain on the grounds or participate in any of the State 4-H Dairy Show activities.

Uniforms

- Uniforms: white or khaki full-length pants or knee length skirt with white blouse, dress shirt or polo shirt.
- Protective footwear is required.
- For the state show a tie and belt is recommended, but mandatory for Eastern States.
- Not allowed: T-shirts, shorts, sandals flip-flops, crocks, or any type of open toed shoe. Appropriate footwear must be always worn!
- Any type of advertising or logos.

Selection for Eastern States

Members of the State 4-H Dairy Committee and the State Livestock Educator chose 30 youth and 15 alternates based on the following criteria:

- Participation at the state dairy show is required – exception may be made at the selection committees' discretion.
- Youth must be 12 years as of January 1 of the current year.
- Project animals must be registered* (see below) Pending registrations are not eligible for Eastern State's selection. Colored copies of registrations must be submitted to the Livestock Educator at the state show.
- The Eastern States entry form must be completed and submitted Livestock Educator at the state show
- Leadership, sportsmanship, cooperation, and respect
- Preference is given to older members who have never been selected.
- Participation in prior years is not a guarantee for future years.
- Fitting & Show winners will have first consideration.
- The committee reserves the right to select the delegates with input from leaders and Educators.
- Good sportsmanship is expected from all exhibitors, chaperones, volunteers, spectators, parents and others involved in the event.
- Eastern States requirements for Animal Health Identification: **ALL CATTLE** (beef, dairy, and/or working steer) are **REQUIRED** to be identified with a **15-digit AIN RFID tag**.
- If you want to be considered for Eastern States, your animal(s) must have the 15-digit RFID tag by the Vermont State 4-H Dairy Show.

From the Eastern States 4-H Dairy Packet

*Provisional Registrations will be accepted in those breeds, which allow animals with provisional registrations to compete. The percentage of purebred which can be shown varies within each breed. Per breed, the requirements are as follows:

1. Holstein 87% or above.
2. Brown Swiss: white with a green border is issued for Registered Brown Swiss Females and Certified Identity Enrolled Females (CIE); Brown Swiss Step II Identity Enrollment (IE) animals which have a green Registration paper with a black border may also be shown.
3. Ayrshire 87% or above.
4. Guernsey: must have a white Registration Paper and GR prefix; Effective January 1, 2018, for an undetermined period of time, the standard for showing registered Guernsey's at AGA sponsored shows will be lowered to the PR status (BBR 87% and above). The standards for Guernsey Appearance will remain in effect.
5. Milking Shorthorn: must be Herd Book Registered and have registry certificates issued by American Milking Shorthorn Society on white paper and cannot have the words "not eligible to show," 36000, or 37000.
6. Jersey: Animals recorded at Generation Count 4 or higher are eligible.
7. Red and White must conform to the breed to which it identifies with.

For further information, please visit your breed association's website. Any animal identified with only a Red and White Association certificate must be able to verify which of the six dairy breeds it will show under and meet the provisional show standards of either Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, or Milking Shorthorn

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