

Dear Exhibitor and Family,

The 2025 National Cattle Congress Dairy Show is celebrating 115 years and is proud to return this year. Your entries to the show have been received and we would like to thank you for being a part of this year's Show & Fair. We aim to continuously develop and enhance the NCC Dairy Show, and with YOUR help we are accomplishing that goal!

The Open Dairy Show will begin Friday, September 19th at 9 am in the Pullin-Simonsen Arena. The Youth Dairy Show & the Annual National Cattle Congress Fair Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer Scholarship Show will begin Saturday, September 20th. At the conclusion of the show, we will be handing out ALL premiums to exhibitors. Cattle will not be released until premium payout has begun, to ensure that all exhibitors receive their premiums. This is a Cash Premium Show, no premiums will be mailed.

You will receive a separate email from ETIX with your gate entry tickets. You may either print them at home or you can download them to your smart phone device, and we can scan your phone at the gate.

On behalf of everyone here at the National Cattle Congress we want to thank you for this time-honored tradition and the role that you play in our annual shows. We look forward to seeing you at the 115<sup>th</sup> Fair for the 2025 NCC Dairy Show.

Best Regards,

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# 2025 National Cattle Congress Fair

## Open & Youth Dairy Show Premium Book



### General Show Rules

1. Please give all the information requested on the entry form. All animals must be registered with current registration papers available when entries are checked. Identify enrollment of cattle, VIP or grade cattle *are eligible for the Youth Show only*. Animal registration information must be listed on the entry form. For VIP/Grade Cattle Permanent ID must be provided. No registration transfers will be accepted at the Fair. Entries will be accepted until August 28, 2025. A late fee of \$30.00 will apply per animal after September 1, 2025. No entries accepted after Sept 5, 2025.
2. Juniors ages 9 – 21 as of January 1, 2025 are eligible to show in the Youth Show. Their animals must be owned by the youth or be proven Youth Projects and or Breed Associations, 4-H or FFA. Youth Names are not required on the papers, but it is strongly advised. Lease papers must be presented.
3. **LIMIT OF 6 HEAD PER YOUTH EXHIBITOR.**
4. Substitution of animals entered will be permitted within and outside a class; providing the request for substitution is accomplished by reasons of satisfactory to the Dairy Cattle Superintendent and that the animal to be substituted is owned by the exhibitor at the time of exhibition. No transfer papers will be accepted as proof of ownership.
5. **Health papers will be collected and checked by the clerk at check in time.**
6. All animals must be stalled. No cattle are to be kept in trailers. The Dairy Cattle Superintendent can reassign stalls based on entries and available space. No alterations will be allowed without the consent of the Superintendent.
7. NO STRAW is to be used for bedding. Wood shavings MUST be used as bedding. Bagged shavings may be purchased on the grounds.
8. Farm displays are encouraged but may be limited if stalling space is not available.
9. Late arrivals will not be accepted and early releases to other fairs will not be granted without advance permission by the Dairy Superintendent.
10. All animals must be properly cared for. Animals and the surrounding area must be kept clean and neat. If improper care does exist, the exhibitor may be asked to leave and to forfeit all premiums.
11. Clipping chutes are not allowed in the Main Aisles and must be broken down when not in use.
12. All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot. None are to be left by the barns before, during and after the Fair.
13. Unloading & Loading will take place at the west end of barns entering through Gate 1 and exiting through Gate 3, to keep an easy traffic flow.
14. Trailers may be parked in the North parking lot off the grounds. Trailers will not be allowed on the grounds until cattle are released.,
15. Information regarding a Veterinarian may be obtained from the Dairy Superintendent.
16. The milking parlor will again be available at the West end of Barn 6. Set milking hours are TBD. Exhibitors may also feel free to bring their own milking equipment.
17. All Premiums are guaranteed. Open Show & Youth Show are CASH Premiums will be paid following the conclusion of the shows. Youth Exhibitors must specify their individual animals on the entries to receive Premiums. EACH ANIMAL MAY ONLY BE SHOWN BY 1 YOUTH INDIVIDUAL.
18. This will be the 11th Annual Dairy Heifer Scholarship Show. Youth Exhibitors qualify for this special show by winning Supreme or Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer of all breeds at their County Fair Youth Show. Forms should be available through the respective County Fair, county extension offices or through the National Cattle Congress office.

## National Cattle Congress

### Open & Youth Dairy Show Schedule

#### Wednesday, September 17

- 11am All Dairy Cattle may arrive.

#### Thursday, September 18

- 4pm Open Dairy must be in
- 4pm Open Dairy Check-In

#### Friday, September 19

- 8am Open Dairy Show in the Pullin-Simonsen Arena  
(Beginning with JR. Calves)  
Open Dairy released AFTER presentation of Premiums.
- 4pm Youth Dairy must be in
- 4pm Scholarship Heifers must be in
- 4pm Youth Dairy & Scholarship Heifers Check-In

#### Saturday, September 20

- 8:00am Youth Show in the Pullin-Simonsen Arena. (Beginning with Summer Calf)
- Noon NCC Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer Scholarship Show
  - Cow Classes Immediately following the Scholarship class
  - Showmanship
- All Dairy released after completion of Youth Show and Presentation of Premiums
- 10pm All Dairy must be out.

NO Premiums will be mailed. Must be picked up by Exhibitor before removal of cattle from fairgrounds.

### Open Show Premium Schedule for All Breeds

Heifer Classes	\$60-40-25-15-10
(Summer Calf – SR. Yearling Classes)	
JR. Champion	\$75- 50
Supreme JR. Champion	\$150-75
JR. Best 3	\$50-35-20
Cow Classes	\$75-40-30-20-10
(JR. 2 – Aged Cow Classes)	
Grand Champion (Breed)	\$150-75
Supreme Champion Cow	\$300-150
SR. Best 3	\$65-45-30

### Youth Show Premium Schedule for All Breeds

Heifer Classes	\$40-30-25-20-10
(Summer Calf – SR. Yearling Classes)	
Cow Classes	\$50-30-20-15-10
(JR. 2 – Aged Cow Classes)	
JR. Champion	\$50-25
Supreme JR. Champion	\$50-25
Grand Champion (Breed)	\$100
Supreme Champion	\$100-50
Showmanship Classes	Awards presented at ringside.
(Premiums are subject to change.)	

# HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT STATE FAIR AND DISTRICT SHOWS

## SECTION 1 - GENERAL

A. All animals, poultry and birds intended for exhibition within the State of Iowa will be considered under quarantine and not eligible for showing until the owner or agent presents a CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION, stating the animals, poultry or birds are apparently free from symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases as determined on clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days (14 days for sheep) prior to date of entry to exhibition grounds.

B. INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED in certain classes, if the division superintendent has made prior arrangements with the official fair veterinarian to have all animals and/or birds inspected on arrival and prior to exhibition.

ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESES, OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.

## SECTION 2 - BREEDING CATTLE

TUBERCULOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):

Cattle originating from an accredited-free state or zone may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists official individual identification. Cattle from a herd or area under quarantine for tuberculosis may not be exhibited. Cattle from a state or zone which is not an accredited-free state or zone must meet the following requirements:

1. An individual animal test conducted within 60 days of the exhibition, or
2. Originate from a tuberculosis accredited-free herd, with the accredited herd number and date of last test listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

BRUCELLOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):

A. Native Iowa cattle originating from a herd not under quarantine can be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual identity.

B. Cattle originating outside the state must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Originate from Brucellosis Class "Free" states, when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and showing individual official identification, or
2. Official vaccinates under 24 months (beef), 20 months (dairy), when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing official calf hood vaccination and individual official identification.
3. Animals of any age originating from a herd not under quarantine when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing a report of a negative brucellosis test conducted within 30 days prior to opening date of exhibition and individual official identification, or
4. Originate from a certified brucellosis free herd, accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual official identity, herd number, and date of last test, or
5. Calves less than 6 months of age when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual official identification.

NOTES:

1. All brucellosis tests must have been confirmed by a State-Federal Laboratory.
2. All nurse cows which accompany calves to be exhibited must meet the above health requirements.
3. All cattle and bison originating from states not officially classified as brucellosis or tuberculosis free must obtain a pre-entry permit from the Iowa State Veterinarian's Office. (515.281.5547)

## SECTION 3 - MARKET BEEF CATTLE

Steers and beef-type heifers exhibited in market classes must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual identification for each animal and originate from a herd not under quarantine.

ANIMAL INDUSTRY BUREAU



Mike Naig - Secretary of Agriculture

# NCC FAIR DAIRY SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. Additionally, it is an important part of the program of the various dairy breed associations to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding registered dairy cattle. This relates to both spectators and exhibitors. In this connection, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, the Iowa PDCC, and the Iowa State Fair believe that it is in the best interest of the breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image of their cattle in the show ring.

It is recognized there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary while moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural and normal condition.

Conversely, the following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable in the show ring. Also, the following practice or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the show ring of registered Dairy Cattle.

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the conformation.
3. Surgery or insertion of foreign matter under the skin, performed to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
5. Setting teats or manipulating a teat or altering its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length is unacceptable and shall be given slight to serious discrimination by the judge.

The following practices and procedures are considered to detract from the image of the show ring when carried to excess and will be given slight to serious discrimination in placing within class.

1. Excessive manipulation of hair.
2. Use of artificial hair except for false switches.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the show person.

The following practices should be encouraged to enhance the image of the show.

1. Establish uniform dress code for exhibitors in the show ring.
2. Recognize good herdsman ship and exhibits in the barn(s).

In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.

**VIOLATION OF THE SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS IS DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL CATTLE CONGRESS FAIR OFFICIALS AND WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL AND EXHIBITOR. THE EXHIBITOR MAY ALSO BE BANNED FROM SHOWING IN FUTURE SHOWS.**

### Group Classes of 3 - Open Show Only

Jr. Best & Sr. Best 3 group classes are **all bred & owned**. All animals must be shown in individual classes. No partnership (other than within family or farm entry) or syndicate of bred animals will be accepted unless the exhibitor is listed as that partnership or syndicate. Limit 1 entry per exhibitor.

Jr. Best 3 – Heifers Only –      Classes      Jr. Calf - Sr. Yearling

Sr. Best 3 – Cows Only	Classes	Jr. 2-Year-Old – Aged Cow
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**\$10 Entry Fees for Group Classes (Best 3) Must be pre-Entered.**

Adult Showmanship Fri. Sept. 19

Any Adult older than age of 21 years of age. Classes will be split after Registration Closes

Novice Showmanship Sat. Sept. 20

Any Youth under the Age of 8. Classes will be split after registration Closes.

## Youth Showmanship Sat. Sept. 20

Junior      Ages 9 – 12

Intermediate      Ages 13 – 17

Senior                      Ages 18 – 21

Please sign up for Showmanship Classes prior to the Youth Show on Saturday. Showmanship will conclude the Youth Show.

# Open & Youth Dairy Class Entry Numbers

CLASS	Ayrshire	Brown Swiss	Guernsey	Holstein	Jersey	Milking Shorthorn
Summer Calf 6/1 2025 Must be 2 mo. old at show	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000
Jr. Calf 3/1-5/31 2025	1001	2001	3001	4001	5001	6001
Int. Calf 12/1/2024 - 2/28/2025	1002	2002	3002	4002	5002	6002
Sr. Calf 9/1-11/30 2024	1003	2003	3003	4003	5003	6003
Summer Yearling 6/1-8/20 2024	1004	2004	3004	4004	5004	6004
Jr. Yearling 3/1-5/31 2024	1005	2005	3005	4005	5005	6005
Winter Yearling 12/1/2023 - 2/28/2024	1006	2006	3006	4006	5006	6006
Sr. Yearling 9/1-11/30 2023	1007	2007	3007	4007	5007	6007
Sr. Yearling w/Milk	1009	2009	3009	4009	5009	6009
Jr. 2-Year- Old Cow 3/1-8/31 2023	1010	2010	3010	4010	5010	6010
Sr. 2-Year- Old Cow 9/1/2022 - 2/28/2023	1011	2011	3011	4011	5011	6011
Jr. 3-Year- Old Cow 3/1-8/31/ 2022	1012	2012	3012	4012	5012	6012
Sr. 3 Year Old Cow 9/1/2021- 2/28/2022	1013	2013	3013	4013	5013	6013
4 Year Old Cow 9/1/2020- 8/31/2021	1014	2014	3014	4014	5014	6014
5 Year Old Cow 9/1/2019- 8/31/2020	1015	2015	3015	4015	5015	6015
Aged Cow Born Before 9/1/2019	1016	2016	3016	4016	5016	6016
OPEN SHOW	ONLY					
Jr. Best of 3 (Must be pre- entered)	1008	2008	3008	4008	5008	6008
Sr. Best 3 (Must be pre- entered)	1017	2017	3017	4017	5017	6017
Produce of Dam (Must be pre- entered)	1018	2018	3018	4018	5018	6018

# The 115<sup>th</sup> National Cattle Congress Fair

Open & Youth Dairy Cattle Show

September 19-20, 2025

## Open Dairy Show & Youth Dairy Show

(Multiple Juniors MAY be listed so long as animals are clearly indicated on entry sheet)

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

SSN or Federal ID # \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Exhibitor T-Shirt Size YM, YL, Adult – M, L, XL, 2XL

(Please circle size needed)

<u>Entry Fees</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Open Class	@ \$25.00 per Head	\$ _____
Youth Animal	@ \$10.00 per Head	\$ _____
Best Three Group Class JR____ SR____	@ \$10.00 per group	\$ _____
Bag Bedding (Must be purchased for stalls)	@ \$8.00 per Bag	\$ _____
<u>Exhibitors Package</u>	@ \$18.00 (REQUIRED)	\$ 18.00
(Includes 3 Gate Passes, 1 Package per family)		
<u>Additional Tickets</u>	@ \$6.00 each with this form	\$ _____
(\$10/adult & \$6/kids 6-12/ 5-under free at the gate)		
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRIES

- Please make all checks payable to: National Cattle Congress – 257 Ansborough Ave., Waterloo Iowa 50701

It is understood that the National Cattle Congress and its officials, officers, directors, employees, and agents (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Cattle Congress") shall not be responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any person or property which is caused directly or indirectly by any reason, including but not limited to the negligence of willful act or mission of the "Cattle Congress". The Exhibitor, owner, rider/driver, their agents, and representatives (hereinafter collectively referred to as ("Participants"), agree to indemnify and hold "Cattle Congress" harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the "Cattle Congress." In case the "Cattle Congress" is subjected to any expense or liability, including any expense or liability for their own negligence, because of "Participants" involvement in the "Cattle Congress." Participant shall indemnify and hold harmless the "Cattle Congress," for all and any expenses or liabilities incurred as a result thereof, including attorney's fees. To the best of my knowledge, all the above information is true. I have read and understand the conditions and agreement on this form.

I agree to adhere to the Show Ring Code of Ethics as indicated in the Premium Book.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Open & Youth Dairy Cattle Entry Form

CASH Premiums will be paid out in a timely manner following the conclusion of the last show each day.

**NO Premiums will be mailed. Must be picked up by Exhibitor before removal of cattle from fairgrounds or FORFEITED.**

**Please Place an "X" to indicate which show(s), Open/Youth, the animal is entered in.**

Class #	Open	Youth	Breed	<u>Name of Animal</u> Registration number	Date of Birth	Sire	<b>FOR YOUTH SHOW ONLY</b>
							Individual Youth Exhibitor Name

Do you have a Champion Heifer Scholarship participants stalled with you \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please indicate exhibitor & county\_\_\_\_\_

Any other stalling requests\_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline Must Be Received by August 28, 2025**

**A late fee of \$30.00 will apply per animal after August 28, 2025**

**NO late Entries accepted after September 5, 2025**