



DEPARTMENT DAIRY

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IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Event:	Date & Time:	Location:	Additional Information:
Animal Identification Form Due ShoWorks Registration Due	June 4, 2025 6:00 pm.	Animal identification forms can be emailed to sanilac4hfair@gmail.com or dropped off to the Fairboard office. ShoWorks registration can be accessed online at fair.sanilacfair.org	Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org . Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office.
Barn Setup	Sunday, July 20, 2025 1:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	All exhibitors must be present.
Animal Check-In (Non-Milking Cows)	Sunday, August 3, 2025 3:00pm. – 6:00pm.	Dairy Barn	
Dairy Production Award & Dairy Achievement Award Applications	Monday, August 4, 2025 1:00 p.m.	Drop off to the Fairboard office.	Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org . Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office. Advance registration is not required to participate.
Animal Check-In (Milking Cows)	Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	
Dairy Skills Contest	Wednesday, August 6, 2025 3:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	Open to all exhibitors. Advance registration is not required to participate.
Dairy Show	Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:00 a.m.	Dairy Barn	
Project Released	Sunday, August 10, 2025 1:00 a.m.	Dairy Barn	
Barn Cleanup	Immediately following the release of animals	Dairy Barn	All exhibitors must be present.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #18.
- Please Bed with Straw.
- All exhibitors are expected to be present at and participate in the barn setup prior to the fair. If you are unable to attend for any reason, you must contact one of the superintendents prior to the setup. Failure to do so may result in a deduction from an exhibitors premium. All deductions are at the discretion of the Dairy Superintendents.
- Animals do not need to be owned by the exhibitor.
- Exhibitors may exhibit one animal for each year completed year in the dairy project, **not to exceed** a maximum of four animals. No exhibitor may show more than four animals.
- No exhibitor may show more than one animal in each heifer class, with the exception of multiple births. When the animal reaches lactation and has been previously shown by the exhibitor or registered as an alternate, the exhibitor may enter more than one cow in the same class.
- All animals shown must be a straight dairy breed, a cross breed will not be allowed in the dairy classes.
- All animals shown in the dairy classes must be born on or before May 13, 2025.
- 6 and 7 year old exhibitors are only eligible to compete in their showmanship class, not in the dairy classes. They may bring their own heifer calf or show one already on the grounds. They must register for their showmanship class in ShoWorks and submit an Animal Identification form (if choosing to bring their own heifer) by the deadline listed above.
- 6, 7 and 8 year olds and first year exhibitors may exhibit one calf or yearling heifer, **not to exceed** 18 months of age at the beginning of fair.
- All Exhibitors are to wear a white shirt (No tank tops) and white pants or skirt for the Dairy Show. Leather shoes/boots are to be worn.
- Exhibitors may be asked to participate with their animal in a dairy judging activity during the fair.
- The Dairy program will have a dairy basket that will be auctioned off in the Livestock Sale on Friday. All exhibitors must be present during the sale of the dairy basket. Proceeds will be divided as follows:
 - Overall Grand Champion – 25%
 - Overall Reserve Champion – 15%
 - Overall Junior Grand Champion – 15%
 - Overall Junior Reserve Champion – 10%

Retained for future expenses of the dairy Program – 35%

1001 - DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Dairy superintendents retain the right to further divide the outlined age divisions into smaller classes depending on class size. In the case that this occurs, a runoff will be held between the 1st and 2nd place winners in each affected class to determine the age division Grand and Reserve Champion Showman. The Grand Champion Showman from each of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior age divisions will be given the opportunity to represent the Dairy Program in the Large Animal Sweepstakes competition on the Saturday of fair, so long as they meet eligibility requirements.

Class #:	Class Name:	Eligibility:	Award:
0001	Senior Showmanship	16-19 Years Old	1 st -6 th place, Rosette Senior Grand & Reserve Grand Champion, Rosette.
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	12-15 Years Old	1 st -6 th Place, Rosette Intermediate Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rosette
0003	Junior Showmanship	8-11 Years Old	1 st -6 th Place, Rosette Junior Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rosette
	Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Showman	Grand and Reserve Grand Champion showman from the Senior, Intermediate and Junior age divisions.	Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Showman Banner.
0004	Chester Campbell Memorial Award	Open to all first-year dairy exhibitors that are 8 to 12 years of age. Exhibitors who have previously shown in the 6-7 year old class are still considered to be a "first year exhibitor" Exhibitors must not have shown previously in any other county dairy shows. Please contact one of the co-show superintendents for questions and or concerns regarding eligibility.	Trophy
0005	Novice Showmanship	6-7 years old (Note must be registered to participate)	1 st -6 th Place, Ribbon

DAIRY BREED CLASSES

1st-6th place animals in each class will receive rosettes. The awarding of Champion and Grand Champion for a small number of animals of a specific breed class will be left to the discretion of the judge. The Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Champion, Overall Junior Grand Champion and Overall Junior Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded a cash prize from the sale of the dairy basket.

	Holstein 1002	Jersey 1003	Ayrshire 1004	Brown Swiss 1005	Guernsey 1006	Dutch Belted 1007	Milking Shorthorn 1008
Junior Heifer Calf 3-1-25 to 5-13-25	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Intermediate Heifer Calf 12-1-24 to 2-29-25	1001	1001	1001	1001	1001	1001	1001
Senior Heifer Calf 9-1-24 to 11-30-24	1002	1002	1002	1002	1002	1002	1002
Summer Yearling Heifer 6-1-24 to 8-31-24	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003
Junior Yearling Heifer 3-1-24 to 5-31-24	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004
Intermediate Yearling Heifer 12-1-23 to 2-29-24	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005
Senior Yearling Heifer 9-1-23 to 11-30-23	1006	1006	1006	1006	1006	1006	1006
Breed Junior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	1 st and 2 nd place winners from the previous seven classes, each breed.						Breed Junior Grand & Junior Reserve Grand Champion, Rosette
2-year-old Cow (not in milk) 9-1-22 to 8-31-23	1007	1007	1007	1007	1007	1007	1007
2-year-old Cow (in milk) 9-1-21 to 8-31-23	1008	1008	1008	1008	1008	1008	1008
3-year-old Cow 9-1-21 to 8-31-22	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009
4-year-old Cow 9-1-20 to 8-31-21	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010
5-year-old and Older Cow	1011	1011	1011	1011	1011	1011	1011
Dry Cow	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012
Breed Senior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	1 st and 2 nd place winners from the previous seven classes, each breed.						Breed Senior Grand & Senior Reserve Champion, Rosette
Breed Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	Senior Grand & Senior Reserve Grand Champions, each breed. Junior Grand & Junior Reserve Grand Champions, each breed.						Overall Grand & Reserve Champion, & 3 rd overall banner

Overall Junior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	Junior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions, each breed.	Overall Junior Grand and Junior Reserve Grand Champion Banner
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1009 - OTHER DAIRY CLASSES

Class #:	Class Name:	Eligibility:	Award:
1700	Exhibitor's Herd	Three animals, any age, owned by one member. Animals must have been shown in individual classes.	Rosettes
1701	Produce of Dam	Two female offspring of a project animal. All animals shown in this class must be shown by the same exhibitor.	Rosettes
1702	Daughter of Dam	Dam must be a project animal and her own daughter, any age, three months or over. Judged on basis of improvement of daughter over dam. All animals shown in this class must be shown by the same exhibitor.	Rosettes
1703	Club Herd	Three animals, any age, can be mixed breed, owned by three different members of the same club.	Rosettes

DAIRY PRODUCTION AWARDS

Our dairy program strives to recognize exhibitors' animals not just on show day, but on what is happening in the barn every other day of the year through an award that directly recognizes an animal's milk production. To align with industry standards, animals' production will be evaluated based on total pounds of Energy Corrected Milk (ECM) produced.

Dairy Production Award Information & Eligibility:

- ECM will be calculated from the animal's production data. Production data can be provided from any accredited dairy program that the exhibitor utilizes (D.H.I.A., PCDART, DairyComp, etc.) The following formula will be used for calculation:

$$ECM = (0.327 \times \text{milk lbs.}) + (12.95 \times \text{fat lbs.}) + (7.2 \times \text{protein lbs.})$$
- Animals must be at least two years old and milking 40 days to be considered for a Dairy Production Award. For animals three years and older, ECM will be based on last completed lactation. For two-year-olds who have not completed a lactation, ECM will be based on projected 305ME or best available information.
- Exhibitors must have owned the animal for the entire lactation period.

To enter your animal for award consideration, please submit the Dairy Production Award application and production data your animal(s) to the Fairboard office by 1:00 p.m. on the Monday of Fair. Exhibitors may enter as many of their lactating animals being exhibited as they choose. Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org. Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office. Advance registration is not required to participate, all exhibitors who submit the required application and production data by the deadline will be considered.

Placing:	Award:
First	Banner, Certificate, & Monetary Prize
Second	Certificate & Monetary Prize
Third	Certificate & Monetary Prize

DAIRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to exhibitors who have shown extraordinary leadership and dedication to education, their communities, agriculture, the dairy industry, and this Dairy Program.

Dairy Production Award Information & Eligibility:

- Exhibitors must be a current participant in the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Dairy Program.
- Exhibitors must have completed a minimum of six years in the Dairy Program.
- Exhibitors must not have previously received the Dairy Achievement Award. An exhibitor may only win this award once during their show career.

To enter yourself for award consideration, please submit the Dairy Achievement Award application to the Fairboard office by 1:00 p.m. on the Monday of Fair. Award recipients will be selected by an uninvolved, third-party to ensure fairness. Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org. Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office. Advance registration is not required to participate, all exhibitors who submit the required application by the deadline will be considered.

Award Name:	Award:
Dairy Achievement Award	Certificate & \$500 Scholarship

DAIRY SKILLS CONTEST

Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their dairy knowledge through a variety of fun competitions that cover areas such as Dairy Judging, Feeds Identification and General Dairy Knowledge.

Age Division:	Award:
Junior, 8-11 years old	1 st -3 rd Place, Cash Prize
Intermediate, 12-15 years old	1 st -3 rd Place, Cash Prize
Senior, 16-19 years old	1 st -3 rd Place, Cash Prize