

DIVISION A1 - DAIRY CATTLE

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The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor, exception is given to topline. Exhibitors may receive guidance only from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed UME Volunteers/FFA Advisors.

Division Rules & Regulations:

- Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
- Entries:** Animal entries will be received from 8 AM-2 PM on Saturday, August 30, 2025 in the Cow Palace. Animals must be in place by 2 pm, Saturday, August 30th. Exhibitors must remain in the stalls assigned to them by the Superintendent. Do not bring tack/décor before 8 AM on Saturday, August 30th. **DO NOT BRING ANIMALS BEFORE Saturday August 30th at 8 AM!!!**
Exhibitors are permitted to make **2 entries per class** in the breed divisions.

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due **July 15th**. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed via the online entry system at the time of registration. Reminder you must have completed the Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance program to be able to exhibit your animals. Check with your county to make sure you are up to date with this requirement.
- Ownership:** All owned animals exhibited must be solely owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor only by the breed association by July 1 of the current year. Entries received with papers pending will not be accepted.
 - Dairy animals in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the Exhibitor by **June 1** of the current year. The Exhibitor must comply with the rules stated in the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Leasing agreement. **A COPY OF THE FULLY SIGNED LEASING AGREEMENT MUST BE PRESENTED TO SHOW OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF CHECK IN.**
 - A dairy animal must have been owned by the Exhibitor before the animal is 2 years of age. Cows in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the Exhibitor before the animal is 2 years of age. Cows that were leased before the animals are 2 years of age, then purchased by the same 4-H member meet this ownership requirement and are eligible for exhibition as part of these Rules & Regulations.
 - Registration certificates for each animal must be furnished and available at any time during the fair. They will be checked prior to show day. If certificates are not in order the animal cannot be shown. Faxes or photocopies will not be accepted.
- Exhibitors are permitted to substitute one animal for another (additions are not allowed).
- Superintendents may, at their discretion, break or combine classes.
- Bred and Owned Classes:** Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
- MILKING FACILITY:** The Milking Parlor will NOT be available in 2025. Several portable milking units will be available in the south end of the Cow Palace. **All milk must be dumped down the Cow Palace wash rack drains.** Failure to comply with guidelines in these Division Rules, within the Exhibitor Letter to be sent prior to the fair, and during the exhibitor orientation will result in the exhibitor/animals being removed from the fairgrounds and forfeiture of all premiums.
- Bedding:** The Maryland State Fair will provide a base-layer of sawdust for dairy cattle stalls.
- EXHIBITOR ORIENTATION: Saturday, August 30, 2025 - 3:00 pm – South Cow Palace Show Ring**

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

Section Rules & Regulations:

- Pre-entry is required. Entry deadline through the online entry system must be completed before July 15, 2025. Exhibitors will compete according to their 4-H Age (age as of 1/1/25). An exhibitor is limited to show in only one class.
- All breeds will show together and will be broken out according to age. Ages are subject to be broken or combined based on numbers.**
- Judging Criteria: Fitting of Animal (10), Performance in the Show Ring (50), Knowledge (30), and Personal Appearance (10).
- Additional information will follow this summer in the 4-H Dairy Exhibitor Letter. Any information in the 4-H Dairy Exhibitor Letter will take precedence over any wording that is in the premium book.
- Refer to "4-H and FFA Showmanship Regulations" for additional information.
- Awards:** A Champion will be selected for the top junior, intermediate and senior age division and will receive a rosette and award. An overall Grand Champion will be selected from the winner in each age division and will receive a rosette, award and the C. Ellsworth Lager Memorial Plaque for Overall Champion Fitting and Showing. The overall Grand Champion Fitting and Showing winner will be eligible to participate in the 2025 4-H/FFA All-Star Showmanship Contest for Dairy and Camelids, see Division X Section XV for details.
- Dean's Champion Challenge:** The Dean's Champion Challenge Class is open to those members who have been previous Overall Champion Fitting and Showing winners at the Maryland State Fair and who currently are enrolled in 4-H/FFA and are exhibiting at the fair. This event will be held immediately following the Grand Champion class. Award sponsored by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES – Section 1

ALL BREEDS SHOW TOGETHER: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Red and White

***Novice is first year exhibiting dairy cattle as a 4-H/FFA member**

A1	Fitting & Showmanship - Junior (4-H age 8)	A9	Fitting & Showmanship - Senior (4-H age 14)
A2	Fitting & Showmanship - Junior (4-H age 9)	A10	Fitting & Showmanship - Senior (4-H age 15)
A3	Fitting & Showmanship - Junior (4-H age 10)	A11	Fitting & Showmanship - Senior (4-H age 16)
A4	<i>Rosette & Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Fitting & Showmanship Jr. Champion</i>	A12	Fitting & Showmanship - Senior (4-H ages 17)
A5	Fitting & Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H age 11)	A13	Fitting & Showmanship -Senior (4-H age 18)
A6	Fitting & Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H age 12)	A14	<i>Rosette & Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Fitting & Showmanship Sr. Champ</i>
A7	Fitting & Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H age 13)	A15	Fitting & Showmanship Novice (4-H ages 9-18)
A8	<i>Rosette & Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Fitting & Showmanship Int. Champ</i>	A16	<i>Rosette & Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Fitting & Showmanship Grand Champ</i>

A19 Dean's Champion Challenge – See Fitting & Showmanship rule 7.

BREEDING

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Breed Divisions are: Ayrshire-Sec.2, Brown Swiss-Sec.3, Guernsey-Sec.4, Holsteins-Sec.5, Jersey-Sec.6, Milking Shorthorn-Sec.7 & Red & White-Sec.8.
2. Pre-entry is required in all classes except for Group Classes.
3. **Awards:** Junior Champion, Reserve Junior Champion, Senior Champion, Reserve Senior Champion and Grand Champion rosettes will be awarded (one for each breed). Some breed associations provide additional awards – see Breed Awards section below. County Groups will receive special recognition.

BREED CLASSES

All breeds except where noted in class description.

- A17 Heifer, Spring Calf, born Mar 1 - Apr 30, 2025
A18 Heifer, Winter Calf, born Dec 1, 2024 - Feb 28, 2025
A19 Heifer, Fall Calf, born Sep 1 - Nov 30, 2024
A20 Heifer, Summer Yearling, born Jun 1 - Aug 31, 2024
A21 Heifer, Spring Yearling, born Mar 1 - May 31, 2024
A22 Heifer, Winter Yearling, born Dec 1, 2023 - Feb 29, 2024
A23 Heifer, Fall Yearling (not in milk), born Sep 1 - Nov 30, 2023
A24 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Junior Champion (Each Breed) - Rosette*
A25 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Junior Reserve Champion (Each Breed) - Rosette*
A26 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Junior Champion Bred & Owned (Each Breed) - Rosette*
A27 Milking Fall Yearling, born Sep 1 – Nov 30, 2023
A28 Cow, Junior 2-year-old, born Mar 1- Aug 31, 2023
A29 Cow, Senior 2-year-old, born Sep 1, 2022- Feb 28, 2023
A30 Cow, Junior 3-year-old, born Mar 1 - Aug 31, 2022
A31 Cow, Senior 3-year-old, born Sep 1, 2021 - Feb 28, 2022
A32 Aged Cow - 4 years old & older, born before Sep 1, 2021 (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn & Red & White only)
A33 Cow-4yrs old, born Sep 1, 2020 – Aug 31, 2021 (Holstein & Jersey only)
A34 Aged Cow - 5 years old & older, born before Sep 1, 2020 (Holstein & Jersey only)
A35 Dry Cow-must have calved at least once.
A36 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Senior Champion - Rosette*
A37 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Senior Reserve Champion - Rosette*
A38 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Senior Champion Bred & Owned - Rosette*
A39 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Grand Champion – Rosette & Award*
A40 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Reserve Grand Champion - Rosette*
A42 Dam and Daughter
A43 Produce of Dam
A44 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Bred & Owned Heifer – each breed*
A45 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Bred & Owned Cow – each breed*

Note: Premiums will not be paid on the following classes: Dam & Daughter and Produce of Dam.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE	Classes	1 st Place	2 nd – 20 th Place
	Fitting & Showmanship Classes, Bred & Owned	\$20	\$15
	Breed Heifer Classes	\$45	\$35
	Breed Cow Classes	\$55	\$45

Production Premiums & Awards

1. Production awards will be based on Official DHIA Production mature equivalent records. To verify the record, the individual cow page must be available for the animal when registrations are checked.
2. The following standards will apply: Ayrshire – 20,000; Brown Swiss – 24,000; Guernsey – 20,000; Holstein – 25,500; Red & White – 23,500, Jersey – 20,500, Milking Shorthorn – 20,000. Cows meeting the standards established for each breed will receive a \$10 special premium. Cows must have completed 1st lactation 305-day record.
3. Total performance winners in each breed will receive a special award given by their respective breed associations. All records are adjusted to 2x, 305 ME. Depending upon the class size, an animal must place in the top 5 or top ½ of the class, whichever is applicable. These awards are sponsored by the respective breed associations through the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association.

A46 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Production Standard - Special Ribbon

A47 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Total Performance Winner

SPECIAL AWARDS

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONSHIP – 4A / 1 / 16

- The C. Ellsworth Iager Memorial Plaque will be presented to the Grand Champion, *sponsored by Maple Lawn Farm - The Charles & Gene Iager Family.*
- An award will be presented to the Fitting & Showmanship Champion, *sponsored by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park*
- Class Winners-Maryland Dairy Breed Associations & Frey's Livestock Supply
- Maryland Livestock Fund

DEAN'S CHAMPION CHALLENGE – Class 4A / 1 / 19

- The Dean's Champion Challenge is open only to those members who have been previous Overall Champion Fitting & Showmanship winners at the Maryland State Fair and who are enrolled in 4-H/FFA and are currently exhibiting at the fair. *Sponsored by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland.*

ALL BREED JUNIOR BEST BRED & OWNED – 4A / 9 / 47

- The All Breed Junior Best Bred & Owned Champion Award *sponsored by Peace & Plenty Farm, The Schwartzbeck Family.*
- *Maryland Livestock Fund*

ALL BREED SENIOR BEST BRED & OWNED ANIMAL – 4A / 9 / 48

- The All Breed Senior Best Bred & Owned Champion Award sponsored by the *Barczewski Family.*
- *Maryland Livestock Fund*

ALL BREED JUNIOR SUPREME CHAMPION AWARD – 4A / 9 / 45

- The J. Lee Majeskie Memorial Award will be presented to the All Breed Junior Supreme Champion, *sponsored by Maple Dell Farm and the Patrick Family.*
- *Maryland Livestock Fund*

ALL BREED SUPREME CHAMPION AWARD – 4A / 9 / 46

- The Denny Remsburg Honorary Award will be presented to the All Breed Supreme Champion Exhibitor, *sponsored by the Frederick Co. Holstein Association.*
- *Maryland Livestock Fund*
- *Trans Ova*

2025 BREED AWARD SPONSORS

\$500 Trans Ova Genetics Certificate awarded to Supreme Champion Dairy Cow

AYRSHIRE

- Karsin Raine Valentine Memorial Sportsmanship Award sponsored by Mark, Jessica, Cadin, & Gavin Valentine
- \$1,000 to be Awarded to the Junior Champion & Senior Champion by Steel Fire Farm, The Winkler Family-In honor of David Patrick and in memory of Jimmy Patrick of Maple Dell Farm
- For 2025-\$750 to be Awarded to the Junior Champion & Grand Champion and \$500 to be Awarded to the Reserve Junior Champion & Reserve Grand Champion by Steel Fire Farm, The Winkler Family-In honor of David Patrick and in memory of Jimmy Patrick of Maple Dell Farm
- Class Award Sponsors:
Junior Fitting & Showing-Steel Fire Farm-The Winkler Family
Intermediate Fitting & Showing-MD-DE Ayrshire Jr Association
Senior Fitting & Showing- Steel Fire Farm-The Winkler Family
Spring Heifer Calf-Amanda and Bryce Dennis
Winter Heifer Calf-Robert and Madeline Valentine
Fall Heifer Calf-The Campagnari Family
Summer Yearling Heifer-Len-Knoll Farm-Denny and Shari Lenhart
Spring Yearling Heifer-Royal Crown Ayrshires, Michael, Michelle, and Stella Gerhart
Winter Yearling Heifer- Len Knoll Farm, Jeff and Kandice Kollada
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)-Daniel and Bess Laing
Junior Champion-Lori Mellin
Reserve Junior Champion-- Chris and Carole Murray and Family in honor of David & Ann Patrick
Junior Best Bred & Owned Female- Steel Fire Farm, The Winkler Family
Milking Fall Yearling- Palmyra Farm, Mike & Mary Creek
Junior 2 Year Old Cow-Eric Moore General Contracting, LLC
Senior 2 Year Old Cow- Chris and Carole Murray and Family
Junior 3 Year Old Cow- Royal Crown Ayrshires, The Parmiter Family
Senior 3 Year Old Cow- Maple Dell Farm, The Patrick Family
4 Years Old & Over- Palmyra Farm, The Shank Family
Dry Cow-Shir-Lyn Farm-Sherrie Doody
Sr. Champ. - Steel Fire Farm, The Winkler Family in memory of Kathy Patrick Beins
Reserve Senior Champion-J Patrick Transport
Senior Best Bred & Owned Female- Steel Fire Farm, The Winkler Family
Dam & Daughter- Lori Mellin
Produce of Dam-The Campagnari Family
Silver Plate – Awarded by Edgewood Farm, Harold & Martha Clark

BROWN SWISS

- Class Award Sponsors:
- GS Associates-Brad & Sheila Garst
- The Mongold Family-Tommy, Erin, Lincoln & Marshall
- Spots Pride Farm-The Yeiser Families
- Round Hill Acres-Cindy Warner
- Brothers Three Swiss-The Hushon Families of PA & WI
- GottaWanna Brown Swiss-Kathy Whitman
- Heff-Haven-Emily Heffner
- Cheryl Lenhart-In Memory of Ronnie Heffner
- Wilson Dairy-Haley Wilson
- Pioneer Valley Farm-Kim Underwood
Junior Champion Heifer-Maryland Brown Swiss Junior Association
Res. Jr Champion-Chapel Country Creamery & Woodbine Farm-Maryland Brown Swiss Junior Association
Senior Champion-Maryland Brown Swiss Junior Association
Reserve Senior Champion-Maryland Brown Swiss Junior Association
Grand Champion-Maryland Brown Swiss Junior Association
Res. Grand Champion-Maryland Brown Swiss Junior Association

GUERNSEY

- Class Award Sponsors:
Spring Heifer Calf-Dale & Karen Roberts Family
Winter Heifer Calf-Maryland Guernsey Breeders
Fall Heifer Calf-Maryland Guernsey Breeders
Summer Yearling Heifer-Brian & Heidi Schnebly & Family
Spring Yearling Heifer-OCS Dairy
Winter Yearling Heifer-Elizabeth Benitez
Fall Yearling Heifer-Ned Davis
Junior Champion-Walnut Ridge Farm
Reserve Junior Champion-Crown Stone Farm
Milking Fall Yearling-Maryland Guernsey Breeders
Junior 2 Year Old Cow-Maryland Guernsey Breeders
Senior 2 Year Old Cow-J.C. Schnebly Family
Junior 3 Year Old Cow-Kitty McKenzie
Senior 3 Year Old Cow-Maryland Guernsey Breeders
4 Year Old Cow & Older-Mark & Erin Krstanovic
Senior Champion-Wayne Spurrier
Reserve Senior Champion-Cletus & Janice Frey
Grand Champion-In memory of Kathy Miller by Donna Messix
Reserve Grand Champion-The Howard Fleming Family
Dam & Daughter-Maryland Guernsey Breeders
Produce of Dam-Pemberton Farm, The Messix Family

HOLSTEIN

- A rosette will be awarded to every animal Bred & Owned by an Exhibitor in each class. A Special Recognition Rosette will be awarded to the Exhibitor of the Best Bred & Owned animal in each class, *sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Association.*
- Class Award Sponsors:
Spring Heifer Calf Group 1-MD Junior Holstein Club
Spring Heifer Calf Group 2-DeBaugh Farms, DeBaugh Family
Winter Heifer Calf Group 1-Artie-Jay Farm, Johnson Family
Winter Heifer Calf Group 2-Spots Pride, Yeiser Family
Fall Heifer Calf Group 1-Donald Cole
Fall Heifer Calf Group 2-Lonely Willow Farm, Winters Family
Summer Yearling Heifer-Coldsprings Farm, Hoff Family
Spring Yearling Heifer-Spots Pride, Yeiser Family
Winter Yearling Heifer-Steve & Kelly Wilson Family
Fall Yearling Heifer-CJ & Tanya Miller Family
Reserve Junior Champion-Bulldog Holsteins, Mike & Heather Iager Family
Junior Champion-Kingstead Farms, Mary King
Junior Best Bred & Owned-Kathy Hoff & Family, in memory of Marlin K. Hoff
Milking Fall Yearling-Mar-Del-View, Bryan Smith
Junior 2-year-old-LJP Holsteins, Palmatary Family, in memory of Jackie Palmatary
Senior 2-year-old-Rhoderick Family, in memory of Arthur Rhoderick
Junior 3-year-old-Kara Hutchison, 2019 Eastern Shore Dairy Princess
Senior 3-year-old-Locust Ayr Farm, Mike & Anita Haines
Four-year-old-Strawberry Hill Farm, Schenning Family
Aged Cow-Misty Meadow, Dave & Betsy Herbst
Dry Cow-
Reserve Senior Champion-Peace & Plenty, Gus & Lisa Schwartzbeck
Senior Champion-MD-Carrollton Holsteins, the Wrights,
in honor of Lillian Muller & Henry Muller
Dam & Daughter-MD-West-View Genetics, Matt & Laura Iager
Senior Best Bred & Owned-Peace & Plenty Farm, Joe & Nona Schwartzbeck
Best Udder-
Produce of Dam-Patterson Farms
Total Performance-Burlin Farm, Burall Family
Showmanship-Maryland Holstein Association

JERSEY

- Class Award Sponsors:
Spring Heifer Calf-OCS Dairy, The Clayton Smith Family
Winter Heifer Calf-Stoney Point Farm, The Mayer Family
Fall Heifer Calf-OCS Dairy, The Clayton Smith Family
Summer Yearling Heifer-Duane and Roz Norman
Spring Yearling Heifer-The Utterback Family
Winter Yearling Heifer-Cowdale Farm, Jean & Wayne Fender
Fall Yearling Heifer-Radley Bend, The Kiser Family
Junior Champion-Spring Valley Farm, Wayne and Allen Stiles
Reserve Junior Champion-Edgewood Farm, Martha & Harold Clark
Junior Best Bred & Owned-The Dinkel Family
Milking Fall Yearling-Edgewood Farm, Martha & Harold Clark
Junior 2 Year Old Cow-The Dinkel Family
Senior 2 Year Old Cow-Cumberland Valley Analytical Services
Junior 3 Year Old Cow-Danny & Crystal Edwards
Senior 3 Year Old Cow-In Memory of Tracy Stiles by Shenandoah Jerseys
Intermediate Champion-South Mountain Jerseys, Terri Packard & Ernie Kueffner
Reserve Intermediate Champion-The Debbie and Robert Malone Family
4 Year Old Cow-ALH Wordandimage, LLC
Cow 5 Years Old & Over-Cumberland Valley Analytical Services
Dry Cow-Radley Bend, The Kiser Family
Senior Champion-Cumberland Valley Analytical Services
Reserve Senior Champion-MJ Double K Farms, LLC Jody Bell and Family
Grand Champion-The Utterback Family
Reserve Grand Champion-The Dinkel Family
Senior Best Bred & Owned-TE-FAW Farms, Terri and Terry Fawley and Family
Dam & Daughter-Dream-Valley Jerseys
Produce of Dam-Edgewood Farm, Martha & Harold Clark

MILKING SHORTHORN

- Class Award Sponsors:
Spring Heifer Calf-Brenda Leggett
Winter Heifer Calf-BJ Colors/Wispa Edgew Farms of Mechanicsburg, PA
Fall Heifer Calf-KAMC Genetics, Katherine McCormick
Summer Yearling Heifer-Feedworks USA, John Clark
Spring Yearling Heifer-Johnsville Farms Inc
Winter Yearling Heifer- Idalee Milking Shorthorns
Fall Yearling Heifer- Hot Mess Milking Shorthorns
Milking Fall Yearling- BJ Colors/Wispa Edgew Farms of Mechanicsburg, PA
Junior 2 Year Old Cow- KAMC Genetics, Katherine McCormick
Junior 3 Year Old Cow- Johnsville Farms Inc
Senior 3 Year Old Cow- Feedworks USA, John Clark
4 Year Old Cow-O Faithful Syndicate
Junior Best Bred & Owned-Pinesedge Farm
Senior Best Bred & Owned-Pinesedge Farm
Dam & Daughter-Dream-Misty Meadow Farm Creamery

RED & WHITE

- Class Award Sponsors:
Oakland View Farms, Youse Family
CJ & Tanya Miller & Family
Mike, Anita & Ryan Haines, Locust-Ayr Farm
Dan & Crystal Edwards
Interstate Heifer Care, Matt Hawbaker
MD-Hillbrook, Chris & Jennifer Hill
Radley Bend Farm, The Kiser Family
Kimball-Way Holsteins & Jerseys
Roger & Loretta Wright
Burlin Farm, The Burall Family
Coldsprings Farm, Hoff Family
Arbaughs Flowing Springs
The Pickett Family, Pickett Transport LLC
Savage-Leigh, Wayne & Cindee Savage Family
Pheasant Echos Farm, The Stambaugh Family
MD-Delight Farm, Gary & Crystal Dell
Braunside Farm, Gary & Maureen Brauning
Brad & Sheila Garst
The Mongold Family
Misty Meadow Farm and Creamery
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