

DIVISION A2 - DAIRY STEERS - Section 10

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Division Rules & Regulations: The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance only from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed MCE Volunteers/FFA Advisors.

1. 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".
2. **Entries:** Entries will be received beginning at 12 pm (noon) on Wednesday, August 26th in the Cow Palace. All animals must be in place by 12 pm (noon) on Thursday, August 27th. Exhibitors must remain in the stalls assigned to them by the Superintendent. Please do not bring tack/décor or animals before Wednesday, August 26th. Refer to "Schedule of Events" and "4-H/FFA Exhibit Entry Information" for additional information.

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 online through the entry system at 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.

3. ****NEW RULE** Ownership:** All Feeder Dairy Steer animals exhibited must be owned, registered and tagged and weighed with a Maryland 4-H/FFA Tag in the Exhibitor's name only by June 1st of the current year and be under one year of age. All Market Dairy Steers must be owned by January 1st. **ALL MARKET DAIRY STEERS MUST BE UNDER 2 YEARS OF AGE FROM THE DATE OF THE SHOW. (TO SHOW IN 2026 – MUST BE BORN AFTER AUGUST 28, 2024).**
4. Steers will be weighed and must be tagged with an MD 4-H/FFA Livestock Tag. Weighing is at 3:30pm, Thursday, August 27th at the Cow Palace Scales. Superintendents may at their discretion, break or combine classes.
5. **The Dairy Steer Show** will be held on Friday, August 28th at 6:00pm.
6. **Herdsmanship:** Special recognition will be given to the counties maintaining the most attractive and neatest pens and aisles. The total number of counties will be divided into two groups and an award presented to each group. The Herdsmanship contest will be combined with the Dairy department contest.
7. The Grand Champion Dairy Steer must be sold through the Livestock Sale. In order to sell your animal at the Youth Livestock Sale, it must meet the 1,100-lb minimum weight. Please see Youth Livestock Sale Rules found in 4-H/FFA Division X, Section XIV for additional information. Exhibitors are limited to a maximum of ONE species in the Youth Livestock Sale.
8. **BEDDING:** The Maryland State Fair will provide a base-layer of tan-bark for dairy steer stalls.
9. **EXHIBITOR ORIENTATION; Thursday, August 27th, 2026 –3pm– Cow Palace Show Ring**

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Additional information will follow this summer in the 4-H Dairy Steer Exhibitor Letter. Any information in the 4-H Dairy Steer Exhibitor Letter will take precedence over any wording that is in the premium book.
2. Refer to "4-H and FFA Showmanship Regulations" for additional information. **Dairy attire will apply to Dairy Steers.**
3. **Awards:** A Champion will be selected and will receive a rosette and plaque.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE	DAIRY STEERS		
	Classes	1 st Place	2 nd – 20 th Place
A51	Fitting & Showmanship Classes	\$20	\$15
A52	Feeder Dairy Steer Classes – Under 600 Pounds	\$35	\$25
A53	Feeder Dairy Steer Classes – 600 to 999 Pounds	\$35	\$25
A54	Market Dairy Steer Class – 1000 Pounds and Above	\$35	\$25
A100	Educational Display – <i>No premiums will be paid for this class.</i>		
A55	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Jr Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette</i>		
A56	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Sr Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette</i>		
A57	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Grand Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette</i>		
A58	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion Dairy Steer – Rosette</i>		
A59	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Reserve Champion Dairy Steer – Rosette</i>		