

# OPEN YOUTH DAIRY SHOW

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“EXHIBITOR CALENDAR” ON WEBSITE**

## GENERAL RULES

1. Animal entries shall be divided by age. Exhibitor age groups are PeeWee 5-7 years old, Junior 8-10 years old, Intermediate 11-13 years old, Senior 14-18 years old (still enrolled in high school).
2. Pee-Wee exhibitors can only show Class 1 fall heifers and will not be eligible for awards or Premium money. Record books are not required for pee-wee division. Pee-Wee exhibitors will not be eligible to compete in fitting and grooming or showmanship.
3. An up-to-date Suwannee County Fair Dairy project book will be submitted for each entry. Record books can only be obtained online at [suwanneecountyfair.com](http://suwanneecountyfair.com) **AND ARE DUE AT TIME OF CHECK-IN.**
4. Each exhibitor may enter and show only one (1) animal in each class with a maximum of six (6) animals in the show.
5. Entry forms are available at [suwanneecountyfair.com](http://suwanneecountyfair.com) or contact Superintendent Lara Croft at [dairy.exh@suwanneecountyfair.com](mailto:dairy.exh@suwanneecountyfair.com)
6. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:** An official health certificate issued by an accredited vet is **required**. Certificates must be presented to the Fair veterinarian for each animal upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Current state rules for brucellosis and tuberculosis testing must be followed.
7. Animals must be in acceptable condition, trained, and able to be handled in the show ring. Untrained and unruly animals will be eliminated from the show.
8. Animals must be dehorned.

9. Exhibitors must be present and show each of their own animals.
10. Each exhibitor will be expected to participate and show their own animals in the appropriate Judged Class, to be considered for the Showmanship and Fitting Awards.
11. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters for their animal(s) at all times. Animals should be clipped **before** arriving at the fairgrounds.
12. Misconduct or failure to cooperate with the show management in any manner will be reason for elimination from the show and forfeiture of all prizes and premiums.
13. Substitutions must be approved by the show superintendent.
14. Each exhibitor will be responsible for care, management, and feeding their own animal(s). Feed buckets and water buckets must be provided by the exhibitor.
15. Each exhibitor will be required to post an exhibition sign for their animal; Breed, DOB, Name of Animal, Name of Exhibitor, and County.
16. The Suwannee County Fair Association will not be responsible for damage done by animals or injuries to animals.
17. All animals must be clean and in the barn by the opening of the Fair each day.
18. No animals may be removed from the barn prior to release time unless approved by the Show Superintendent.
19. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning out their stall before receiving premium money. Failure to do so will forfeit premium money.
20. It is understood that all exhibitors agree to comply with these rules and regulations.

21. The decision of the judge(s) will be final.
22. Only females of the five (5) major dairy breeds can be shown. Grade animals must possess characteristics of their particular breed. Crossbred animals are not allowed.
23. The Modified Danish System of judging will be used.
24. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
- A. FITTING & GROOMING - This contest will be based on the exhibitor's excellence in fitting their animal for the show. Physical condition, hair coat, cleanliness, and clipping will be considered in the judging of this class.
  - B. SHOWMANSHIP - The Showmanship contest will be based on the exhibitor's ability to show a dairy animal in the ring.
  - C. HERDSMAN - Will be awarded to the exhibitors who keep their areas, cows, and alleyways neat and clean while being courteous and informative to other exhibitors and the fair going public.
  - D. RECORD BOOK - Will be judged for completeness, neatness, spelling, grammar, attractiveness and understanding of dairy projects.
25. THE SUWANNEE COUNTY FAIR IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT. ANY ACTION OR ACTIONS WHICH POTENTIALLY DISRUPT THE OPERATIONS OF THE FAIR, OR ITS DESIRED ATMOSPHERE, MAY RESULT IN EJECTION FROM THE FAIR AND FORFEITURE OF ANY ENTRY/PARTICIPATION FEES OR AWARDS. BY ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS AND PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES YOU AGREE TO BEING EJECTED SHOULD YOU DISRUPT THE FAIR AND OR THE FAIR'S GUESTS/PARTICIPANTS.