

JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H DAIRY PROJECT HANDBOOK



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HELPFUL CONTACTS

Jefferson County Extension Office- 920-674-7295

Call the Extension Office if you need help with your 4-H projects, finding resources, 4-H enrollment, club help, directing you to the correct contact, and submitting information for the 4-H Family Newsletter

Jefferson County Fair Park Office- 920-674-7148

Fair Park manages the Jefferson County Fair. Fair Park has a different online system than Extension to register for Fair exhibits. Call the Fair Park if you have questions about the Fair entries or rules. You also need to make sure that you are on their email distribution list. Go to "Get Updates" at <https://www.jcfairpark.com/email.aspx> and enter your email to receive their updates.

Jefferson County Fair Dairy Superintendents- Matt Hanson and Bill Uecker- 920-285-9125

The Dairy Fair Superintendents serve as your project contact for all things regarding Fair, including- the shows, barns, herdsmanship, rules of the barn, check-in, show order, catalog, master showman, etc.

4-H Dairy Committee Chairperson- Bill Uecker- 920-285-9125

Dairy Judging- Katelyn Allen - 240-397-4384

Maureen DeBruin- 920-650-1020

Mark Lundy- 920-563-6137

State Fair Contacts- Tracy Brandel- 920-285-0083

Other resources:

Project Help (Feeding, Showmanship, Clipping)- Nick Uglow- 920-412-6145

MORE INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES:

- **www.allamerican.pa.gov** (go to the "Media" tab, click "Growing Through Showing")
 - A great video resource for animal health, judging and selection, showmanship, show box supplies, and more!
- **Holsteinfoundation.org**
 - A resource website to learn about all areas of dairy judging, quiz bowl, jeopardy, showing, feeding, fitting, showmanship, and more.
- **Hoads.com**
- *Find dairy project information on the **Facebook page** by searching "Jefferson County Wisconsin Dairy Youth Activities"*

JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H DAIRY COMMITTEE

Purpose:

The purpose of the Jefferson County 4-H Dairy Committee is to support the principles of positive youth development through educational programs and opportunities relating to the dairy industry. Through such activities as dairy bowl, dairy judging, exhibiting at county and state fair, and other experiences both within Jefferson County and elsewhere, youth will learn communication, leadership, hands-on skills, and organizational skills.

Membership:

Membership of the Jefferson County 4-H Dairy Committee is made up of certified 4-H leaders, along with 4-H, FFA, and dairy breed organization dairy project members and their parents. Any interested parties may attend the meetings.

Voting Members:

Voting members will consist of certified 4-H leaders, 4-H dairy youth members and one FFA representative.

Quorum:

There must be five eligible voting members present to constitute a quorum at any scheduled meeting.

Meetings:

Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the last Monday of each month (excluding December, July and August) unless stated otherwise. The meetings will take place at the Jefferson County Extension Office starting at 7 pm.

Meetings are run according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Officers of the Committee:

Officers of the Committee will include: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Livestock Committee Representative. Officers will be elected to two year terms. Elections will take place at the OCTOBER meeting.

Finances:

The finances of the 4-H Dairy Youth Committee will be handled as a line item in the Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association treasury.

Subcommittee Chairpersons:

Subcommittee Chairpersons positions will be filled by a certified 4-H leader. If more than one person wishes to chair these committees, they may be co-chairs or may be appointed by the Dairy Committee Chairperson and notified by the committee. Officers may also chair subcommittees. Subcommittee chairpersons may request funds from the Extension Office with approval from the Dairy Committee Chairman. Subcommittee chairs report back to the whole committee monthly.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee annually offers two (2) scholarships to Dairy Youth in 4-H/FFA in the amount of \$500 each to be used for further education in a technical or college degree (any major).

Scholarships are open to all dairy youth in Jefferson County who have been in the project for at least two years. Each recipient will receive their check after their first semester transcript has been presented to the Dairy Committee that achieved a minimum of 2.0 GPA. The winners will be announced at the Jefferson County Fair.

Please refer to the Jefferson County Extension website, Dairy page for application, due date, etc. For questions, please call 920-253-9398. Good Luck!!!!

JEFFERSON COUNTY DAIRY GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee annually offers two Dairy Youth Grants to individuals in 4-H/FFA in the amount of \$250. Money received are to be used for the current project year. This is open to all dairy youth in Jefferson County.

One grant will be for dairy youth in grades 4-8 and the other in grades 9-13. These funds are to be used for an investment in the youth's dairy project like show supplies, clippers, blower, calf care or to help purchase a calf.

Please refer to the Jefferson County Extension website, Dairy page for application, due date, etc. Recipients will receive half of the grant money by May. To claim grant money in full, recipients will need to write a *thank you* to the dairy committee with a [picture](#) of youth with/using the purchased item along with a [receipt](#) of the expense.

JEFFERSON COUNTY DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION TEAM

Who can participate?

All 4-H members that are currently enrolled in the Jefferson County Dairy Project.

Purpose:

The purpose is to help individuals identify the parts of the dairy animal and what the judge is looking for based on the breakdown of the Unified Dairy Score Card. Dairy project members will have the chance to judge various breeds of dairy cattle and work with dairy leaders on how to give reasons for their placings. The main goal is to develop judging teams to represent Jefferson County at the Area Animal Science Days held in June with the hope of going on to compete at the State Contest in July.

Practices:

Practices typically start in April or the beginning of May and conclude with the Area Animal Science Contest in the middle to end of June.

JEFFERSON COUNTY DAIRY QUIZ BOWL AGREEMENT

Purpose:

The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests including critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. Youth develop knowledge around dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf and heifer care and all cattle breeds. Dairy Bowl is also a place to meet new friends and coaches will work to provide a have fun learning environment.

Who can join the Dairy Quiz Bowl Program?

Anyone interested in learning more about the dairy industry through questions, activities and competition. The below requirements must be followed to compete at WI Holstein Convention and WI 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Competition:

WI Holstein Association Quiz Bowl

- 11 and under to participate in “rookie”
- Junior team members must not have reached their 16th birthday by January 1 in the year competing
- Senior team members must not have reached their 21st birthday by January 1 in the year competing
- All youth must also be an active member with paid dues

Wisconsin 4-H Quiz Bowl

- Junior team contestants will be current 4-H members who are younger than 14 including those who will celebrate their 14th birthday during the year of the contest
- Senior team contestants will be individuals who have already or will celebrate their 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th or 19th birthday during the year of the contest
- A mixed division has been designated for teams that are any combination of ages BUT the team must contain as least one youth in each age division
- Youth who are still enrolled in 4-H but have passed the year of their 19th birthday can compete in the mixed division.

Guidelines to be a successful Dairy Quiz Bowl Team Member

- Attend scheduled practices on a regular basis
- Review provided resources prepared for you by the coach during the first practice
- Listen and participate at practices (we generally have practice one a week for 1-2 hours)
- Ask questions

Potential Costs

- Team attire (previously we had knit sweatshirts that were embroidered)
- Overnight costs of families if choosing to stay overnight
- Registration fees

Signature of Participant: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Coach: _____ Date: _____

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR

The 2023 Jefferson County Fair will be Wednesday, July 12 through Sunday, July 16. Junior Departments are open to members of 4-H, FFA, a scouting program, breed group, or another recognized youth organization under adult leadership that has an educational program appropriate to that organization and approved by the Fair Committee. Below and in the next few pages, you will find more information on the different opportunities available to you and requirements for you to be successful at the Jefferson County Fair.

MANDATORY MEETING

Annually, dairy project youth are required to attend the Dairy Project Mandatory Meeting. This meeting is typically held on the 3rd Tuesday of June at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fair Park.

BRED AND OWNED CLASS

Refer to current Fair Book for up-to-date information; Pages 16-19
<https://www.jcfairpark.com/p/fair/competitive-exhibits/fair-entries>

AGSOURCE MISS Q AWARD RECOGNITION

Refer to current Fair Book for up-to-date information; Pages 16-19
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JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL AUCTION & YOUTH CELEBRATION

Refer to the current Fair Book for up-to-date information; Page 19
<https://www.jcfairpark.com/p/fair/competitive-exhibits/fair-entries>

The Dairy Youth Celebration takes place on Saturday of Jefferson County Fair. For Dairy, there are ten spots that recognize youth for their accomplishments during that year's Fair. How it works: each participant will have a short bio read recognizing them. This is followed by a pledge drive where people/businesses pledge money towards the youth exhibitor. At the end of the pledge drive, the money is divided equally among the participants, after commission is taken out. For up-to-date information, go to the Jefferson County Fair Park website:

<https://www.jcfairpark.com/p/fair/competitive-exhibits/animal-auction--youth-celebration1>

The ten spots for Dairy Include:

- The 4 Miss Q Contest winners
- Supreme Cow and Supreme Heifer
- Champion Bred and Owned Cow and Heifer
- Supreme Showperson
- Lyle Wappler Award winner

FUTURE EXHIBITOR

Refer to current Fair Book for up-to-date information; Page 19
<https://www.jcfairpark.com/p/fair/competitive-exhibits/fair-entries>

SHOWMANSHIP JACKPOT

Showmanship Jackpot is the money that is awarded to people that participate in the Dairy Showmanship contest at the Jefferson County Fair.

The amount of money awarded will be determined by the Dairy Committee annually at the June meeting. If an exhibitor owes money to the Dairy Committee, the amount due must be paid in full before showmanship jackpot money is received.

For the 2023 Fair, the Dairy committee will continue with the points system. If the exhibitor does not have the required amount of points by the mandatory meeting which is held typically the third Tuesday in June, they will not receive their share of the showmanship jackpot.

DAIRY PROJECT POINT CARD

To find the information on the current point card requirements, go to the Jefferson County 4-H website under Livestock Project: <https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/map-pages/>

STATEWIDE OPPORTUNITIES

COW CAMP

Cow Camp is a two day camp that takes place on a Saturday and Sunday in May and is put on by the Wisconsin Holstein Association. The camp changes locations annually to be accommodating to the youth. Campers are provided with hands-on experiences by attending various stations focused on dairy judging, showmanship, cow anatomy, show-day fundamentals and information on what the Holstein Association has to offer. The camp also provides attendees with fun activities like Farmer Olympics, scavenger hunts and bonfires. It's a great way to meet kids with similar interests from across the state. The Wisconsin Junior Activities Committee members serve as the camp counselors and plan all activities. The Camp is open to all youth under the age of 14 that have an interest in Registered Holstein Cattle.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

Eligible Jefferson County Dairy Youth may participate in the Wisconsin State Fair Junior dairy shows. Participation is open to any boy or girl 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Youth must be an active/participating member in good standing of a bona fide, adult-supervised Wisconsin animal-based youth organization by March 1st of the current year.

Interested youth should contact the Jefferson County State Fair Coordinators prior to March 1 of the calendar year to ensure participation deadlines are met. Meetings are held monthly starting in May through State Fair. Find more information at: <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/>

JAMES CROWLEY AWARD

The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The award is provided in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth project. The James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award. Applications are typically due beginning of May. Award plaques are given to the top fifteen statewide winners and the top three youth each received \$500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

Eligibility:

1. Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in it.
2. Must be in 10-12th grades as of January 1.
3. Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.
4. Must not have received a Crowley scholarship previously. Youth who received a plaque award only may reapply towards the scholarship.

JUNIOR HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION

The Junior Holstein Association office is located at 902 8th Avenue, Baraboo WI; phone 800-223-4269. The organization is run by Junior Members and supervised by state office. There are a large number of activities open to its members. Membership is available online as are all award applications and cattle entry forms.

Animal Awards: To show your animal as a Junior owned, you must have your membership paid by March 1 of that show year. There are many shows available to compete at. The larger ones count for Junior All-American. The Midwest Spring Show is in April, district shows are in June, State show is in July, Junior State Fair is in August and the National Show is in October at World Dairy Expo. There are showmanship contest at district and state levels.

Awards: Production, progressive breeder and breeder of excellence are based on the animal performance. Applications are due in Fall and are presented at the state convention in early January. All applications can be found online at www.wiholsteins.com.

Awards for people are presented at State Convention and most applications are due September 15 or December 1. Winners in most of these go on to compete at the National Junior Holstein Convention at the end of June. Princess and Prince attendants are crowned at convention and require giving a speech.

- YMR, DJM Awards are based on both a members project and their project records as well as leadership activities. Applications require some work and are due September 15.
- Trip Award – for older members. They take a two day tour of different farms and an overnight stay and party.
- Scholarships – many different scholarships available. Due in Fall for state and spring for national.
- Speaking Contest – three age brackets, any dairy topic and length varies by age group, seniors are allowed audio-visual aids. Winners go on to nationals.
- Dairy Jeopardy – two age brackets, test your knowledge of Holsteins and top three go on to nationals.
- Quiz Bowl – compete as a four person county team. Top Junior and Senior teams go on to nationals, a Rookie division is for those under 12 that just want to try it out. Most counties start practicing for the state contest in October.
- Educational Display Board – two age categories, winner from state contest goes on to nationals.
- State convention arts and crafts and photo contest – two age categories and photos have two subject areas, members bring them to state convention (no pre-entry required) and are judged by both members and professionals.
- County also can compete in a digital or hard copy scrapbook contest, as well as cheer contest and spirit award.
- The national Junior Holstein convention is held at the end of June and 2019 is in Wisconsin. All national contest rules and applications are available online at Holstein USA.