

Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show
MTSU, October 16-17, 2020

General Policies

1. **General Policies:** All exhibitors in the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show and their parents/guardians are required to read and comply with the all policies and procedures contained in the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show Handbook.
2. **Interpretation of Rules:** The Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show is administered, managed and governed by UT Extension. This entity is responsible for the administration of all applicable rules and policies, including enforcement and penalties. Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret rules and regulations, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto, or otherwise arising out of the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.
3. **Eligibility:** Competition is limited to either Tennessee 4-H members who were enrolled in the fourth grade or later and Tennessee FFA members who were enrolled in agriculture education courses on January 1 of current calendar year and who have not reached the end of the calendar year of their high school graduation or the end of the calendar year of their 20th birthday, whichever comes first. The exhibitors must be under the supervision of an Extension Agent or FFA advisor and shall be required to comply with all rules of the shows.
 - Signature of Extension Agent or FFA Advisor of said exhibitor on entry form is required to confirm that: the entry is a bona fide project of their 4-H or FFA program; is a member in good standing; **the animal is owned and in the continuous possession of the exhibitor**; Extension Agent or FFA Advisor has read the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show Handbook, and Participant has been advised of these rules as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; been cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and all rules and regulations have been complied with, to the extent of their participation.
 - The exhibitor and parent or legal guardian of the exhibitor **must sign the entry forms** certifying that they have read the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show Handbook and that Participant has been advised of these rules and regulations as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and agrees to observe and abide by all rules and regulations.
4. **Rules Violation:** Any exhibitor, parent or leader, who individually or through other persons, violates any rules, may result in both animal(s) and exhibitor(s) being barred from participation in current or future shows. All premiums, awards received and sale receipts may be forfeited.
5. **Discourteous Behavior:** Discourteous conduct by exhibitors, parents, leaders, Extension Agents, FFA Advisors or anyone else representing an exhibitor, toward a judge, any member of show management or other exhibitors may result in the exhibitor and/or animal being dismissed from future Tennessee Junior Livestock Events and awards received being forfeited.

6. **Publicity Release:** As indicated by the signatures of the exhibitors, parents or guardians on the entry forms for Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show, authorizes the University of Tennessee and/or their representatives to photograph, film, audio/video tape, record and/or televise their image and voice and biographical material, participation in the various events and to publicize, in whole or in part in any medium or developed in the future without any restrictions.
7. **Care and Treatment of Animals:** All animals that are exhibited at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show are to be under the care and management of the 4-H or FFA member. The exhibitor's supervising Extension Agent, or the exhibitor's supervising FFA advisor, or UT Extension staff member has the right, with prior notification, to inspect any animals at a reasonable time during the ownership period. All animals that are exhibited in the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show are to be treated in accordance with accepted humane livestock management techniques. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all federal, state and local laws or regulations concerning the treatment and care of animals. Specific areas of concern include but are not limited to:
 - Animals should be provided feed and water on a regular basis. A special effort should be made to insure that market animals receive feed and water before the show and sale.
 - Medication given by or under the direction of a veterinarian must adhere to withdrawal times on the product label.
 - Animals which have been accidentally injured must receive appropriate veterinary attention.
8. **Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages:** Consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show is not permitted. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the person(s) being dismissed, associated exhibitor(s) and/or animal(s) being dismissed and awards received being forfeited. Additionally, show management reserves the right to alert the appropriate police agency.
9. **Safety:** Everything possible will be done to prevent accidents; however, if any should occur, neither the University of Tennessee, nor University of Tennessee personnel, nor other persons, nor any other organizations connected with the management of the show assumes any liability, either legal or otherwise to persons or property.

Show Procedures

Health Requirements: Animals exhibited at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show must meet the following requirements: Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required for every animal exhibited at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show. It is expected that junior exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to the shows. The CVI must be dated within 90 days of the respective show. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be quarantined or sent home immediately at the discretion of the show veterinarian.

ALL livestock must have of official forms of identification in order to have valid health certificate.

Dairy Cattle: all dairy cattle must have an 840-RFID tag

Ownership, Possession and Registration: All cattle must be individually identified with an 840-RFID tag and in the continuous possession (in care of) by the youth exhibitor by July 1 through the show. Animals cannot be exhibited by anyone other than the owner/lessee from the entry date through the show. All animals must be registered or recorded with their respective breed organizations by July 1. Animals must be registered solely in the name of the junior exhibitor, in a partnership solely with residents of Tennessee or leased by the junior exhibitor. Partnerships may include other juniors, adults or a farm. Animals will be eligible, as long as the junior's name is included in this partnership. In the case of multiple juniors in a partnership, the junior showing the animal will be designated at the time entries are made. A copy of the registration paper should accompany the entry form by the entry deadline. Lease agreements must be in place by July 1.

Animal Lease Program: The objective of the leasing program is to provide all youth the opportunity and the educational experience of participating in the Tennessee Junior Dairy Show Program. Leased animals must conform to all rules associated with the respective show (ie. ID requirements, possession dates, exhibition rules, etc.). Completed lease forms and a copy of the animal's registration paper (if applicable) must be submitted along with the entry forms to the County Extension Office by the entry deadline.

Entries:

1. Entries for regional shows and the State Junior Dairy Show are to be made on official entry forms that are available from the UT Animal Science Department website (<https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience>).
2. ALL entries for regional shows and the State Junior Dairy Show must be submitted through the local Extension office. This is the procedure for both 4-H and FFA members.
3. Legible copies of registration papers, copies of application for registration or transfer or related identification information (i.e., pedigrees) must be attached to entries.
4. All Jerseys entering in regional and state junior shows must be a Generation Count 4 or higher to be eligible for shows. This is in accordance with national show rules adopted by the American Jersey Cattle Association.
5. Complete entry forms must be received by the UT Animal Science Department by August 1. Animals should be entered if there is any possibility they will be shown. Animals can easily be scratched before the show, so be sure to enter all possible show animals.
6. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure that his/her entries meet the criteria to qualify for exhibition.
7. All entries must be signed by the exhibitor, a parent or legal guardian, and a local Extension agent or FFA advisor.

8. Incomplete or illegible forms will not be accepted and will be returned to the Extension agent. Animals will not be entered if entry forms are not complete. Extension agents and vocational agriculture teachers should review all entries prior to submission.
9. Entries for Fairs and Open Shows: All three Tennessee regional shows (Eastern, Central and Western) are held in conjunction with a fair. Completing an entry form for a Tennessee regional or State Junior Dairy Show DOES NOT automatically enter an exhibitor/animals into fair records. You must check with the fair that hosts your show for deadlines, barn space, fees, etc. Procedures might be different for each Tennessee regional show. To be eligible to show in open shows or other junior shows (i.e., Appalachian Fair in Gray, Tennessee), you must adhere to the requirements and deadlines set forth by that particular show or fair. The UT Animal Science Department WILL NOT enter any junior into any open show or into any junior show other than the three regional shows and the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA): Youth must be YQCA certified in order to exhibit at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show. A copy of the YQCA completion certificate should be submitted along with the entry form. More information about YQCA is available at www.yqca.org.

Bred by Exhibitor (BBE): To be eligible for BBE awards and recognition, the exhibitor must be listed as both the sole breeder and owner of the animal on the registration paper. If eligible, this must be indicated on the entry form. Animals bred and owned by the exhibitor but not so indicated on the entry form will not be eligible for recognition. At the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show (and some regional shows), the Champion and Reserve Champion of the heifer classes and cow classes will be selected; and then, if needed, the Champion BBE animal will be selected from the highest-placing BBE animals in the classes.

Production Awards: All cows with official proof of production will be eligible to receive an award at the State Junior Dairy Show. Current lactation production records will be used if official records with projected 305D ME (305 day mature equivalent) will be available by Oct. 1. Previous lactation records (on 305D ME basis) will be used if cows are dry or have not been milking long enough (by October 1) to have a 305D ME projected for their current lactation. Previous lactation must have started after May 1 of the previous year to be eligible. The exhibitor must have owned the animal for its entire lactation to be eligible. The animal within each breed with the highest record on a twice daily energy corrected milk on a 305 day mature equivalent basis (ECM 2x 305D ME) will receive an award of merit. To be eligible for production awards, the DHI cow index number and/or barn number, the DHI herd code and RAC number must be indicated on the official entry form. The UT Animal Science Dairy Extension office will compute ECM 2x 305D ME from DART cow pages prior to the State Junior Dairy Show. Any entries lacking complete DHIA information will be ineligible for production awards.

Substitute Exhibitors: Exhibitors will show their own animal. Any animal shown by anyone other than the exhibitor who entered the animal may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards unless prior approval is given by show management. Substitute exhibitors will be granted for serious illness/injury or other situations deemed unavoidable at the time of the show.

Premier Exhibitor Program: The purpose of the Premier Exhibitor award program is to provide 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge learned and gained by participating in the junior livestock projects. This recognition program will increase the emphasis on the knowledge and skills attained by the youth and will complement the wholesome competition, social development and fun learning traditionally associated with junior livestock shows.

A Premier Exhibitor for will be selected at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show in each of the following divisions:

- Junior - (4th, 5th & 6th grades)
- Junior High - (7th, 8th & 9th grades)
- Senior - (10th, 11th & 12th grades)

To be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor competition, youth must exhibit an animal in the dairy cattle show as well as participate in showmanship and in the skillathon contest. The Premier Exhibitor will be the individual who earns the most points by participating in these three educational events. A previous Premier Exhibitor winner in a particular division is not eligible to compete in the same division of the same show in future years (ie. cannot win Senior Premier Exhibitor more than once).

Skillathon: This event consists of different activities that will evaluate an exhibitor's knowledge gained from participation in the dairy cattle project for a total of 100 points. Each exhibitor will participate in the skillathon as an individual. The activities will increase in difficulty as the grade division increases. Examples of skillathon activities include but are not limited to feed, breed and equipment identification, health and production practices and record-keeping.

Existing study materials can be found at <https://tiny.utk.edu/DairySkillathon>.

Dairy Cattle Show: Dairy cattle will be evaluated by the judge based on their merit related to breed and industry standards and assigned a Blue, Red or White. The highest possible score for Blue is 100, 90 for Red and 80 for White. The lowest possible score for any animal is 80.

- Points in the Blue group will be given starting at 100 points and decreasing by 2 points for each placing through 10th place. Any Blue past 10th place will receive 80 points.
- Points in the Red group will be given starting at 2 points below the last placing Blue in the class, but not higher than 90 points. Points will decrease by 2 points for each placing through the 5th place Red. Any Red past the 5th place Red will receive 80 points.

- All animals in the White group will receive 80 points.

Showmanship: Each exhibitor will receive a score for their placing in showmanship, which will count for Premier Exhibitor:

1 st place: 100 points	5 th place: 96 points	9 th place: 92 points
2 nd place: 99 points	6 th place: 95 points	10 th place: 91 points
3 rd place: 98 points	7 th place: 94 points	All other Blues: 90 points
4 th place: 97 points	8 th place: 93 points	All Reds: 80 points

Tie Breakers: Ties in Skillathon and Premier Exhibitor will be broken as follows:

Skillathon: Stations 1-5 individually in order, Showmanship score, Animal score

Premier Exhibitor: Skillathon score, Showmanship score, Skillathon stations 1-5 individually in order, Animal score

Showmanship: Showmanship will be conducted by the grade divisions shown below. Grade refers to the school grade in which the exhibitor was enrolled on January 1, of current year.

- Junior - (4th, 5th & 6th grades)
- Junior High - (7th, 8th & 9th grades)
- Senior - (10th, 11th & 12th grades)

Showmanship events at regional and state shows are available to all youth who have animals entered in the respective shows. Youth must show an animal they have entered. Exhibitors may be asked to bring registration papers or copies of a lease agreement to the ringside prior to showmanship classes. Regional and county shows have the option of combining divisions if participation in some divisions is not large enough to warrant all three divisions. Show management should try to schedule only one showmanship division at a time and avoid concurrent showing of divisions. If any state showmanship division has more than 20 entries, show management will make an effort to split the division into two classes based on grade.

Show Classes: Youth may show only one animal in each of the standard show classes with the exception of Champion classes.

1. Spring Heifer Calf (Junior Heifer Calf): March 1 – July 1, year of show
2. Winter Heifer Calf (Intermediate Heifer Calf): December 1, preceding year – February 28/29, year of show
3. Fall Heifer Calf (Senior Heifer Calf): September 1 – November 30, preceding year
4. Summer Yearling Heifer (Summer Heifer Calf): June 1 – August 31, preceding year
5. Spring Yearling Heifer (Junior Yearling Heifer): March 1 – May 31, preceding year
6. Winter Yearling Heifer (Intermediate Yearling Heifer): December 1, two years ago – February 28/29, preceding year
7. Fall Yearling Heifer (Senior Yearling Heifer): September 1 – November 30, two years ago
8. Junior Champion & Reserve Junior Champion

9. BBE Junior Champion
10. Fall Yearling Heifer (Senior Yearling) in Milk: after September 1, two years ago and milking
11. Junior Two-Year-Old Cow: March 1 – August 31, two years ago
12. Senior Two-Year-Old Cow: September 1, three years ago – February 28/29, two years ago
13. Three-Year-Old Cow: September 1, four years ago – August 31, three years ago
14. Four-Year-Old Cow: September 1, five years ago – August 31, four years ago
15. Aged Cows (5+ years): before September 1, five years ago
16. Senior Champion & Reserve Senior Champion
17. BBE Senior Champion
18. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion
19. BBE Grand Champion

Unruly Animals: Show management, ring person or show judge has the right to dismiss animals that, in their judgment, are unruly or uncontrollable and pose a safety risk to other exhibitors, animals and spectators.

Protests: Protests must be submitted to the show manager prior to the selection of the division champion (Junior, Senior or Grand Champion classes). Protests must be made on the official protest form available from show management or the UT Animal Science Department website. All protests must be submitted in writing, signed and accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit. The written protest must include:

1. Name(s) of exhibitor(s) involved
2. Date and time of incident
3. Entry number(s) of livestock involved
4. Action or activity that is being protested
5. Specific rules that are alleged to have been violated
6. Names and signatures of two other parties who will verify and support the grievance.

The burden of proof rests with the party filing the grievance. The \$100 deposit will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The deposit will be forfeited to the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show if the grievance is not sustained. The show management has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on this document. If needed, the protest shall be referred to a grievance committee for review. The grievance may be discussed with parties involved and show officials in reaching a decision. At no time should a grievance be discussed with parties not involved with the protest. All parties involved will be notified of decisions reached. Protests related to judges' decisions, placings and/or other situations associated with judges and/or show management will not be accepted.