



DAIRY DEPARTMENT RULES

DEPT 17	Dairy Cows and Heifers
DEPT 18	Dairy Steers
DEPT 19	Dairy Goats

Dairy General Rules:

1. See [General Rules and Regulations](#) Rules #16 and #17. On-Line Entries are due June 1st. Paper Entries are due May 15th.
2. **Show Clothes:** 4-H exhibitors must wear approved uniforms at all times while in show ring. WHITE slacks/skirt with WHITE shirt, tucked in (no shorts). Green or Black neck pieces optional, but encouraged. Caps shall not be worn in the show ring.
3. **Note: All entries are subject to Animal Health Requirements for Admission to Md Fairs and Shows.** Ringworm, Warts, and Skin Infections will be reasons for rejection from the show. Health papers are required and will be checked.
4. All Dairy breeding animals must be registered with the appropriate breed association in the name of the 4-H member exhibiting the animal by July 1 of the current year. Registration papers are required and will be checked.
5. **Leased Dairy animals** must have a Lease Agreement signed and on file in the County Extension Office by May 1 of the project year which will be in effect for a twelve (12) month period. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the Sponsor and Lessee prior to entering the animal at any Dairy Show to insure that responsibilities are being carried out by the Lessee. The sponsor will sign for Lessee Compliance in the Lease Agreement and a **copy of the Lease Agreement must be mailed to Valerie Harlan.**
6. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry per class, except the Dairy Goat Department and each animal must be shown by the owner. A leased animal may be exhibited in the appropriate Calf and Yearling Classes. An animal may be shown in the Cow classes only if the 4-H youth leased the animal as a Calf or Yearling.
7. **All 1st & 2nd place Market Animals must be presented for selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champions.**
8. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals while on the Fairgrounds. All stalls must be cleaned before the exhibitors' animals will be released by the Department Superintendent or premiums will be forfeited.
9. **Exhibitors must do their own fitting, including clipping, to be eligible to exhibit in fitting and showing and breed classes. Another 4-H member may assist with fitting. A UME approved volunteer or parent may provide direction and/or assist with the control of the animal only while being fitted.**
10. Animals are to be kept in their pens or designated areas at all times except for show time or walking to the wash racks. Animals should never be walked in other areas of the barns or Fairgrounds. This is for the safety of both the General Public and the Animal.
11. Animals being shown in Fitting & Showing classes must be entered and shown in individual breed & age class.
12. Exhibits may be used for judging classes during the Dairy Judging Contest.

The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics

Adopted April 3, 2004

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates & sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising & breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Assoc (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows & to present a wholesome & progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring. PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows & pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, & the national breed Assocs. The application of this Code provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty & good sportsmanship. It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care & management of dairy cattle that

are necessary in course of moving dairy cattle to & between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner & in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety & welfare of the livestock & the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication &/or prohibited substance, or residue. The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Assoc is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation & structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

Grooming & Preparation: Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA *Unified Score Card* (1994), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed & prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance & mobility. Specifically: 1. External applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes & false switches; 2. Maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on topline is not to exceed 1". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring; 3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited; 4. Externally sealing teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned.

Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices: These practices are violations of the Code & will be reported to show management & may be reported to the respective national breed Associations: 1. Misrepresenting age &/or milking status of animal for the class in which it is shown. 2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally: a. with an irritant or counter-irritant; b. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease; c. using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation; d. plugging of teat canal with foreign substances 3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management. 4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show. 5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

Exhibitor Responsibility: Act of entering animal in livestock show is giving of consent by owner, exhibitor, fitter &/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound & photo-graphic methods & by direct examination of animal. Act of entering animal is the giving of consent by owner, exhibitor, fitter &/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which show occurs, &/or the national dairy breed Assoc without recourse.

Show Ethics Committee: Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative(s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General Manager), the official show veterinarian, & Extension representative. The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation & determine accuracy of allegation. Ethics Committee will have authority to inspect animals & related material to determine if violations have occurred.

Violations: Reporting & Investigation: Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management, &/or the Ethics Committee. **Before An Animal is Shown:** If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, & that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management. Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor: 1. If, at Exhibitor's discretion, animal in question not shown, no violation will occur; 2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

During & After An Animal is Shown: All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge & Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milkout may be called for. This call may be by breed Assoc rule, or by request of authorized representative of the national breed Assoc, the judge, Ethics Committee, or show management. If an

animal is exhibited & a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, & determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee & show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation & the supporting evidence & invited to defend or explain the allegations. Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, & the national dairy breed Assoc. Sanctions may include any one, or combination of the following: forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds; written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter &/or absolutely responsible person ; disqualification of exhibition livestock from exhibition; disqualification of Exhibitor from show; publication of offense. Disqualification may include any or all shows & classes & may be for any number of years.