

Jasper County 4-H FAQ sheet – Dairy

General Information

Enrollment

- Enroll at 4h.zsuite.org by March 15
- For more information about enrollment in the Jasper County 4-H program, please contact the Jasper County Extension office

Fair Entry

- Opens May 1
- Go to fairentry.com to register for specific classes
- If you are unsure if you will be showing, go ahead and register for the class—it is easier to scratch than add after the show starts
- All entries should be submitted by May 15

*General-project guidelines updated in March—4-H Handbooks can be viewed online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

Project Guidelines

Check guidelines for your project in the 4-H Handbook on the Jasper County 4-H website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

Ownership, and Tagging Deadlines

- All livestock and small animals must be owned by April 30
- Crossbred & Market animals must be tagged, and paperwork turned in to the Extension office by April 30
- A picture of the tag in the animal's ear must be submitted by April 30
- All breeding stock must be registered or application made on the animal in the member's name and dated by April 30
- Tagging forms and pictures may be brought into the office or e-mailed to jaspercodairy@gmail.com
- Animals exhibited at the Illinois State Fair have specific birth & ownership dates; you must follow guidelines listed under the **Illinois State Fair Junior Show** section of the 4-H Handbook

Birthdates

- Jr. Bull – born after March 1 of current year
- Spring Heifer calf – born after March 1 of current year
- Winter Heifer calf – born after Dec. 1 of previous year to Feb. 28 of current year
- Fall Heifer calf – born Sept. 1 to Nov. 30 of previous year
- Jr. Yearling Heifer – born March 1 to Aug. 31 of previous year
- Intermediate Jr. Yearling Heifer – born Dec. 1 of 2nd previous year to Feb. 28 of previous year
- Sr. Yearling Heifer – born Sept. 1 to Nov. 30 of 2nd previous year
- 2-3 Year Old Cow – born Sept. 1 of 3rd previous year
- 4 Year Old Cow and Over – born prior to Sept. 1 of 4th previous year
- Feeder Calf – Dairy market animals weighing up to 799 lbs. Any market animal weighing 800 lbs. and over will be moved to the Dairy Steer class
- Dairy Steer – born on or after January 1 of previous year

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Health Guidelines

- Go to the website provided in the back of the 4-H Handbook for a full list of requirements

Certified Veterinarian Inspection (CVI)

- CVI's must be completed within 90 days of the 4-H Dairy Show
- Illinois calves under 6 months of age, and Illinois steers are not required to have a CVI
- CVI papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

Records

- A livestock record must be up to date for each animal species and turned into the Extension office or emailed to jaspercodairy@gmail.com by June 10.
- 4-H members that are also FFA members may use their SAE record books in place of the 4-H Livestock Record
- Livestock records can be found online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab, or can be picked up at the Extension office

Registration papers

- Registration papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

YQCA

- Members enrolled in a Dairy project must complete YQCA training every year
- This training can be completed online, or face-to-face trainings are offered in the spring

4-H Shows

- Dairy steers, feeder calves, and breeding animals not competing in the open show must be in place by 8 a.m. Monday prior to the 4-H shows
- Holsteins will show in a separate class and all other breeds will show together (excluding feeder calves & steers)
- Breeding animals exhibiting in the Open Show must be in place Wednesday prior to the show on Thursday
- The 4-H member must show his/her own animal

Auction – Sponsored and hosted by the Jasper County 4-H Auction Committee

- The 4-H member must be present to sell their animal and are encouraged to arrive at least 1 hour prior to the auction
- Only Market animals will be sold in the 4-H Auction
- There will be a \$5 auction fee and a \$10 waste disposal fee for Dairy projects. This fee is to be paid when registering for the auction during weigh-in. Members who choose not to sell their animal will still be responsible for the waste removal fee.
- Steers must weigh at least 800 lbs. to sell and will only be paid for 1,600 lbs. maximum
- Feeder calves will be paid for 700 lbs. maximum
- Please refer to the 4-H Livestock Auction for a complete list of requirements and guidelines

****For a complete list of guidelines and rules, please check the Jasper County 4-H Handbook****

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Sept – December

- Submit previous year's records to the Extension office (permanent record, livestock record(s), Honor Member form, and general project form, if applicable); Deadline to submit records is Sept. 30
- Enroll in 4-H ZSuites

Jan – Feb

- Pick up Jasper Co. tags & form for crossbred or market animals

March – May

- Pick up Jasper Co. tags & form for crossbred or market animals
- Register online or for an in-person training for YQCA; YQCA **must** be completed before fair in order to exhibit a beef project
- Schedule appointment with your veterinarian to complete a CVI (if needed); CVI's are required within 90 days of the show
- Turn in Tagging form & pictures to the Extension office by April 30; families may email a copy of the document and pictures to jaspercodairy@gmail.com or bring a paper copy into the Extension office
- Register for 4-H show classes by May 15 at fairenter.com

June

- Fair clean-up (early June)
- State Fair Jr Show registration, must be signed by FFA or Extension staff by July 1
- Have Livestock record up to date and email to jaspercodairy@gmail.com by June 10
- Make sure a copy of registration paperwork (for purebred animals) and CVI (if needed) are brought with you to the fair & kept on site at the fairgrounds
- Weigh-in/4-H show/Auction/after fair clean-up

July – August

- Complete livestock records
- Cash checks from the 4-H Auction
- Send Thank You card (cookies, BBQ tickets, etc.) to Award donors and/or Auction buyers

*In order to advance to the Illinois State Fair for general projects, or to sell an animal at the 4-H Auction, members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings and 1 event. For clarification, please contact your 4-H Leader or the Jasper Co.

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Helpful Hints to make your show year a success!

- Wear show-appropriate clothing
 - Close toed shoes, preferably boots
 - Long pants
 - Short or long-sleeved shirts
 - No attire promoting business, companies or farm names
- Practice, practice, practice!
 - Work with your animal from beginning of ownership to the show/auction
 - Do a mock show at home with the help of family or friends
- Study up!
 - Reference your 4-H project book
 - Go to Livestock clinics/workshops
 - Check out YouTube videos of other dairy shows
- Smile 😊
 - While showing, animals may be difficult—it is a new environment for many animals
 - Try to keep a positive attitude and have fun
 - Keep a relaxed smile as much as possible
 - Make eye contact with the judge (but don't try to start a staring contest)
 - Whenever possible, leave several feet between you and the handler in front of you
 - Calm confidence will be part of your overall presentation

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