

## DAIRY CATTLE

### 04 - Open Dairy Cattle Show

Superintendent: Sue Ann Claudon (817-291-3237)

*Open Class Premiums Offered: \$24,611.00*

*Land of Lincoln Class Premiums Offered: \$34,706.00*

*\*Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to six (6) places.*

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## INFORMATION

### Entries

Required fees include \$20.00/head (entry fee), \$10.00/head (manure), and \$9.50/exhibitor (supply chain surcharge). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 15, 2026. Fees will not be refunded. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2026, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

### **Animal Processing:**

|                                           |                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Stalls Available                          | Sunday, August 16, 6:00 p.m.                     |
| Animals in place by:                      |                                                  |
| Ayrshire, Guernsey & Jersey               | Monday, August 17, 9:00 p.m.                     |
| Holstein, Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorn | Tuesday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.                    |
| Ring Cards Issued                         | At Check-in                                      |
| Exhibitor Meeting                         | Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. (Livestock Center) |
| Animals Released:                         |                                                  |
| Out-of-State                              | Saturday, August 22, 8:00 a.m.                   |
| Ayrshire, Guernsey & Jersey               | Saturday, August 22, 2:00 p.m.                   |
| Holstein, Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorn | Saturday, August 22, 3:30 p.m.                   |

*\*Note – No dairy cattle, feed, bedding, show tack, or equipment may arrive on the fairgrounds prior to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 16. All exhibitors must check in with the Superintendent for stall assignments before unloading. Further, only one vehicle per stalling group will be allowed to unload and load on the street between Brick Barn Series 18 and 25 on the South, and Brick Barn Series 25 and 36 Barn Series on the North. For exhibitors with multiple breeds stalled together, all animals will be released at the time for their largest breed.*

*\*\*Note – Dairy Cattle Exhibitors will not be paid for milk produced on the fairgrounds. Milk will be hauled away as fluid waste with no milk samples or records collected.*

### **Show Schedule**

Shows will be held in Livestock Center. Start times may vary slightly from the published schedule. Exhibitors should watch and listen to announcements.

#### **Thursday, August 20**

8:00 a.m. – Jersey Heifers

10:30 a.m. – Jersey Cows

2:00 p.m. – Ayrshire & Guernsey Heifers (alternating breeds)

4:00 p.m. – Ayrshire & Guernsey Cows (alternating breeds)

#### **Friday, August 21**

8:00 a.m. – Holstein Heifers

10:30 a.m. – Holstein Cows

2:00 p.m. – Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorn Cows, followed by Heifers (alternating breeds)

#### **Saturday, August 22**

11:00 a.m. – Junior Supreme Champion Heifer & Female  
Open & Land of Lincoln Supreme Champion Heifer  
Followed by Superior Young Producer Awards, Premiere Breeder & Exhibitor Awards,  
and Open & Land of Lincoln Supreme Champion Female

### **Department Rules**

*\* Note: This show will follow the PDCA Show Ring Code of Ethics*

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Open Livestock Division.
2. Junior and Open Show registration/check-in will be conducted simultaneously in stalls.
3. The following breeds are eligible to show and must be recorded in their respective National Breed Association Book: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn.
4. For an exhibitor to be eligible for competition, animal ownership must be entered exactly as it appears on the registration certificate. The most recent date of activity on the registration will be considered official.
5. Exhibitors are allowed open substitution from an individual class to an individual class or from a group class to a group class up to time of check-in. No added entries will be allowed.
6. Entries in the cow classes may or may not be in milk; however, all animals in milk must show in cow classes.
7. No tents are allowed in barns.
8. All fans in the 25 Barn Series must be hung to move air from north to south.
9. Exhibitors and grooms must be properly attired in the showing. Acceptable attire includes white or light-colored pants, jeans or skirts, and collared shirts or farm shirts. T-Shirts, bare midriffs, tank tops, shorts or dark colored pants, jeans or skirts are unacceptable.
10. All exhibitors are required to wear a show harness while exhibiting their animal.
11. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one (1) farm, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for purposes of Premiere Breeder, Premiere Exhibitor, Best Three Females, Dairy Herd, Dam & Daughter, Produce of Dam, and Breeders Herd of Five Females Classes.

### **Special Awards**

**Breed Awards:** Each breed will recognize the following: Junior Champion & Reserve Female, Intermediate Champion & Reserve Female, Senior Champion & Reserve Female, Grand & Reserve Champion Female, Premiere Breeder Award, and Premiere Exhibitor.

**Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Females:** An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Land of Lincoln Show Grand Champion Female of each breed.

**Best Udder of Class:** An additional \$30.00 for first place and \$20.00 for second place will be awarded to the top two best udders in each of the Land of Lincoln cow classes.

**Premiere Breeder Award:** The Breeder winning the most points (National PDCA) on not to exceed six (6) animals in the open single classes, exhibited by themselves and/or another exhibitor shall be designated Premiere Breeder and receive an award. Best Udder and futurity classes are not included. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most first places will be declared the winner.

**Premiere Exhibitor Award:** The Exhibitor winning the most points (National PDCA) on not to exceed six (6) animals in the open single classes, owned and exhibited by themselves shall be designated Premiere Exhibitor and receive an award. Best Udder and futurity classes are not included. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most first places will be declared the winner.

**Premiere Herdsman Award:** An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Premiere Herdsman over all breeds. Additionally, the Illinois Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Inc. will award \$75.00 to the Premiere Herdsman, \$50.00 to the second-place herdsman and \$25.00 to the third-place herdsman. The following point considerations will be made: 50 points on general appearance, 25 points on cooperation, and 25 points on show ring demeanor.

**Supreme Champion Heifer and Female Over All Breeds:** The Grand Champion Heifers and Females of each breed will compete for Supreme Champion on Saturday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m. An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Heifer and Supreme Champion Female of the Open Show. An award will also be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Land of Lincoln Heifer and Female of the Open Show.

| Premium Award           | Open  | Land of Lincoln |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Supreme Champion Heifer | \$250 | \$125           |
| Supreme Champion Female | \$500 | \$250           |

**Championship Premium Awards:** The following awards will be made to breed champions:

| Premium Award                 | Open  | Land of Lincoln |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Junior Champion               | \$50  | \$50            |
| Junior Reserve Champion       | \$25  | \$25            |
| Intermediate Champion         | \$50  | \$50            |
| Intermediate Reserve Champion | \$25  | \$25            |
| Senior Champion               | \$50  | \$50            |
| Senior Reserve Champion       | \$25  | \$25            |
| Grand Champion                | \$100 | \$100           |
| Reserve Grand Champion        | \$50  | \$50            |

## Definitions

**Dairy Herd:** Group consisting of four (4) cows that have been freshened. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor/farm.

**Best Three Females and Junior Best Three:** All three (3) animals bred and owned by one exhibitor/farm.

**Dam and Daughter:** Both females must be entered and shown in respective classes. Animals may be owned by more than one (1) exhibitor.

**Breeders Herd of Five Females:** Group to consist of five (5) females of which two (2) must be over 2-Years of age, two (2) under 2-Years of age, and one (1) any age. All owned by exhibitor with at least three (3) bred by exhibitor.

**Produce of Dam:** Group consisting of two (2) animals, any age, the produce of one (1) cow. The dam must be named. Animals need not both be owned by exhibitor.

## CLASSES

**Division 0401 – Ayrshire** *\*Note: This show is an All-American Qualifying Show.*

| Class | Class Description | Open Class | Land of Lincoln Offered* |
|-------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|
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|                                    |                                                                    |     |   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---|
| Spring Heifer Calf                 | Born on or after Mar. 1, 2026, must be 4 months of age at show day | 001 | * |
| Winter Heifer Calf                 | Born between Dec. 1, 2025, and last day of Feb. 2026               | 002 | * |
| Fall Heifer Calf                   | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                             | 003 | * |
| Summer Yearling Heifer             | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                              | 004 | * |
| Spring Yearling Heifer             | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                               | 005 | * |
| Winter Yearling Heifer             | Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025               | 006 | * |
| Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk) | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024                             | 007 | * |
| Junior Best Three Females          | Born after Sept. 1, 2024                                           | 008 | * |
| Summer Junior 2-Year-Old Cow       | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024                              | 009 | * |
| Junior 2-Year-Old Cow              | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024                               | 010 | * |
| Senior 2-Year-Old Cow              | Born between Sept. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024              | 011 | * |
| Junior 3-Year-Old Cow              | Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023                              | 012 | * |
| Senior 3-Year-Old Cow              | Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023              | 013 | * |
| 4-Year-Old Cow                     | Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022                      | 014 | * |
| 5-Year-Old Cow                     | Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021                      | 015 | * |
| 6-Year Cow                         | Born before Sept. 1, 2020                                          | 016 | * |
| Dairy Herd                         |                                                                    | 017 | * |
| Produce of Dam                     |                                                                    | 018 | * |
| Dam and Daughter                   |                                                                    | 019 | * |
| Senior Best Three Females          |                                                                    | 020 | * |

*The following awards will be given in the Ayrshire Division: Best Udder of Class for Summer Junior 2-Year Cow, Junior 2-Year Cow, Senior 2-Year Cow, Junior 3-Year Cow, Senior 3-Year Cow, 4-Year Cow, 5-Year Cow, 6-Year Cow and Over.*

**Division 0402 – Brown Swiss** *\*Note: This show is an All-American Qualifying Show*

| Class                              | Class Description                                                  | Open Class | Land of Lincoln Offered* |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Spring Heifer Calf                 | Born on or after Mar. 1, 2026, must be 4 months of age at show day | 001        | *                        |
| Winter Heifer Calf                 | Born between Dec. 1, 2025, and last day of Feb. 2026               | 002        | *                        |
| Fall Heifer Calf                   | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                             | 003        | *                        |
| Summer Yearling Heifer             | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                              | 004        | *                        |
| Spring Yearling Heifer             | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                               | 005        | *                        |
| Winter Yearling Heifer             | Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025               | 006        | *                        |
| Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk) | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024                             | 007        | *                        |
| Junior Best Three Females          | Born after Sept. 1, 2024                                           | 008        | *                        |
| Yearling in Milk                   | Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024                             | 009        | *                        |
| Summer Junior 2-Year Cow           | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024                              | 010        | *                        |
| Junior 2-Year Cow                  | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024                               | 011        | *                        |
| Senior 2-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024              | 012        | *                        |
| Junior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023                              | 013        | *                        |
| Senior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023              | 014        | *                        |
| 4-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022                      | 015        | *                        |
| 5-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021                      | 016        | *                        |
| Aged Cow                           | Born before Sept. 1, 2020                                          | 017        | *                        |

|                           |                                                                       |     |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---|
| Component Merit Cow       | Lifetime production of at least 7500 lbs. of combined fat and protein | 018 | * |
| Produce of Dam            |                                                                       | 019 | * |
| Senior Best Three Females |                                                                       | 020 | * |

*The following awards will be given in the Brown Swiss Division: Best Udder of Class Awards for Yearling in Milk, Summer Junior 2-Year Cow, Junior 2-Year Cow, Senior 2-Year Cow, Junior 3-Year Cow, Senior 3-Year Cow, 4-Year Cow, 5-Year Cow, Aged Cow.*

**Division 0403 – Guernsey** \*Note: This show is an All-American Qualifying Show

| Class                              | Class Description                                                  | Open Class | Land of Lincoln Class |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Spring Heifer Calf                 | Born on or after Mar. 1, 2026, must be 4 months of age at show day | 001        | *                     |
| Winter Heifer Calf                 | Born between Dec. 1, 2025, and last day of Feb. 2026               | 002        | *                     |
| Fall Heifer Calf                   | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                             | 003        | *                     |
| Summer Yearling Heifer             | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                              | 004        | *                     |
| Spring Yearling Heifer             | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                               | 005        | *                     |
| Winter Yearling Heifer             | Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025               | 006        | *                     |
| Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk) | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024                             | 007        | *                     |
| Junior Best Three Females          | Born after Sept. 1, 2024                                           | 008        | *                     |
| Yearling in Milk                   | Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024                             | 009        | *                     |
| Summer Junior 2-Year Cow           | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024                              | 010        | *                     |
| Junior 2-Year Cow                  | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024                               | 011        | *                     |
| Senior 2-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024              | 012        | *                     |
| Junior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023                              | 013        | *                     |
| Senior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023              | 014        | *                     |
| 4-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022                      | 015        | *                     |
| 5-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021                      | 016        | *                     |
| 6-Year Cow and Over                | Born before Sept. 1, 2020                                          | 017        | *                     |
| Breeder's Herd of Five Females     |                                                                    | 018        | *                     |
| Produce of Dam                     |                                                                    | 019        | *                     |
| Senior Best Three Females          |                                                                    | 020        | *                     |

*The following awards will be given in the Guernsey Division: Best Udder of Class Awards for Senior Yearling in Milk, Summer Junior 2-Year Cow, Junior 2-Year Cow, Senior 2-Year Cow, Junior 3-Year Cow, Senior 3-Year Cow, 4-Year Cow, 5-Year Cow, 6-Year Cow and Over.*

**Division 0404 – Holstein**

| Class              | Class Description                                                  | Open Class | Land of Lincoln Class |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Spring Heifer Calf | Born on or after Mar. 1, 2026, must be 4 months of age at show day | 001        | *                     |

|                                      |                                                       |     |   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|---|
| Winter Heifer Calf                   | Born between Dec. 1, 2025, and last day of Feb. 2026  | 002 | * |
| Fall Heifer Calf                     | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                | 003 | * |
| Summer Yearling Heifer               | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                 | 004 | * |
| Spring Yearling Heifer               | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                  | 005 | * |
| Winter Yearling Heifer               | Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025  | 006 | * |
| Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)   | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024                | 007 | * |
| Junior Best Three Females            | Born after Sept. 1, 2024                              | 008 | * |
| Summer Junior 2-Year Cow             | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024                 | 009 | * |
| Spring Junior 2-Year Cow             | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024                  | 010 | * |
| Senior 2-Year Cow                    | Born between Sept. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024 | 011 | * |
| Junior 3-Year Cow                    | Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023                 | 012 | * |
| Senior 3-Year Cow                    | Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023 | 013 | * |
| 4-Year Cow                           | Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022         | 014 | * |
| 5-Year Cow                           | Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021         | 015 | * |
| 6-Year Cow and Over                  | Born before Sept. 1, 2020                             | 016 | * |
| 125,000 lbs. Lifetime Production Cow |                                                       | 017 | * |
| Produce of Dam                       |                                                       | 018 | * |
| Senior Best Three Females            |                                                       | 019 | * |

*The following awards will be given in the Holstein Division: Best Udder of Class Awards for Yearling in Milk, Summer Junior 2-Year Cow, Spring Junior 2-Year Cow, Senior 2-Year Cow, Junior 3-Year Cow, Senior 3-Year Cow, 4-Year Cow, 5-Year Cow, 6-Year Cow and Over*

#### **Division 0405 – Jersey**

| <b>Class</b>                       | <b>Class Description</b>                                           | <b>Open Class</b> | <b>Land of Lincoln Class</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Spring Heifer Calf                 | Born on or after Mar. 1, 2026, must be 4 months of age at show day | 001               | *                            |
| Winter Heifer Calf                 | Born between Dec. 1, 2025, and last day of Feb. 2026               | 002               | *                            |
| Fall Heifer Calf                   | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                             | 003               | *                            |
| Summer Yearling Heifer             | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                              | 004               | *                            |
| Spring Yearling Heifer             | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                               | 005               | *                            |
| Winter Yearling Heifer             | Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025               | 006               | *                            |
| Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk) | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024                             | 007               | *                            |
| Junior Best Three Females          | Born after Sept. 1, 2024                                           | 008               | *                            |
| Winter Yearling in Milk            | Born after Sept. 1, 2024                                           | 009               | *                            |
| Summer Junior 2-Year Cow           | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024                              | 010               | *                            |
| Spring Junior 2-Year Cow           | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024                               | 011               | *                            |
| Senior 2-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024              | 012               | *                            |
| Junior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023                              | 013               | *                            |
| Senior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023              | 014               | *                            |
| 4-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022                      | 015               | *                            |
| 5-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021                      | 016               | *                            |
| 6-Year Cow and Over                | Born before Sept. 1, 2020                                          | 017               | *                            |
| Breeder's Herd of Five Females     |                                                                    | 018               | *                            |
| Senior Best Three Females          |                                                                    | 019               | *                            |

*The following awards will be given in the Jersey Division: Best Udder of Class Awards for Senior Yearling in Milk, Summer Junior 2-Year Cow, Spring Junior 2-Year Cow, Senior 2-Year Cow, Junior 3-Year Cow, Senior 3-Year Cow, 4-Year Cow, 5-Year Cow, 6-Year Cow and Over.*

**Division 0406 – Milking Shorthorn** *\*Note: This show is an All-American Qualifying Show*

| <b>Class</b>                       | <b>Class Description</b>                                           | <b>Open Class</b> | <b>Land of Lincoln Class</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Spring Heifer Calf                 | Born on or after Mar. 1, 2026, must be 4 months of age at show day | 001               | *                            |
| Winter Heifer Calf                 | Born between Dec. 1, 2025, and last day of Feb. 2026               | 002               | *                            |
| Fall Heifer Calf                   | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                             | 003               | *                            |
| Summer Yearling Heifer             | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                              | 004               | *                            |
| Spring Yearling Heifer             | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                               | 005               | *                            |
| Winter Yearling Heifer             | Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025               | 006               | *                            |
| Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk) | Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024                             | 007               | *                            |
| Junior Best Three Females          | Born after Sept. 1, 2024                                           | 008               | *                            |
| Summer Junior 2-Year Cow           | Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024                              | 009               | *                            |
| Junior 2-Year Cow                  | Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024                               | 010               | *                            |
| Senior 2-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024              | 011               | *                            |
| Junior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023                              | 012               | *                            |
| Senior 3-Year Cow                  | Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023              | 013               | *                            |
| 4-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022                      | 014               | *                            |
| 5-Year Cow                         | Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021                      | 015               | *                            |
| Aged Cow                           | Born before Sept. 1, 2020                                          | 016               | *                            |
| Dairy Herd                         |                                                                    | 017               | *                            |
| Produce of Dam                     |                                                                    | 018               | *                            |
| Senior Best Three Females          |                                                                    | 019               | *                            |

*The following awards will be given in the Milking Shorthorn Division: Best Udder of Class for Yearling in Milk, Summer Junior 2-Year-Cow, Junior 2-Year Cow, Senior 2-Year Cow, Junior 3-Year Cow, Senior 3-Year Cow, 4-Year Cow, 5-Year Cow, and Aged Cow.*