

# 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) and \$10.00/head (manure). 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, 2025. Fees will not be refunded. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2025, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

#### Notice to Exhibitors

Beginning in 2025, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag), and the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

#### **Animal Processing:**

Stalls Available	Sunday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.
Animals in place by:	
Ayrshire, Guernsey & Jersey	Monday, August 11, 9:00 p.m.
Holstein, Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorn	Tuesday, August 12, 9:00 a.m.
Ring Cards Issued	At Check-in
Exhibitor Meeting	Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m. (Livestock Center)
Animals Released:	
Out-of-State	Saturday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.
Ayrshire, Guernsey & Jersey	Saturday, August 16, 2:00 p.m.
Holstein, Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorn	Saturday, August 16, 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 10. 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 for announcements.

### **Thursday, August 14**

- 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 15**

- 8:00 a.m. – Holstein Cows, followed by Heifers
- 2:00 p.m. – Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorn Cows, followed by Heifers (alternating breeds)

### **Saturday, August 16**

- 12:00 p.m. – 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. An rRT-PCR test for Influenza A virus (IAV) on milk from lactating dairy cattle exhibiting at the Illinois State Fair shall be conducted prior to livestock arriving on the fairgrounds. The animals must be sampled no more than seven (7) days prior to the date of arrival and a negative test record must be presented to Department staff.
3. Exhibitors may stall animals in the Open or Junior Dairy Barns.
4. Junior and Open Show registration/check-in will be conducted simultaneously in stalls.
5. 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.
6. Proof of ownership must be evidenced by ownership prior to show and be presented for inspection by State Fair personnel or Dairy Superintendent.
7. 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.
8. Entries in the cow classes may or may not be in milk; however, all animals in milk must show in cow classes.
9. Due to limited time and space for cattle judging, the Open Class and Land of Lincoln Class are considered as one show and judged at the same time. The only exception will be in Championship Classes.
10. Grooming tents in the 25 Barn Series must be no larger than 10'x10', located in the center of the barn, and aisles must be preserved wide enough for people and wheelbarrow passage.
11. Exhibitors and grooms must be properly attired in the showring. 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.
12. All exhibitors are required to wear a show harness while exhibiting their animal.

13. 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**

**Awards:** In each of the breeds listed the following awards will be given: Junior Champion & Reserve Female, Intermediate Champion & Reserve Female, Senior Champion & Reserve Female, Grand & Reserve Champion Female, Premiere Breeder Award, and Premiere Exhibitor Award.

**Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Females:** An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of each of the Land of Lincoln Show Grand Champion Females of each breed at the 2025 Illinois State Fair.

**Premiere Herdsman Award:** An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Premiere Herdsman of the 2025 Illinois State Fair. 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> places will be declared the winner.

**Supreme Champion Heifer and Female Over All Breeds:** The Grand Champion Heifers and Females of each breed will compete for Overall Grand Champion on Saturday, August 17, at 12:00 p.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 at the 2025 Illinois State Fair. 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 at the 2025 Illinois State Fair.

<b>Class Description</b>	<b>Open Class</b>	<b>Land of Lincoln Class</b>
Supreme Champion Heifer	\$250	\$125
Supreme Champion Female	\$500	\$250

**Best Udder of Class:** The top two (2) Best Uddered animals from milking classes in the Land of Lincoln Show will be recognized with ribbons and the following:

<b>Breed</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Ayrshire	\$30	\$20
Brown Swiss	\$15	\$13
Guernsey	\$20	\$15
Holstein	\$25	\$19
Jersey	\$32	\$27
Milking Shorthorn	\$10	\$5

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

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Class Description</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey & Milking Shorthorns	Junior Champion	\$25
	Intermediate Champion	\$50
	Senior Champion	\$50
	Grand Champion	\$75
Holstein	Junior Champion	\$50
	Junior Reserve Champion	\$50
	Intermediate Champion	\$50
	Intermediate Reserve Champion	\$50
	Senior Champion	\$50
	Senior Reserve Champion	\$50
	Grand Champion	\$100
	Reserve Grand Champion	\$50

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Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey & Milking Shorthorns	Junior Champion	\$25
	Intermediate Champion	\$50
	Senior Champion	\$50
	Grand Champion	\$75
Holstein	Junior Champion	\$100
	Junior Reserve Champion	\$50
	Intermediate Champion	\$100
	Intermediate Reserve Champion	\$50
	Senior Champion	\$100
	Senior Reserve Champion	\$50
	Grand Champion	\$150
	Reserve Grand Champion	\$75
Jersey	Junior Champion	\$60
	Junior Reserve Champion	\$50
	Intermediate Champion	\$80
	Intermediate Reserve Champion	\$65
	Senior Champion	\$80
	Senior Reserve Champion	\$65
	Grand Champion	\$80
	Reserve Grand Champion	\$65

## 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 to consist 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*
Spring Heifer Calf	Born on or after Mar. 1, 2025, must be 4 months of age at show day	01	*
Winter Heifer Calf	Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025	02	*
Fall Heifer Calf	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024	03	*
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	04	*
Spring Yearling Heifer	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024	05	*
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born between Dec. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024	06	*
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2023	07	*
Junior Best Three Females	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	08	*
Summer Junior 2-Year-Old Cow	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	09	*
Junior 2-Year-Old Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2023	10	*
Senior 2-Year-Old Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023	11	*
Junior 3-Year-Old Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2022	12	*
Senior 3-Year-Old Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and last day of Feb. 2022	13	*
4-Year-Old Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021	14	*
5-Year-Old Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2019, and Aug. 31, 2020	15	*
6-Year Cow	Born before Sept. 1, 2019	16	*
Dairy Herd		17	*
Produce of Dam		18	*
Dam and Daughter		19	*
Senior Best Three Females		20	*

*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, 2025, must be 4 months of age at show day	01	*

Winter Heifer Calf	Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025	02	*
Fall Heifer Calf	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024	03	*
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	04	*
Spring Yearling Heifer	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024	05	*
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born between Dec. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024	06	*
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2023	07	*
Junior Best Three Females	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	08	*
Yearling in Milk	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023	09	*
Summer Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	10	*
Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2023	11	*
Senior 2-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023	12	*
Junior 3-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2022	13	*
Senior 3-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and last day of Feb. 2022	14	*
4-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021	15	*
5-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2019, and Aug. 31, 2020	16	*
Aged Cow	Born before Sept. 1, 2019	17	*
Component Merit Cow	Lifetime production of at least 7500 lbs. of combined fat and protein	18	*
Produce of Dam		19	*
Senior Best Three Females		20	*

*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, 2025, must be 4 months of age at show day	01	*
Winter Heifer Calf	Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025	02	*
Fall Heifer Calf	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024	03	*
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	04	*
Spring Yearling Heifer	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024	05	*
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born between Dec. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024	06	*
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2023	07	*
Junior Best Three Females	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	08	*
Yearling in Milk	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023	09	*
Summer Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	10	*
Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2023	11	*
Senior 2-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023	12	*
Junior 3-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2022	13	*
Senior 3-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and last day of Feb. 2022	14	*
4-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021	15	*
5-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2019, and Aug. 31, 2020	16	*
6-Year Cow and Over	Born before Sept. 1, 2019	17	*
Breeder's Herd of Five Females		18	*

Produce of Dam	19	*
Senior Best Three Females	20	*

*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, 2025, must be 4 months of age at show day	01	*
Winter Heifer Calf	Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025	02	*
Fall Heifer Calf	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024	03	*
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	04	*
Spring Yearling Heifer	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024	05	*
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born between Dec. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024	06	*
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2023	07	*
Junior Best Three Females	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	08	*
Yearling in Milk	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023	09	*
Summer Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	10	*
Spring Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2023	11	*
Senior 2-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023	12	*
Junior 3-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2022	13	*
Senior 3-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and last day of Feb. 2022	14	*
4-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021	15	*
5-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2019, and Aug. 31, 2020	16	*
6-Year Cow and Over	Born before Sept. 1, 2019	17	*
125,000 lbs. Lifetime Production Cow		18	*
Produce of Dam		19	*
Senior Best Three Females		20	*

*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**

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Spring Heifer Calf	Born on or after Mar. 1, 2025, must be 4 months of age at show day	01	*
Winter Heifer Calf	Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025	02	*
Fall Heifer Calf	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024	03	*
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	04	*
Spring Yearling Heifer	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024	05	*
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born between Dec. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024	06	*

Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2023	07	*
Junior Best Three Females	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	08	*
Winter Yearling in Milk	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	09	*
Summer Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	10	*
Spring Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2023	11	*
Senior 2-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023	12	*
Junior 3-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2022	13	*
Senior 3-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and last day of Feb. 2022	14	*
4-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021	15	*
5-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2019, and Aug. 31, 2020	16	*
6-Year Cow and Over	Born before Sept. 1, 2019	17	*
Breeder's Herd of Five Females		18	*
Senior Best Three Females		19	*

*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

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Spring Heifer Calf	Born on or after Mar. 1, 2025, must be 4 months of age at show day	01	*
Winter Heifer Calf	Born between Dec. 1, 2024, and last day of Feb. 2025	02	*
Fall Heifer Calf	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024	03	*
Summer Yearling Heifer	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	04	*
Spring Yearling Heifer	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2024	05	*
Winter Yearling Heifer	Born between Dec. 1, 2023, and last day of Feb. 2024	06	*
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)	Born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2023	07	*
Junior Best Three Females	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	08	*
Yearling in Milk	Born after Sept. 1, 2023	09	*
Summer Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	10	*
Junior 2-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2023	11	*
Senior 2-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2022, and last day of Feb. 2023	12	*
Junior 3-Year Cow	Born between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, 2022	13	*
Senior 3-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2021, and last day of Feb. 2022	14	*
4-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021	15	*
5-Year Cow	Born between Sept. 1, 2019, and Aug. 31, 2020	16	*
Aged Cow	Born before Sept. 1, 2019	17	*
Dairy Herd		18	*
Produce of Dam		19	*
Senior Best Three Females		20	*

*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.*