

**2025 Open Class Dairy Rules, Regulations, and Letter**

June 2025

Hello Dairy Enthusiasts,

The 2025 Open Class Dairy Show is right around the corner, here are some reminders and updates to this year’s show!

* Open class Dairy can arrive on Friday, July 25th any time after 1:00pm, feel free to come and bed stalls any time after 9:00am on Friday, we ask that no cattle or cattle trailers arrive prior to 1pm, due to the 4-H Auction. All cattle must be on the fairgrounds by 8:00pm on Friday, July 25, 2025.
* Show begins at 9:30am sharp on Saturday July 26th.
* Must be checked in by 8:30p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025.
* We will be using the Showman App for entries, show books, and live results.
  + <https://link.userlistmail.com/c/1da50b97633ada2705d3476f7a17bcd641374160bf892141ac45d4866806d244269c2cabf873090c4b10c8e8c81240a87b5233be31c5adcd20c6ffcd0a2a0c1a25178cd544b88ca2ab06d183f3c64bc71a085a7887339f226d079f4ac56ac6d04741d39bdf90e5d1a884d7f6231c287eb8bbeed696c8678be240bb0f176dd65d>
  + The link above is for both Dairy and Beef shows – please make sure to select the appropriate show. Also listed below is a QR code of the link.
* Group classes no longer have an additional entry fee, but animal must be exhibited in a prior class
* Animals will be released after the completion of Supreme Champion
* Premium checks will be mailed after the fair
* Please turn in your farm/family entry forms to the below address by Monday July 21st, 2025

Dubuque County Fair Association

Attn: Alison Kruse

14569 Old Highway Rd

Dubuque, IA 52002

* If there are any changes to your entries, please let one of us know by 8pm on Friday, July 25th

The Dairy committee consists of Alison Kruse, Alex Waller, Amanda Gaul, and Ann Schuster. Please reach out to any committee member with questions or concerns regarding the show. The Fair Office will be happy to assist if a committee member is unavailable.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Alison Kruse – (563) 451-9810

Alex Waller- (563) 590-8191

Amanda Gaul – (563) 599-1403

Ann Schuster – (563) 543-4673

**2025 Dubuque County Fair’s Open Class Dairy Show Rules & Regulations**

Chairperson’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alex Waller & Alison Kruse

Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Amanda Gaul & Ann Schuster

Judging Time\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9:30 A.M. Saturday, July 26, 2025

Judges\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jason James and TJ Wingert

1. Entries are due by Monday, July 21st at 4:30 p.m.
2. Entries can be made online OR by requesting blank entry forms and mailed to the Dubuque County Fairgrounds.
3. Exhibitors are able to purchase tickets for a discounted price as long purchased before July 21st, 2025.
4. Parking passes are available, we ask you to be courteous when parking in the lot.
5. There will be no parking on the top row of the 4H/Livestock Parking lot
6. Entry Fees are as follows: $10.00 entry fee per animal per individual animal classes
7. Group classes will not have an entry fee, however animals must be exhibited in a prior class.
8. Registration certificates and health must be available upon request of committee members.
9. Cows twenty-four months old or older to be eligible to show must have produced a calf carried to maturity within 18 months preceding the show.
10. Ownership of Animals: Unless otherwise specified, to be eligible for competition whether single or in a group, animals must be bona fide property and owned by the exhibitor to the time entries close. Registry or transfer certificates showing the exhibitor to be owner must be +presented upon demand. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in all classes, to which they are eligible, in one partner’s name, and must be shown under the same ownership in each class.
11. Unnamed entries will not be accepted in the individual classes. Animals to compose a competitive group need not be named at time entries are made, but must be entered and shown in individual classes and a name and registration number of each animal given to the ring clerk when the group is shown. Dams in “Produce of Dam” classes to be named at time of making entry.
12. Animals shown as bred by Exhibitor must be recorded with the record Association. Those bought in dam cannot be shown as bred by exhibitor.
13. No animals will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall and exhibited in the show ring
14. Exhibitors must keep their stall open and stock uncovered from 8:00am to 10:00pm, during each day of exhibition
15. Exhibitors must keep the space in the rear of their stall clean and clear of all litter.
16. All animals exhibited must all requirements of Livestock for Exhibition in the State of Iowa as it appears on the Iowaagriculture.gov website
17. No exhibitor shall be permitted to win more than two prizes in one class
18. No clipping of dairy animals in the milking area.
19. Please no carry ins, contact the DCFA with questions or concerns.
20. No removal of cattle until the completion of the Open Dairy Show.
21. All animals will be checked in by committee members and health papers need to be available upon check in. Check-In will occur on Friday night!

The Dubuque County Open Dairy Show Committee reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.

**2025 Dubuque County Fair’s Open Class Dairy Show Classes**

All classes open to all exhibitors

Below is class listings, please use class number on registration form

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| Class # | Class name | Birthdates of Animal |
| 1 | Spring Heifer calf | Mar 1, 2025- May 31, 2025 |
| 2 | Winter Heifer Calf | Dec 1, 2024 - Feb 29, 2025 |
| 3 | Fall Heifer Calf | Sept 1, 2024 - Nov 30, 2024 |
| 4 | Summer Yearling Heifer | June 1, 2024 - Aug 31, 2024 |
| 5 | Spring Yearling Heifer | Mar 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024 |
| 6 | Winter Yearling Heifer | Dec 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2024 |
| 7 | Fall Yearling Heifer | Sep 1, 2023 - Nov 30, 2023 |
| 8 | Junior Best Three Females | Bred and owned by exhibitor |
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| 9 | Yearling Heifer in Milk | Born after August 31, 2023 |
| 10 | Summer Jr 2 year old Cow | June 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2023 |
| 11 | Junior 2 year old Cow | Mar 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023 |
| 12 | Senior 2 year old Cow | Sept 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2023 |
| 13 | Junior 3 year old Cow | Mar 1, 2022 - Aug 31, 2022 |
| 14 | Senior 3 year old Cow | Sep 1, 2021 - Feb 28, 2022 |
| 15 | Four year old Cow | Sept 1, 2020 - Aug 31, 2021 |
| 16 | Five year old Cow | Sept 1, 2019 - Aug 31, 2020 |
| 17 | Aged Cow | Born before Sept 1, 2019 |
| 18 | Senior Best Three Females | Group must consist of all senior age animals, all bred by exhibitor, exhibitor must be owner of at least one group |
| 19 | Produce of Dam | Two females which are the produce of one cow |
| 20 | Daughter-Dam | Cow and daughter pair |
|  | Top Bred & Owned by exhibitor | From classes 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 |

**2025 Dubuque County Fair’s Open Class Dairy Show Premium’s**

Division 100 – Ayrshire Division 400 – Holstein

Division 200 – Brown Swiss Division 500 – Jersey

Division 300 – Guernsey Division 600 – Milking Shorthorn

**Placement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1st 2nd 3rd**

Class 1: Spring Heifer Calf………………………..… $15 $12 $10

Class 2: Winter Heifer Calf……………………….….$15 $12 $10

Class 3: Fall Heifer Calf……………………………..….$15 $12 $10

Class 4: Summer Yearling Heifer………………….$15 $12 $10

Class 5: Spring Yearling Heifer………………….…$15 $12 $10

Class 6: Winter Yearling Heifer……………………$15 $12 $10

Class 7: Fall Yearling Heifer…………………..…….$15 $12 $10

Class 8: Junior Best Three Females……….…….$18 $15 $12

Junior Champion and Reserve…………….………$50 $25

Supreme Junior Champion and Reserve …….$50 $25

Class 9: Yearling Heifer in Milk…………..….…..$18 $15 $12

Class 10: Summer Jr 2 yr old Cow………..…….$18 $15 $12

Class 11: Junior 2 yr old Cow……………….…….$18 $15 $12

Class 12: Senior 2 yr old Cow………………….…$18 $15 $12

Class 13: Junior 3 yr old Cow……………….…….$18 $15 $12

Class 14: Senior 3 yr old Cow………………….…$18 $15 $12

Intermediate Champion and Reserve……………………….Ribbon

Class 15: Four yr old Cow……………………..…..$18 $15 $12

Class 16: Five yr old Cow…………………….…….$18 $15 $12

Class 17: Aged Cow…………………………..………$18 $15 $12

Class 18: Senior Best Three Females….…….$20 $18 $15

Class 19: Produce of Dam………………………..$20 $18 $15

Class 20: Daughter Dam…………………………..$20 $18 $15

Senior Champion and Reserve………………………………….Ribbon

Grand Champion and Reserve…………………$100 $50

Top Bred & Owned ………………………………………………….Banner

Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve…$100 $50

**2025 Dubuque County Fair Open Class**

**Dairy Entry Form**

Exhibitors are eligible to purchase 4 booklets of tickets as needed for a discounted price as long as they are purchased before Monday, July 21st and a total of 3 Open Class Special Parking Pass for $10.00 each prior to the opening date of the Dubuque County Fair.

All entries must be made on or before the date specified in the premium list. A check covering the cost of the exhibitor’s tickets, parking and entry fee must accompany the entry blank.

Mail all Open Class entries: Dubuque County Fair

Attn: Alison Kruse

14569 Old Highway Rd

Dubuque, IA 52002

(563) 588-1406

Farm/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Head: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please reserve the following:**

Open class tickets: \_\_\_\_\_\_ x $7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Open class parking: \_\_\_\_\_\_ x $10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Entries per individual class: \_\_\_\_\_\_ x $10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tack Stalls: $2.00 per stall: \_\_\_\_\_\_ x $2.00 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Heifers are given 1 stall and Cows are allotted 2 stalls when stalling, do not count towards tack)

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**