

DAIRY STEERS

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Division Rules & Regulations: The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance only from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed MCE Volunteers/FFA Advisors.

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
2. **Entries:** Entries will be received beginning at 7 am on Thursday, August 24th in the Cow Palace. **All animals must be in place by 1:00 pm on Thursday, August 24th.** Exhibitors must remain in the stalls assigned to them by the Superintendent. Tack/Decor must be in place by 8:00 am, Friday, August 25th. Refer to "Schedule of Events" and "4-H/FFA Exhibit Entry Information" for additional information. **DO NOT BRING ANIMALS, TACK/DECOR BEFORE THURSDAY**

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due **July 31ST**. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed online through the entry system at time of registration. Reminder you must have completed your Quality Assurance to be able to exhibit your animals. Check with your county to make sure you are up to date with this requirement.

3. **Ownership:** All Feeder Dairy Steer animals exhibited must be owned, registered and tagged and weighed with a Maryland 4-H tag in the Exhibitor's name only by June 1 of the current year and be under one year of age. All Market Dairy Steers must be owned by January 1st. **ALL MARKET DAIRY STEERS MUST BE BORN AFTER JANUARY 1 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. (TO SHOW IN 2017 – MUST BE BORN AFTER Jan 1, 2016).**
4. Steers will be weighed, Thursday, August 24th immediately following beef steers and must be tagged with a MD 4-H Livestock Tag. Superintendents may at their discretion, break or combine classes.
5. **The Dairy Steer Show will be held Saturday, August 26th at 8:30am.**
6. **Herdsmanship** - Special recognition will be given to the counties maintaining the most attractive and neatest pens and aisles. The total number of counties will be divided into two groups and an award presented to each group. The Herdsmanship contest will be combined with the Dairy department contest.
7. The Grand Champion Dairy Steer must be sold through the Livestock Sale. In order to sell your animal at the Livestock Sale, it must make a Daily Rate of Gain of 1.8 pounds. Please see 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale Rules found in Division X, Section XIV for additional information. Exhibitors are limited to a maximum of two species in the Livestock Sale.
8. **ORIENTATION – FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2017 – 6:00 PM – COW PALACE**

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Additional information will follow this summer in the 4-H Dairy Steer Exhibitor Letter. Any information in the 4-H Dairy Steer Exhibitor Letter will take precedence over any wording that is in the premium book.
2. Refer to "4-H and FFA Showmanship Regulations" for additional information. **Dairy attire will apply to Dairy Steers.**
3. **Awards:** A Champion will be selected and will receive a rosette and trophy.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE	DAIRY STEERS		1 st Place	2 nd – 20 th Place
	Classes			
	A51	Fitting & Showmanship Classes	\$20	\$15
	A52	Feeder Dairy Steer Classes – Under 600 Pounds	\$35	\$25
	A53	Feeder Dairy Steer Classes – 600 to 999 Pounds	\$35	\$25
	A54	Market Dairy Steer Class – 1000 Pounds and Above	\$35	\$25
	A100	Educational Display – <i>No premiums will be paid for this class.</i>		
	A55	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Jr Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette</i>		
	A56	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Sr Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette</i>		
	A57	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Grand Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette</i>		
	A58	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion Dairy Steer – Rosette</i>		
	A59	<i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Reserve Champion Dairy Steer – Rosette</i>		

GRAND CHAMPION AWARD

- A Deck Chair will be presented to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion Dairy Steer, *sponsored by Café Hon in memory of Lynne Norris.*
- A Belt Buckle will be presented to the Champion Fitting & Showing, *sponsored by Café Hon in memory of Thomas Graziano.*