2024 Trumbull County 4-H Dairy Project Guidelines

Checklist for Dairy Projects:

☐ Enroll in 4-H by **Monday, April 1, 2024** (online enrollment for existing families, paper enrollment for new families) Parents must sign conduct/guideline form.

☐ **In 2022, the dairy project books merged into one book #127. Please note that depending on the animal(s) age, members must enroll Members must complete a new project book each year:**
   o 127CA- Dairy Calf (Spring, Winter, Fall Calves)
   o 127HE- Dairy Heifer (Yearling-Age; Summer, Spring, Winter & Fall Yearlings)
   o 127CO-Dairy Cow (In-milk)
   o 127R Dairy Resource Handbook ($20)
   o Supplemental Resources: www.holsteinfoundation.org

☐ Read over revised county 2024 Dairy Rules & club rules available through club or online at www.trumbull.osu.edu >>4-H Youth Development>>Trumbull County Jr. Fair Forms: Rules & Registrations.

☐ Obtain and care for your calf/heifer/cow by **Monday, April 1, 2024**. Animal registrations and lease forms are due to the OSUE Office by this date.

☐ Cheese Basket Auction Registrations are due by **Monday, April 1, 2024** to OSUE Office. *Forms are found above with rules on county website.

☐ (Optional) Attend Dairy Palooza on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Mahoning County Fairgrounds.

☐ Attend Quality Assurance (QA). Two options offered in 2024. **In-Person QA**: **Saturday, April 13, 2024** from **9:00 am - 11:00 am** at the **Trumbull County Fairgrounds**. If a youth member is younger than 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must attend the quality assurance program with them**. Test-Out Option- Thursday, April 11, 2024** from 4:00-5:30 pm at the OSUE Office. (Ages 12 and up). You must RSVP for in-person, virtual or test-out option. You may attend another county's QA or a state accredited program. Must provide proof of attendance. Quality Assurance must be complete 45 days prior to the start of fair (by Friday, May 24, 2024).

☐ Attend Animal Project Judging on **Tuesday, June 4th** from **6:00-8:00 pm** at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. Make-up date is Saturday, June 22nd beginning at 9:00 am. All make-ups must pre-register via Qualtrics.

☐ **Ohio State Fair Entries: Due June 20, 2024**. Visit www.ohiostatefair.com/livestock for entries and competition information.

Special Notes:
- Participation in the Dairy Palooza can count for the youth's annual quality assurance training requirement.
- Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) will be completed electronically in 2024 via Qualtrics.
- Dairy Committee must be made aware of scratched or dropped classes at the time of fair check in if not before.

Project Information:
- Each family should have a copy of the 4-H Dairy Resource Book. Each member needs to complete the Dairy Cattle Project & Record Book.
- Members <u>must</u> complete project judging/skillathon for their respective project on June 4th in order to exhibit at the fair and receive 4-H credit for the year.
- Outstanding Dairy Project Awards are based on the following criteria with designated outstanding or alternate outstanding project animal:
    1. Project Judging/Skillathon Score (100 possible points)
    2. Showmanship Placing
        - 1st place- 100 pts
        - 2nd place- 80 pts
        - 3rd place- 60 pts
        - 4th place- 40 pts
        - 5th place- 20 pts
    3. Class Standing (same point value as showmanship above).
    4. 4. Hands-On Activity (100 possible points; completed at fair).
    *Members will declare their outstanding project and alternate designation at Animal Project Judging within project books- left side photo, outstanding project and right-side photo, alternative. Youth will fill out form at project judging with the correct project information.
- Dairy Production Award is open to any jr. exhibitor with a lactating dairy cow. Criteria to be scored upon includes: 1. Completion and quality of required dairy records 2. Written test score 3. Oral Interview. More information can be found in 2024 Dairy Rules.

Fair Information:
- Fair passes for members in good standing will be given to club advisor prior to the start of fair for distribution. You must turn in your ticket for a wristband at the Fair Board Office. The wristband is your admission pass for fair entry/exit throughout week.
- All exhibitors must check in and have animals in place at the Trumbull County Fair by **Monday, July 8th by 11:59 PM.**
- Hands-On Activity, required for the Outstanding Project Award will be held at **3:00 PM** on **Wednesday, July 10th** at the Dairy Barns.
- Dairy Production Written test will be held on **Wednesday, July 10th** directly following the hands-on activity.
- Junior Dairy Show- **Thursday, July 11, 2024** beginning at **9:30 am**. Showmanship classes will be held first, followed by spring calves and continuing by ascending order in age.
- All exhibitors must be dressed appropriately in black show pants, hard soled boots and a white shirt.
- All Dairy exhibitors are automatically entered into showmanship classes that are designated on registration form.
- Trumbull County Dairy Judging Contest: **Saturday, July 13** at **10:00 a.m**. in the dairy show arena. Registration begins at 9:30 am. (Date is subject to change; please confirm with advisor)
- The Trumbull County Dairy Cheese Auction will be held **Sunday, July 14** at **2:00 p.m**. in dairy show arena.