

SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR AND RODEO

Junior Replacement Dairy Heifers

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PROGRAM SPONSOR:

SPECIAL RULES

1. See General Livestock Rules
2. Health: Review General Livestock Rules
 - i. All sexually intact dairy cattle over 4 months of age are required to have a negative TB test. TB tests will be honored for 120 days prior to showing. USDA Accredited TB-Free Herd status will be recognized.
3. Calves must be owned by June 15, of the current year. County 4-H Agents and Vocational Agriculture Teachers will certify that this rule is being followed with identification when they sign the entry form.
4. Certification of birth date by original breeder or breed certificate of registration will be required for entry.
5. Entries in classes 6 and 7 must be declared certified pregnant at weigh in by a veterinarian or A.I technician by palpitation or ultrasound.
6. Heifers of any recognized dairy breed may be entered. Registration is not required but animals must show predominant breed characteristics.
7. An exhibitor may only show one heifer per class 1-7
8. All exhibitors of dairy heifers out of state must have certificates indicating that their heifers have had a negative TB test. Papers will be checked at gate prior to unloading .
9. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the first and second place entries in all classes
10. Junior Livestock Sale: Dairy cattle exhibitors will sell only one dairy heifer per exhibitor unless one exhibitor has both Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, in which case the exhibitor will be allowed to sell two heifers. A total of 10 market Dairy Heifers will sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale. *Dairy heifers will be sold on a premium basis. THERE WILL NOT BE A PACKER FOR DAIRY HEIFERS*

11. All exhibitors are responsible for the removal of their heifers at the conclusion of the Fair and will be released by county as the followed:

i. 12:00 PM: Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Bernalillo, and Socorro

ii. 1:00 PM: El Paso, Sierra, Otero, and Luna

iii. 2:00 PM: Dona Ana

12. All heifers must be dehorned.

13. CLASSES — Class placements will be split according to birthdates.

Class 1 Spring Heifer – Born March 1, 2023- May 31, 2023

Class 2 Winter Heifer – Born December 1, 2022- February 28, 2023

Class 3 Fall Heifer – Born September 1, 2022- November 30, 2022

Class 4 Summer Yearling Heifer – Born June 1,2022 – August 31,2022

Class 5 Spring Yearling Heifer – Born March 1, 2022- May 31,2022

Class 6 Winter Yearling Heifer – Born December 1,2021-February 28,2022 – Required to be confirmed pregnant

Class 7 Fall Yearling Heifer – Born September 1,2021- November 30,2021 – Required to be confirmed pregnant

14. Grand Reserve will be chosen according to the General Rules

15. There shall be NO feeding in the Bedding Area at any time

16. All heifers must be returned to the bedding area by 11:00 PM each night

SNMSFR Dairy Heifer Fitting Contest Rules

1. Contestants must bring their own UNCLIPPED heifer. All entries will be inspected to ensure no alteration or clipping has been done.
2. There will be two classes; Senior (15-19) and Junior classes (9-14). Age breaks will be determined by the exhibitors' age on September 1, of the current show year.
3. An entry fee of \$6 will be required by the entry deadline.
4. There is no talking allowed between contestants or family; this event is to be done 100% by the contestant, there should not be and will not be any intervention. **Intervention will be done in the event of equipment malfunction, or emergency and will be done by the superintendent or judges.**
5. This contest will be Wednesday of fair week, prior to the dairy show.
6. Contest will be begin at 12:00 PM and all contestants will be allowed 2 hours to compete, contest will end at 2:00 PM.
7. There will be a minimum of two judges; one judge will be the superintendent and the second will be a resource from outside the dairy cattle project — judges will be introduced prior to the contest.
8. Judges will be walking around watching contestants throughout duration of the contest.
9. There will be a first place in each class; senior champion and junior champion. Decisions will be made unanimously by judges JUDGING CRITERIA The purpose of this competition is for exhibitors to prepare their unclipped animal.

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The purpose of this competition is for exhibitors to prepare their unclipped animal to be SHOW READY for competition that evening following the clipping contest. Below is an example of judging criteria that will be looked at during the competition. Again, all contestants must be show ready by end of contest.

1. All heifers must be washed, blow dried, and clipped.
2. All heifers must be clipped evenly throughout, no high or low spots.
3. Entire heifer being cleaned of dirt or debris; face, hooves, ears, tail, etc.
4. Contestants in the Senior class WILL BE REQUIRED to complete the top line.
5. No changes can be done after the two hour mark is reached.

* Once contest is completed and awards have been given, contestants will be allowed to do final changes to be ready for the show.