

SNMSFR Dairy Heifer Fitting Contest Rules

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Check In: Tuesday of fair week 7am-12pm

Show: Tuesday of fair week – 1:00pm

****Entries Close 11pm First Friday of September****

Division Rules

See Junior Division General Livestock Rules.

All in-state junior livestock (cattle, sheep, goats and swine) showing at New Mexico Shows must have an NMLB APPROVED 840 tag and a Form 1 inspection issued by the NMLB before entering any county or state Fair. All out of state livestock must comply with New Mexico import requirements. The Form 1 inspection will be issued at the time the NMLB APPROVED tag is placed in the animal. The application of the tag will be done by the extension agent, FFA advisor or Fair personnel. The purpose of these requirements is to keep on file a record of animals that are commingled at Expos and shows. 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.

Entries:

The entry deadline is 11:00pm (mst) on the first Friday of September of the current year. Entries will only be accepted on-line through the Southern New Mexico State Fair website. The entry fee is \$6 per contestant.

Late Entry Fee: Late Entries will be accepted until September 15 of the current year with a late fee of \$25 per contestant. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ENTERED & PAID ONLINE.

Arrival:

Jr. Replacement Heifer entries must be on the grounds by 12pm on Tuesday of Fair week.

Contestants must bring an **UNCLIPPED** heifer (may be your own or borrowed, but cannot have been showed at NMSF). All entries will be inspected to ensure no alteration or clipping has been done.

Age breaks will be determined by the exhibitor's age on September 1, of the current show year.

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.**

This contest will be on the Tuesday of fair week, prior to the dairy show, beginning at 1:00 PM. All contestants will be allowed 2 hours to compete, the contest will end at 3:00 PM.

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. The judges will be walking around watching contestants throughout the duration of the contest.

There will be a first place in each class; senior champion and junior champion. Decisions will be made unanimously by judges JUDGING CRITERIA.

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The purpose of this competition is for exhibitors to prepare the 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 made after the two-hour mark is reached.

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

Classes

Class 1 - Junior (9-14 as of September 1)

Class 2 - Senior (15-19 as of September 1)

Awards

Champion of Show

Champion Junior.....Buckle

Champion Senior.....Buckle



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