

General Rules and Regulations

1. The State Fair of West Virginia reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters in regard thereto and to add to or amend them as they may deem advisable.
2. Upon the discovery of aberrant act or unseemly behavior (including consumption of alcohol) on the part of any exhibitor in the barn and in the public view, the Board of Directors, reserves the right to withhold payment of any prizes awarded, to prohibit any such party or parties from exhibiting for one or more years, to publish the names of any such person or persons may be deemed expedient, and to award a prize or prizes so withheld as though such exhibitor or exhibitors had not exhibited.
3. Advertisements by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc. on buildings, trees, posts, or on other places on the grounds will not be permitted, nor will anyone be permitted to distribute any advertising except from inside of booth and not in the aisles in front of same.
4. All animals exhibited must comply with the sanitary regulations of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, please reference page 5 for these.
5. Exhibits brought to the Fair without having previously being entered at the Fair Office on the Fairgrounds will not be accepted.
6. Personal cooking equipment, i.e., refrigerators, hot plates, grills, etc. and generators will **NOT** be permitted in the barn area. Please confine these to the campgrounds.
7. All exhibitors who do not maintain clean tack/stall space/and adjacent walkways **WILL** be penalized. Stalls must be fully free of debris before departure. Failure to comply will result in withholding of ALL premiums.
8. All fees including entry fees and fees for grooming chutes and stands **MUST** be paid for through the Entry Department. Failure to comply will result in forfeiting ability to show.
9. The same animal cannot compete for the premium of two (2) or more classes, except when otherwise stated in the notes of the department.
10. The SFWV reserves the right to have any animal inspected by the Superintendent, a veterinarian of its choice, or Animal Health Staff to diagnose contagious disease and to reject any unhealthy animal at any time during the fair.
11. Any exhibitor who requests either a late arrival time or an early dismissal must submit these requests in writing or by email to the Agricultural Competitions Manager by the 1st of August. Emails must be addressed to **entries@statefairfww.com**
12. **Dogs are NOT permitted.** All service dogs must be under the control of its handler via leash, harness, or tether at all times per ADA guidelines.
13. **All exhibitors must have reached their 7th birthday on or before the date of showing.**

DEADLINES

Online entries are due by Midnight Wednesday July 14th

Entry forms will be accepted beginning May 5th. Any entry forms received before May 5th or after July 14th will not be processed. No exception will be made.

Online entries will be accepted at www.statefairfww.com until 12 Midnight on July 14th.

Tickets

Tickets will be distributed to exhibitors based on the number of days they will be exhibiting. The number of allocated tickets can be found under each breed. 10 additional livestock tickets will be able to be purchased through the box office at a discounted rate that is TBA.

Judges and Judging

1. **The decision of the judge is final.**
2. Each livestock exhibitor is required to wear his/her entry identification number while in the judging ring.
3. Any attempt to influence or intimidate a judge, or any attempt whatsoever to decide or obtain a premium by misrepresentation, shall be reported at once to the Agricultural Competitions Manager, who shall order that exhibitor to be excluded from competition at the exhibition and any premium that may have been awarded shall be forfeited. This rule includes unethically fitted livestock.
4. No exhibitor shall act as judge in the department in which he or she exhibits.
5. **If any disrespect is shown to judges by an exhibitor, or members of their family or their agent, they shall forfeit all awards received and the Superintendent shall make a report of same to the Agricultural Competitions Manager.**

Stalls and Stall Assignments

Tampering with and/or changing barn space assigned by the department Superintendent is strictly prohibited. Stall space will be adjusted according to the number of animals brought.

Premiums

1. Premiums will not be awarded simply because the item is the best of its kind exhibited. The judge retains the right to refuse to award a premium of any kind.
2. If there is a class with no competition, the judge must sign a statement that the article is worthy of first place money: otherwise, a blue ribbon will be awarded but second money will be awarded.
3. No exhibitor shall be permitted to win more than two (2) premium monies in any one class
4. **Premiums will be paid according to the records turned in to the Fair office by superintendents, not by ribbons presented.**
5. **Failure to notify the Agricultural Competitions Manager within 30 days of receiving an incorrect check will void your right to a correction.**

Parking

All livestock parking will enter through Gate 5, Livestock Gate on 219 North. Due to limited parking, there will be a \$10.00 daily fee. Spots are first come first serve. All exhibitors will be issued a livestock exhibitor identification tag to be eligible to park on grounds. Identification tag must be visible to drop animals off only. Exhibitor must be present to purchase one (1) parking pass per vehicle. No overnight parking will be permitted. Stock trailers must be parked in designated areas, outside of the Main Fairgrounds.

IAFE CODE OF ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts, relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all

treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of the code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Safety

1. Fire Code and risk management policies do not allow cords or cables to be ran across aisle ways or travel lanes inside the barn.
2. Aisles must be kept clean at all times. Stalls, pens, and tack areas must be kept neat and clean. Grooming chutes, milking stands, etc. must be kept in designated areas only.
3. No butt fans will be allowed in the barn or near entrance ways. Please remember all fans must be suspended above the stalls in the barns.
4. All owners and those in charge of property of livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The SFWV will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
5. No smoking or vaping is permitted in the barns.
6. Aerosol cans are not permitted in show rings or make-up area.
7. In accordance with West Virginia ABC Board regulations. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on SFWV property is limited to designated areas of licensed vendors. The barns are not licensed areas.

WEST VIRGINIA FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT SALES HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2023

This is an official interpretation of regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the State Code of West Virginia. This applies to fairs, festivals and shows.

- All livestock imported into the State of West Virginia for fairs, festivals, and shows shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection approved by the livestock health official of the State of origin. A copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be forwarded to the Director of the Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and should be in his possession (5) five days prior to the arrival of livestock.
- Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI) is good for 30 days. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

Any animal showing signs of a potential infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to participate in the event.

- Note: Cattle and goats from other states with disease outbreaks may be required to secure a special permit from the Director of Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, phone number (304) 558-2214, before being admitted into West Virginia.

**ALL LIVESTOCK MUST MEET THE STATE OF DESTINATION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AS TO
MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS. SOME VARIATION IS FOUND IN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES.**

Official ID is a requirement for interstate movement for cattle, swine, sheep and goats.

FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE

All out-of-state cattle must be accompanied by an Official CVI with Official Identification listed. Health certificates are good for 30 days. Nursing Animals – move with Dam. No CVI is required but must be listed on dam's CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals, and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia: No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for tuberculosis.

From Other States:

1. From Brucellosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required.
2. From other than a Brucellosis Free State:
 - a. Official Brucellosis vaccinates under 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age from a herd not under brucellosis restrictions – No test required, or
 - b. Originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free herd – No test required, or
 - c. Complete herd test within one year before the show – No test required, or
 - d. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days. Nursing calves may be shown on the dam's negative CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

LEPTOSPIROSIS - CATTLE

- Recommended: Vaccinations for *L. canicola*, *L. icterhaemorrhagiae*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona* and *L. grippotyphosa*, are to be seriously considered.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

All out-of-state and breeding sheep/goats must be accompanied by an Official CVI good for 30 days. In state breeding sheep/goats must have an Official CVI or a West Virginia Honor Flock/Herd Certificate. USDA regulation states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI. All sheep/goats will be inspected by West Virginia Animal Health Officials.

TB & BRUCELLOSIS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

No test required.

In State	Out Of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Scrapie ID• Honor Herd Certificate or CVI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Scrapie ID• Health Certificate (CVI)• No Test Required

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE

All out-of-state swine must be accompanied by an official CVI good for 30 days and official ID.

From West Virginia:

Any swine born in West Virginia, and have never left the state, will no longer require pseudorabies testing prior to being shown at any fair or festival in West Virginia.

From Other States:

All swine must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for entry into West Virginia and official ID.

In State	Out Of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pseudorabies not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official ID• Health Certificate (CVI)

Department C – Dairy Cattle

Kim Walker-Estep, Superintendent, Lewisburg, WV

Sandy Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Martinsburg, WV

Judge

TBA

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 16th – 1 pm – 6 pm Dairy Cattle Check-In

Thursday, August 17th – 12:30 pm Jr. Dairy Meeting (Rolling Schedule)

1 pm Jr. Dairy Showmanship (Rolling Schedule)

2 pm Jr. Dairy Heifer Show (Rolling Schedule)

3 pm Jr. Dairy Cow Show (Rolling Schedule)

Friday, August 18th – 1 pm Open Dairy Cow Show

Saturday, August 19th – 1 pm Open Dairy Cow Show

Out of State 4-H or FFA Members are eligible to participate in the Junior Dairy Show. Out of State exhibitors must be enrolled in dairy project in 4-H or FFA in their respective state. Their acceptance into the show is at the discretion of Fair Management and WVU extension.

Fees: For stall rent and initial bedding, a **\$20.00** per head fee will be charged and must be paid at time of registration. United Dairy will be sponsoring this year's parking passes.

Rules:

1. This show will be governed by the Show Ring Code of Ethics as adopted by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Associations. A copy of this code will be shown in the show ring and will be available upon request.
2. Cattle with horns longer than 1/4" will not be permitted to show.
3. Certificate of ownership and identification according to the breed organization will be required before showing of animals. All tattoos, identification of animals, and registration papers will be checked prior to showing.
4. Animals may be shown with a transfer. The department superintendent will collect the registration and transfer with the transfer fee (paid by check). The superintendent will then send the paperwork to the proper breed association.
5. **HERD UNIT** - If a herd is registered in the names of the immediate members of a family, these persons may combine their entries as a Herd Unit and be considered as one exhibitor. In order to qualify as a Herd Unit, all animals must be kept in the same herd. An animal owned by any person in the "Herd Unit" may be substituted for one owned by any other person in the Herd

Unit. Animals bred by any members of the Herd Unit will be considered as having been bred by the Herd Unit.

6. Cows 35 months old or over are eligible to be shown and must have produced at least one (1) calf.
7. Any cow under two (2) years old and in milk will be classed as two (2) years old or over.
8. **YOU MUST ENTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR DAIRY CATTLE FOR ENTRY TO BE PROCESSED. SUBSTITUTIONS ARE ALLOWED.**
9. All exhibitors in individual classes must wear white pants. White shirts are preferred; however, colored dress “farm” shirts may be worn.
10. To be shown at the State Fair of West Virginia, the dairy cattle breeds named below must have the following minimums of purebred ancestry, as are required by their national shows:
 - a. Ayrshire and Holstein must be at least 87% purebred.
 - b. Jersey must be at least a Generation Count (4) or higher.
 - c. Milking Shorthorn must be –EXP or full herd book.
 - d. Brown Swiss must be recorded as a Brown Swiss Step II Identify Enrollment (IE), a Certified Identity Enrolled (CIE) or a Standard Registered Brown Swiss Female.

MILKING POLICY

A modern milking parlor with trained operators is available. Exhibitors are urged and expected to cooperate in using the milking parlor which will be in operation during each day.

Personnel manning the equipment at the milking area are in charge. Personnel or staff recommendations or instructions shall be COMPLIED WITH by exhibitors, or anyone using milking parlor. Remember, spectators are observing the entire operation.

Proceeds from the sale of milk are placed in the State Fair Endowment which was created in 2006 and will provide long term support for youth scholarships. If exhibitors do not use this facility, their animals may be milked by their own portable units. Milk obtained in this manner must be removed from the grounds; in no instance may it be emptied into storm drains.

Milk handled at the State Fair of West Virginia milking parlor will be used for human consumption. Samples will be checked daily for the presence of antibiotics.

All exhibitors will be required to sign a statement confirming that all cows milked in the milking parlor have not been treated with any antibiotics or other medicines that will contaminate the milk. All cows may be subjected to antibiotic checks and exhibitors may be held responsible for contaminating bulk tank if samples from the exhibitor’s cows test positive for antibiotics or other contaminating medicines.

Dairy Classes and Divisions

Division 1 – Holstein

Division 2 – Ayrshire, *Featured Breed, all premiums doubled!*

Division 3 – Brown Swiss

Division 4 – Jersey

Division 5 – Milking Shorthorn

Division 6 – Guernsey

Classes 1-7

Premiums

1st - \$70 2nd - \$60 3rd - \$50 4th - \$40 5th - \$30

1. Spring Heifer Calves - born March 1 through April 30, 2023, but four (4) months old at show time.
2. Winter Heifer Calves - born Dec. 1, 2022, through Feb. 28, 2023
3. Fall Heifer Calves - born Sept. 1, 2022, through Nov. 30, 2022
4. Summer Heifer Calves - born June 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022
5. Spring Yearling - born March 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022
6. Winter Yearling - born Dec. 1, 2021, through Feb. 28, 2022
7. Fall Yearling (Not In Milk) - Born Sept. 1, 2021, through Nov. 30, 2021
8. **JUNIOR CHAMPION**
9. **RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION**

Class 10

Premiums

1st - \$60 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$40

10. Junior Best Three (3) Females. This group to consist of three (3) females from heifer classes (shown in classes 1-7), none of which have freshened, all bred by and at least one owned by exhibitor. One Entry Per Exhibitor.
11. **Supreme Junior Champion** - To be chosen from all Junior Champions across all breeds.

Classes 12-19

Premiums

1st - \$70 2nd - \$60 3rd - \$50 4th - \$40 5th - \$30

12. Junior Two-Year Old Cow - born March 1, 2020 through Aug. 31, 2020, freshened.
13. Senior Two-Year Old Cow - born Sept. 1, 2019, through Feb. 28, 2020
14. Junior Three-Year Old Cow - born March 1, 2019 through Aug. 31, 2019
15. Junior Three-Year Old Cow - born March 1, 2019 through Aug. 31, 2019
16. Four-Year Old Cow - born Sept. 1, 2017 through Aug. 31, 2018
17. Five-Year Old Cow - born Sept. 1, 2016 through Aug. 31, 2017
18. Aged Cow - born before Sept. 1, 2016
19. Dry Cow - Must have freshened at least once.
20. **SENIOR CHAMPION**
21. **RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION**
22. **GRAND CHAMPION**
23. **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**

Classes 24-25

Premiums

1st - \$85 2nd - \$75 3rd - \$50

24. Breeder's Herd - Group to consist of five (5) females (two cows show in classes 12-19, two unfreshened heifers or calves shown in classes 1-7, and one female, any age shown in any class) all bred by exhibitor. One Entry Per Exhibitor.

25. Dairy Herd - Four (4) freshened animals, all owned by one exhibitor. One Entry Per Exhibitor.

SUPREME CHAMPION

\$250.00 award. To be chosen from all Grand Champions across all breeds. **Premium will not be doubled if winner is from the featured breed.**

Premier Exhibitors Award

The exhibitor winning the most points with six (6) animals and owns and exhibits by herself in one breed in the open single classes shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor and receive a rosette. The scale of points will be the same as that for determining the Premier Breeder.

Premier Breeder's Award

The breeder winning the most points with six (6) animals in one breed and exhibits by herself and/or other exhibitors shall be designated the Premier Breeder and receive a rosette.

If a tie should exist in either the premier exhibitor or premier breeder awards, the award will be presented to the breeder/exhibitor who qualifies in the following order: Grand Champion Cow, Reserve Grand Champion Cow, Junior Champion Cow, Reserve Junior Champion Cow, then the exhibitor showing the most senior aged cows.

<u>Points Junior Females</u>	
1st	10
2 nd	9
3 rd	8
4 th	7
5 th	6
6 th	5

<u>Points Senior Females</u>	
1 st	20
2 nd	18
3 rd	16
4 th	14
5 th	12
6 th	10

Division 7 – Best Dressed Cow Pageant

Wednesday, August 16th, Large Stock Arena – 5:30 PM

We invite you to compete in the Best-Dressed Cow Pageant. Simply dress your cow, steer or heifer in any creative way you want! All exhibitors must be 7 years old on or before day of show to enter.

Exhibitors may pre enter in Department C, Division 7, Class 1

Pre-entry is NOT required.

Premiums

1st - \$65 2nd - \$55 3rd - \$45

1. Exhibitors will have 10 minutes to dress their cow.

2. Exhibitors may have a maximum of three helpers to dress their cow, and one may lead her in the ring.
3. Exhibitors may decorate their cattle in any way, as long as it is not considered harmful to animal or other exhibitors.