

The county fair . . . what a great time it is! Every summer, families flock to county fairs to see the latest 4-H project exhibits. Exhibiting is a fun way for you to showcase your project work. Here are some exhibiting ideas for you.

Suggested County Fair Dairy Exhibits

The following list of exhibit ideas is based on the latest 4-H curriculum. Use it to generate project entries for your next county fair. If you're a county fair superintendent, use this list to enhance your county fair premium book for classes outside the show ring.

Level 1: Cowabunga

1. Dairy breeds
2. How to select a dairy project animal
3. Parts of a dairy cow
4. Desirable and undesirable traits of dairy cattle
5. Dairy cattle feed intake
6. Milk production and distribution system
7. Equipment and supplies to show dairy cattle
8. Dairy grooming techniques
9. Dairy showmanship techniques
10. Dairy heifer budget
11. Basic needs of cattle throughout life cycle
12. Comparison of calf and cow digestive tracts
13. Dairy calf record
14. Analysis of diary information from the Internet
15. Completed member guide (08161)

Level 2: Mooving Ahead

1. How to judge a class of cows
2. Calf identification methods
3. Ethical decisions
4. Signs of health and sickness
5. Dairy cattle parasite controls
6. Drug labels
7. Dairy cattle behavior
8. Dairy housing blueprint
9. How to judge hay quality
10. Dairy cow digestive system
11. Proper milking procedures
12. Food safety and milk quality
13. Dairy products in a healthy diet
14. Dairy-related careers
15. Completed member guide (08162)

Level 3: Rising to the Top

1. How to score a cow's body condition
2. Parts of DHIA Herd Summary Sheet
3. Animal welfare issues
4. Milk quality indicators
5. Dairy animal rations
6. Estrous cycle of cattle

7. Demonstration on embryo transfer
8. Report on how to detect pregnancy in a cow
9. Demonstration on how to assist a cow giving birth
10. Dairy promotion
11. Common dairy products
12. Dairy-related careers
13. My personal résumé for a dairy-related career
14. Completed member guide (08163)