PIMA COUNTY 4-H/FFA
DEPARTMENT “D” DAIRY CATTLE

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The Pima County 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Division is subject to all rules of the following:
• Pima County 4-H/FFA General Animal Science Rules & Regulations
• Pima County 4-H/FFA Large Livestock Rules and Regulations
• Pima County 4-H/FFA Department “D” Dairy Cattle

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE:
January 15, 2019
Must have ownership/lease paperwork submitted to the project coordinator (in person, digital or postmarked by) on or before the ownership deadline.

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE:
April 1, 2019

FAIR CHECK-IN:
Monday, April 22, 2019 - 9:00 am – 12 pm or 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

SHOW DATE:
Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 11:00 am

FAIR CHECK-OUT:
Sunday, April 28, 6:00 pm (or later if arranged with project coordinator)
DAIRY CATTLE DIVISION

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS to be met by: January 15, 2019.

1. In order to exhibit in fair classes, the exhibitor must provide proof of ownership of the steer, heifer, cow, or bull calf on or before the ownership deadline to the project coordinator. The exhibitor must provide proof of ownership as per the Arizona State Livestock Board requirements for Seasonal Pass Self Inspection Certificate. Ownership and registration papers must be in the exhibitor’s name or family herd name. Seasonal pass must have the member’s name.

2. Lease Option: First year, novice exhibitors to the Dairy Cattle Project may lease a maximum of one project animal for exhibition and may show this project animal and its eligible offspring of the current 4H project year. If leasing a project animal, signed lease papers, approved by the Pima County 4H office, must also be filed with the project coordinator no later than the ownership deadline, along with other required documents stated in #1. Note that the registration papers should be in the name of the owner (the lessor). The Seasonal Pass must be in the exhibitor's (the lessee’s) name and must be provided at the time of fair check in.

3. Grade (non-registered) animals must have at least one of the following: ear tags, tattoos, or photo identification of all 4 sides of the animal and any distinguishing marks noted.

4. Copies of registration papers and livestock inspection papers and at least one of the listed identifications must accompany ownership (or lease) forms submitted by club project or community leaders.

5. Calves born after the January 15, 2019 but before April 1, 2019, from cows owned by the exhibitor (and with ownership paperwork on file), can be shown by the exhibitor at fair. Exhibitor needs to turn in documentation by midnight April 1st on newborn calves and all animals showing at fair. Check schedule of classes for age requirements of animals eligible to be entered in the Pima County Fair. Exceptions may be made for calves born after April 1st, with proper identification and majority consensus from the barn superintendent, project coordinator, and 4-H Extension agent with input from the 4-H veterinarian.

6. Provide a certificate showing proof of participation in “AZ Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.”

CHECK-IN AND DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS:

1. All Animals must be inspected by Coordinator prior to tying in the barn.

2. All seasonal pass self-inspection certificates and supporting documents must be provided to coordinator to verify animals’ identification upon inspection. Arizona State Livestock Seasonal Passes and ownership (or lease) paperwork must be verified as well as animal inspections will be documented upon check-in at fair by Project Coordinator.

3. All clubs will be entered into herdsmanship automatically and are strongly encouraged to display educational posters and information related to the fair theme.

4. Individual club areas will be assigned by the project coordinator. Club leaders must verify club location prior to setting any displays or barriers.

5. Herdsman ship will be judged daily beginning Tuesday April 23, 2019 and ending Sunday April 28, 2019 after the morning judging. Judging times will be from 7:00-9:00 am and 5:00-7:00 pm. Herdsman ship is judged on several categories including participation, interaction with others, care of project animals, cleanliness of stalls and barn aisles, display appearances and educational
value. Each club will let the coordinator know when they’re ready to be judged during the judging windows each day.

6. Members with milking animals will be required to provide their own milking equipment but may choose to share cattle stands.

7. All exhibitors must have a barrier at least 36” in height surrounding their animals. This may be fencing or corral panels with straw bales or other form of barrier preventing spectators from injury; however, fencing is preferred for safety reasons.

8. All animals must be double tied, with a halter and neck rope, except calves less than four months old which can be penned in secure fencing provided by the club. If a calf is unruly, for safety reasons, the coordinator or barn manager may require it to be tied. No enclosed stalls will be available for 4-H dairy animals, only tack and feed can be kept in stalls unless barn superintendent and project coordinator agree the use of a stall is warranted. Animals must be exercised outside of the barn at least twice a day by exhibitors.

9. To prevent over-bagging of udder, milking cows must be milked out between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, milk out inspection by project coordinator is mandatory to be eligible to show.

SHOW INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS:
Order of show will be determined by project coordinator and number of entries in each division. Take pride in your project. Please clean up the bleacher and arena areas after your show. The Pima County 4-H and FFA Dairy Cattle Division is subject to all rules of the 4-H/FFA Livestock Division and the following special rules specifically for the Dairy Cattle Project.

SPECIAL RULES (based on The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) Show Ring Code of Ethics):
Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card, with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Inc. is a federation of the national dairy breed registry associations serving breeders and owners of Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holsteins, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn and Red and White dairy cattle. Miniature Dairy Breeds are also included in our county 4-H show and will follow the same rules as standard breeds. PDCA and its member organizations promote the added value and profitability registered dairy cattle offer all dairy business owners.

In this project, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge’s evaluation in order to display the animal’s natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility.

Specifically:
1. All Dairy Cattle (including steer projects) must have complete body clipping prior to arrival at Fairgrounds. Note: The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1” if a “topline clip” is being done; you may also choose to blend belly hair. everywhere else is to be completely clipped. Once animals are inspected by the project coordinator and tied in the barn at check in, no further clipping of body hair is allowed. Exempt from this rule is close clipping of the udder for lactating cows. Members may also do small touch-ups to the topline. Only small clippers or scissors may be used for these tasks.

2. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited. However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body is forbidden.

4. No horns or scurs over 1 inch long.

5. All Dairy Cattle must be of Dairy Breeding and show dairy breed characteristics. No beef cross breeds allowed. Registered animals and grade animals will be shown together according to breed representation and age. Crossbred Dairy Breeds are allowed and will show with the most prominent breed characteristics.

6. Heifers must calve prior to reaching 30 months of age in order to be exhibited in any class.

7. All bull calves must be born after October 15, 2018 to be shown in the 4-H/FFA Division, proper documentation of birth date must be provided to coordinator (self-inspection papers from purchase or birth place, ear tag, etc.) Any bulls with behavioral issues, must wear a permanent nose ring at any 4-H function.

8. Dairy cattle exhibitors will wear white shirts, white pants, and a green 4-H tie in the show ring. (Black pants may be worn under special circumstances, with Coordinator's permission) Club vests are optional and must not have club or member names visible.

**EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. The 4-H owner/exhibitor will take responsibility for the wellness and care of that animal(s) for the duration of the fair.

2. Parental assistance is limited to heavy lifting of equipment or supplies and intervention for safety of the animals, exhibitors, and the public. In cases where the 4-H member is not able to lift, properly handle equipment, or complete caretaking in a safe manner, an adult is allowed to assist if there are no other 4-H members available to help. For example, members with milking animals may need assistance with making sure the cow is properly milked out and equipment is handled properly. However, the child should be able to complete the task on their own with supervision of a parent or leader. Safety always comes first for members, the public, and animals.

3. Preparations for show need to be completed entirely by the exhibitor, parents may hold towels or brushes, even the animal if there is not a safe place to tie or secure them, but the member shall complete all the grooming on their own. In instances where a child may have other obligations, events or illness that prevent them from taking care of their animals themselves, another 4-H member must be asked to assist in feeding, water and cleaning stalls these tasks are not to be done by a parent or leader. On dairy cattle show day parents may pick up manure from aisles, stalls, and arena side while their child is preparing for show which is acceptable but not on a regular basis throughout the fair nor in volume that requires wheelbarrow assistance to dispose of.

4. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance nor animals showing signs of malnutrition. The position of the PDCA and 4-H is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.
DAIRY STEER PROJECT:
All members participating in a dairy steer project must adhere to all general, livestock and dairy cattle project rules that apply with the addition of the following project requirements:

1. Steer must be properly castrated as a calf by some form of banding device or by a veterinarian.
2. All steer must be of recognizable dairy breed with no Beef crosses being allowed, mixed dairy breeds are acceptable.
3. Steer must not reach an age over 2 years at fair weigh-in (verifiable by checking teeth eruptions). Steers must be an appropriate weight for their age and breed (dairy calves should weigh approximately 425 pounds at six months of age)
4. Steer must be either ear tagged or tattooed with their date of birth in the right ear and left ear with their self-inspection ID number and be photographed from both sides with at least one photo having a face shot, photos must be turned into the dairy cattle coordinator with ownership paperwork and quality assurance certification on or before January 15th of the project year.
5. Weigh in of steers will take place by Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (or at the discretion of the project coordinator and/or extension agent).
6. Steers classes will be determined based on the weight range of the project animals at fair.
7. Members who own more than one dairy animal whether a cow, heifer, or steer shall declare at ownership deadline which animal will be selected for use in their age appropriate showmanship class. Bull calves will not be allowed in showmanship, unless the member only has ownership of a bull calf.

DAIRY CLASS INFORMATION:
Classes will be divided according to breed (Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Guernsey, Ayrshire, Miniature Jersey, and Crossbred Dairy Breeds), age, gender, and number of entries. All animals must be eligible to be shown in breed Classes in order to be shown in Showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal in Showmanship in order to participate. The Dairy Cattle Project Coordinator reserves the right to make any changes or split any class or classes as is deemed necessary.

CLASS LIST:

CLASS 1 - SHOWMANSHIP
LOT 1 Senior Showmanship (ages 14-19)
LOT 2 Senior Novice Showmanship (ages 14-19 never shown 4-H dairy cattle)
LOT 3 Junior Showmanship (ages 9-14)
LOT 4 Junior Novice Showmanship (ages 9-14 never shown 4-H dairy cattle)

CLASS 2 – COWS (Specify Breed)
LOT 1 Dry Cows (must have calved at least once previously & should be pregnant to enter)
LOT 2 First Freshening Milking Cows 2 and under 3 years old
LOT 3 Milking Cows 3 and under 4 years old
LOT 4 Milking Cows 4 years old
LOT 5 Mature Milking cows 5 years old
LOT 6 Aged cows 6 year and over
Best of Breed
Reserve of Breed
Best Udder of Breed
GRAND CHAMPION COW
RESERVE CHAMPION COW
Best Udder of show

CLASS 3 - HEIFERS (Specify Breed)
LOT 1 Baby Heifer - born Jan. 15, 2019 thru April 1, 2019
LOT 2 Winter Heifer calf born November 15, 2018 thru January 14, 2019
LOT 3 Fall Heifer Calf - born September 15, 2018 thru November 14, 2018
LOT 4 Summer Heifer Calf - born May 1, 2018 thru September 14, 2018
LOT 5 Yearling Heifer - born May 1, 2017 thru April 30, 2018
LOT 6 Senior Yearling Heifer - born Oct. 16, 2016 thru April 30, 2017 (should be pregnant)
Best of breed
Reserve of breed
GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
RES. CHAMPION HEIFER
Supreme Dairy Female

**At the completion of Supreme Dairy Female, a 30-minute break may be taken to allow cows to be milked out. Bulls may show during this time if no exhibitors are conflicted with milking cows.

CLASS 4 – BULLS (Specify Breed)
LOT 1 Baby Bull – born January 15, 2019 thru April 1, 2019
LOT 3 Fall Bull Calf – born Oct. 15, 2018 thru Nov. 30, 2018
Best of Breed
Reserve of Breed
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RES. CHAMPION BULL

CLASS 5 – DAIRY FEEDER STEER
Weight classes will be finalized after weigh-in at fair by Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

CLASS 6 – ADULT SHOWMANSHIP (for safety reasons, limited to individuals 18 and over)
Date/Time TBA