

Jackson County Dairy Products Auction & Essay Competition Entry

Regulations for ESSAY Competition

Junior Fair Dairy exhibitors of all ages are encouraged to complete an Essay for the Jackson County Dairy Project Essay Competition. Winners of each division will receive a chair that will be displayed during the Dairy Products Auction Saturday of fair starting at 5:00pm. After the auction winners will have a photo taken with the sponsor of their division and then they may take their chair.

There are 3 divisions:

Junior: Ages 8 – 11 years old

Intermediate: Ages 12 – 14 years old

Senior: Ages 15 years old and older

To enter the competition write an Essay on one of the following topics and complete the Entry Form listed below. Essay and entry form must be emailed to:

jacksoncountydca@gmail.com by June 20th when Fair entries are due, or you will **NOT** be eligible to compete.

Respond to only ONE of the 4 essay questions below.

1. If this is your first year showing dairy, what encouraged you to show and what is your goal?
2. How do you prepare your animal(s) and yourself for the fair?
3. What are some advantages and challenges of the Dairy Project?
4. If this is your last year showing as a junior exhibitor, what advice can you give to younger exhibitors and what is your favorite memory at the Jackson County Fair?

REGULATIONS FOR JACKSON COUNTY DAIRY PRODUCTS AUCTION

Exhibitors 10 years old and over as of January 1st of this Fair year and exhibiting a cow will be eligible for the Dairy Products Auction. **The Dairy Products Auction will take place during the Livestock Auction on August 1, 2026.**

To promote our dairy industry, the Jackson County Dairy Committee offers an opportunity for Junior Fair Dairy exhibitors that complete an essay and exhibit a milking cow or dry cow are eligible to be selected to an entry in the Dairy Products Auction during the Livestock Auction on Saturday evening of the Fair.

Selections for 6 auction recipients will be held before the fair and we will notify you with the contact information listed on the Entry Form.

1. All Dairy Products Auction Applicants are **REQUIRED** to complete an **ESSAY AND** complete the YQCA. Details about these are listed on the Fairs website at www.jacksoncountyfairwi.com/entries/ under the Jr Dairy Resources and Info tab.

2. The essay and Dairy Products Auction Entry Form are due on June 20th via email to jacksoncountycdc@gmail.com
3. Applicants for the Dairy Products Auction must be 10 years of age or older on January 1st
4. There will be 6 applicants chosen for the Dairy Products Auction, along with 4 alternates. There will be 10 entries total for the Auction.
 - a. The **FIRST SIX** recipients are chosen based on points earned in previous years. Once you have received an entry in the auction your points zero out and you start over. These Points are accumulated as follows:
 - i. Completing an ESSAY
 - ii. Showing a COW (a milking or dry cow exhibited in the Jr Show)
 - iii. Showing in SHOWMANSHIP
 - iv. Completing YQCA
 - b. The **FINAL FOUR** recipients will be chosen as follows:
 - i. Intermediate Showmanship WINNER
 - ii. Senior Showmanship WINNER
 - iii. Junior Supreme Champion
 - iv. Supreme Champion
 - c. FIRST SIX recipients are REQUIRED to show a COW (milking or dry) and to participate in SHOWMANSHIP class for their age.
 - d. All Recipients will receive a donated cooler and dairy products from the Dairy Project Committee. Recipients may purchase a container and items to sell along with the cooler of dairy products, please note that recipients must carry all items into the auction ring to sell.
 - e. Each recipient is limited to one entry in the dairy products auction, if a recipient has been chosen in the first 6 and earns one in the final 4 an alternate will then be awarded one of their entries.
5. All recipients will receive an informational email from the Dairy Project Committee.
6. All recipients are expected to help with auction set-up/tear down, these times will be included in the informational email.
7. Time of Sale: Saturday of fair during the Jackson County Livestock Auction beginning at 5:00pm
8. Recipients are REQUIRED to have a photo taken with their buyer following the auction. The Dairy Project Committee will coordinate this process.
9. Six percent (6%) of the gross sale price for each recipient will be withheld to cover clerking and advertising. The balance of the proceeds will be paid to the recipients.
10. Recipients are REQUIRED to write a THANK YOU to their buyers in exchange for a check at the Dairy Project Committee Meeting following the fair.
11. Please review all auction rules and the dress code under the Livestock & Dairy Products Auction Regulations found on the Fair website listed above.

Complete ENTRY FORM and write an ESSAY on one of the topics listed above and email to jacksoncountycdc@gmail.com.

THIS MUST BE EMAILED BY June 20th when Fair entries are due, or you will **NOT** be eligible to compete.

ENTRY FORM for Dairy Products Auction & Essay Competition

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of January 1st): _____

Name of Dairy Cow Exhibiting: _____

Cow's Age: _____ (Please circle one): Milking Cow or Dry Cow

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Club: _____

Parent(s) Names: _____
(Names will be listed on all advertising)

Essay question chosen: _____