

REGISTERED DAIRY CATTLE

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All breeds will be on the grounds at the same time this year.

This year will mark the 2nd year being The Eastern/ New England Regional Lineback Show.

The exhibiting schedule is as follows:
Wednesday August 19th:
Pee Wee Classes will start at 5:30pm

Friday August 21st:
Dairy Heifers will show at 9am
Dairy Cows will show at 12pm

At the conclusion of the show, we will pick an “All Breeds” Supreme Champion.

***Please note, we will conduct an end of season barn meeting on Saturday. We will let everyone know the location at that time.**

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES:

Those that would like to arrive on Monday, August 17th between the hours of 12pm -6pm are more than welcome. Please contact the Dairy Superintendent if you plan to do so.

***Note: There will be no barn watch Monday night. Barn watch will be starting on Tuesday night. There will be no milking parlor on Monday night. Milking Parlor will be open starting Tuesday night.**

Arrival time for Tuesday, August 18th will be between 6am and 12pm. **All cows need to be in place by 12pm on Tuesday, August 18th.**

They must remain in place until 10pm on Saturday, August 22nd.
The Expectation is that people will stay Saturday night and leave on Sunday morning.

Displays may be set up at any time before the animal's arrival.

***We will have a watch person for the barn areas only this year beginning on Tuesday August 18th.**

All cattle are to remain in place until released by the Dairy Superintendent.

EARLY DEPARTURES WILL FORFEIT PREMIUMS

HORNS:

Only de-horned or naturally polled animals will be eligible to show. Any animal having 1" from the skin at the base of the horn to tip will be disqualified.

MILKING PARLOR:

The milking parlor will be available to all who wish to use it. It will be ready for 5am-6am and 5pm-6pm with exceptions on/before "showing" of cows.

We would like to thank John Kerr for his continued support and generous donation of the parlor supplies. The parlor will be open to use starting on Tuesday evening August 18th. Cattle can still be milked in the barns via portable milking machines; however, we need to make sure that the milk is properly disposed of into the bulk tank.

Please plan on the Milking Parlor closing by 7am Sunday, August 23rd.

ENTRIES:

Entries must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, July 15, 2026. A \$5.00 entry fee for each individual animal must accompany the entry forms.

Mail Entries to:
Vermont State Fair
Attn: Secretary
PO Box 10
Rutland, VT 05702

Please email a scanned copy of each entry form: rshart3771@gmail.com

There will be a late fee of \$2.00 per head for entries postmarked after July 15th. After August 1st, the late fee will be \$5.00 per head.

No payment is needed for group classes.

Please have all information filled out completely on the entry forms, especially birth dates, and breed.

4-H Open Show Entries:

All 4-H entries that entered in the Open Show, must abide by all Open Show rules and including the above entry deadlines.

***Please note: 4-H entries into Open Show have a fee of \$5.00 per exhibitor only (not per animal). You must specify you are 4-H on the entry form.**

With all breeds being on the grounds at the same time, location in barns will be designated by the Superintendent upon arrival of animals. Registration papers do not need to be mailed. However, Health Papers and Registration Papers need to be present at the time of arrival.

Class #	Description:	Dates:
#1	Summer Calf	Born June 1, 2026-June 30, 2026
#2	Spring Calf	Born March 1, 2026-May 31, 2026
#3	Winter Calf	December 1, 2025- February 29, 2026
#4	Fall Calf	September 1, 2025- November 30, 2025
#5	Summer Yearling	June 1, 2025- August 31, 2025
#6	Spring Yearling	March 1, 2025- May 31, 2025
#7	Winter Yearling	December 1, 2024- February 28, 2025
#8	Fall Yearling	September 1, 2024- November 30, 2024
#9		Junior 3 Best Females
	<p><u>All must be bred by Exhibitor, only 1 needs to be presently owned by Exhibitor. One entry per Exhibitor. All animals must be in classes 1-9. One group per farm.</u></p> <p><u>All Dry Cows have to be shown in 1 of 2 dry classes.</u></p>	
#10	Dry Young Cow	Born on or after September 1, 2020
#11	Dry Aged Cow	Born on or before August 31, 2020
#12	Junior 2 Year Old	March 1, 2024- August 31, 2024 (Including any Senior Yearling in Milk)
#13	Senior 2 Year Old	September 1, 2023- February 28, 2024
#14	Junior 3 Year Old	March 1, 2023- August 31, 2023
#15	Senior 3 Year Old	September 1, 2022- February 28, 2023
#16	4 Year Old	September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022
#17	5 Year Old	September 1, 2020- August 31, 2021
#18	Aged Cow	Born Before September 1, 2020
#19	Dam & Daughter	Both must be shown in their individual classes. Limited 1 Entry per Farm.

#20	Get-Of-Sire	3 Animals sired by the same bull. All animals must be shown in their individual classes. Limited 1 Entry per Farm.
#21	Produce of Dam	2 Daughters from the same dam. Dam doesn't need to be present, but all must be shown in the individual classes. Limited 1 Entry per Farm.
#22	Senior 3 Best Female	All must be bred by Exhibitor; only 1 needs to be presently owned by Exhibitor. Limited 1 entry per farm and only 1 Junior Animal is allowed in this group.
#23	Group of Four	1 Entry per Farm, any age. All must be shown in their respective classes, all must be owned by the Exhibitor.
#24	Senior Champion/ Senior Reserve Champion	
#25	Supreme Grand Champion/ Supreme Reserve Champion	

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All animals are required to have shipping fever and rabies vaccinations. Rabies needs to be at least 30 days prior to the start of VT State Fair. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required to certify the animals have been vaccinated.

Mandatory Testing for Interstate Movement of Dairy Cattle: Prior to interstate movement, dairy cattle are required to receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.

CAMPING FEE: Camper parking is available with campers to be parked to the right of the Mandigo Area. You may arrive a few days before the fair begins. You will not be charged for staying on site if you are not using hookup and not staying on site. The camper form and payment must be sent with your entries to ensure you will have a camper slot. Campers and cattle trailers will be parked in the same place as the previous year. Camper applications are located at the end of the book and mailed to: Vermont State Fair Attn: Secretary PO Box 10 Rutland, VT 05702

CATTLE ENTRY PASSES: We will be using a pass system again this year. In short, you will need to provide a ticket every day at the gate to obtain a bracelet that the gate staff will put on you. Each day the bracelet will be a different color. Each farm will be provided (2) free entry passes per day, which include free parking, for the duration of the fair. Additional passes may be purchased for a discounted rate of \$7 per day. Every exhibitor will always need to have the correct colored bracelet on to be on grounds. The bracelet color will change every day. Please

include your request for these additional passes on your entry form with payment. All entry passes will be handed out by the Superintendent on August 18th.

GENERAL RULES: All animals will be shown from the ring and exhibitors must be ready to bring them out when called for judging; failure to do so entails forfeiture of all premiums. No one will be allowed in the ring during judging except judges and attendants with animals. The judge may, at their discretion, require any cow to be milked before them in the ring. For an exhibitor to be eligible to show an animal, the title of ownership of the animal shown must be on the registration certificate at the time of the exhibition. Registration papers will be checked for this purpose. You must submit the name of the sire and dam of each animal. You must also include the name and age of the animal being entered.

WASH RACKS: Only (2) cows per farm at the wash rack. Everyone needs to wash their animals. Please be respectful of others.

CLIPPING CHUTES: Please clip your animals outside the barn areas. This will allow visitors to flow in/out of areas with minimal obstacles and to keep our inside barn areas clean. After clipping, please clean up your area of hair and debris.

STALL/OUTSIDE WALKWAY CLEANLINESS: During the fair, please keep visitor walkways, wash areas & barn walkways clean and free of manure. Everyone should play a part in keeping our fair areas clean to the best of our ability. Before leaving the fairgrounds, we need everyone to make sure all your bedding is pulled from your stalls and placed in the center aisle.

RITA TRACEY JR HERDSMAN TROPHY: The Rita Tracey Jr. Herdsman Trophy will be given to a Junior Exhibitor that shows. The basis for this award will be on the neatness and cleanliness of animals, areas, and sportsmanship during the stay at the fair, in the barn and most importantly in the ring. Some other areas that come into play are helpfulness to other exhibitors, obeying the show and barn rule, and anyone seen helping the youth of our program. Cattle must be kept clean and in good condition throughout the entire stay with us at the fair.

WILLIAM WEEKS MEMORIAL SHOWMANSHIP SHOW: The Bill Weeks Memorial Showmanship Award is a rotating trophy given annually at the Vermont State Fair to the champion youth dairy showman. Any exhibitor is welcome regardless of participation in 4-H or open shows. Although animals should be in show condition, they may be of any breed and need not be owned by exhibitor, as judging criteria emphasizes showmanship rather than fitting. Judging will begin with the Junior PeeWee Class at 10:00am on Saturday August 22nd, in the dairy show arena. Adult showmanship classes will follow the youth championship class. Participants may sign up in the dairy arena anytime during fair week, and advance signup is appreciated. Registration will be held 1 hour prior to the show. Sponsored by the Southern VT Holstein Club.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AND BREEDER: The Exhibitor winning the most points, not to exceed 6 animals in the single classes, exhibited by himself, shall be designated the Premier

New for 2026: Harvest & Grains

Entries will be accepted from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesday August 18th.

Location to be determined.

Premiums: 1st \$15.00; 2nd \$12.00; 3rd \$10.00

Hay: 1 flake/5 gallon bucket- 1st Cut, 2nd Cut, 3rd Cut

Baleage: 5 gallon bucket

Silage: Quart jar

Haylage: Quart jar

Open Grains: Quart jar

5 Corn Stalks

Tallest corn stalks

Stalks with most developed ears