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New State Fair Dairy Feeder Show

Hardin County – This year the Ohio State Fair will offer youth a new opportunity to show Dairy Feeder calves. All dairy feeders must be purebred Holstein, Red and White, or Brown Swiss. No dairy crossbred or beef cattle cross will be permitted. All dairy feeders must be in the exhibitor’s possession by March 15, 2014 and must be individually identified under the supervision of the county extension educator (ear tags) by June 1, 2014.

There is a maximum of three (3) dairy feeders per exhibitor and they must be a part of the 4-H or FFA member’s project. The calves must be castrated, dehorned and properly healed by state fair time. All calves must be properly vaccinated prior to the state fair. The list of vaccinations are Inforce 3, Once PMH Intra-Nasal, 7- Way Clostridial, Modified Live BVD Vaccine (can be a combination vaccine), and Pour on De-Wormer. All procedures must be done 30-60 days prior to the show.

Arrival time and weigh-in will be Monday, July 28. Showmanship will be Tuesday, July 29, and the Judging will be Wednesday, July 30. Dairy Feeder calves will be released after the conclusion of the show. Animals will be stalled in the viaduct area across from the dairy cattle (Gilligan) barn. Stalling will be assigned by the dairy cattle office.

There is an entry fee of $15 and entries for the Ohio State Fair are due June 20. Exhibitors will not be permitted to use show sticks. Dress attire will consist of jeans (denim) and a shirt of the exhibitor’s choice. Dairy feeders will be shown according to weight. Calves must weigh from 300 to 600 pounds at weigh-in. Any animal weighing over 600 pounds will be shown in a heavyweight class, and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion. To read more detailed rules, go to ohiostatefair.com and look for Jr. Dairy Feeder Calves under Jr. Livestock.
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