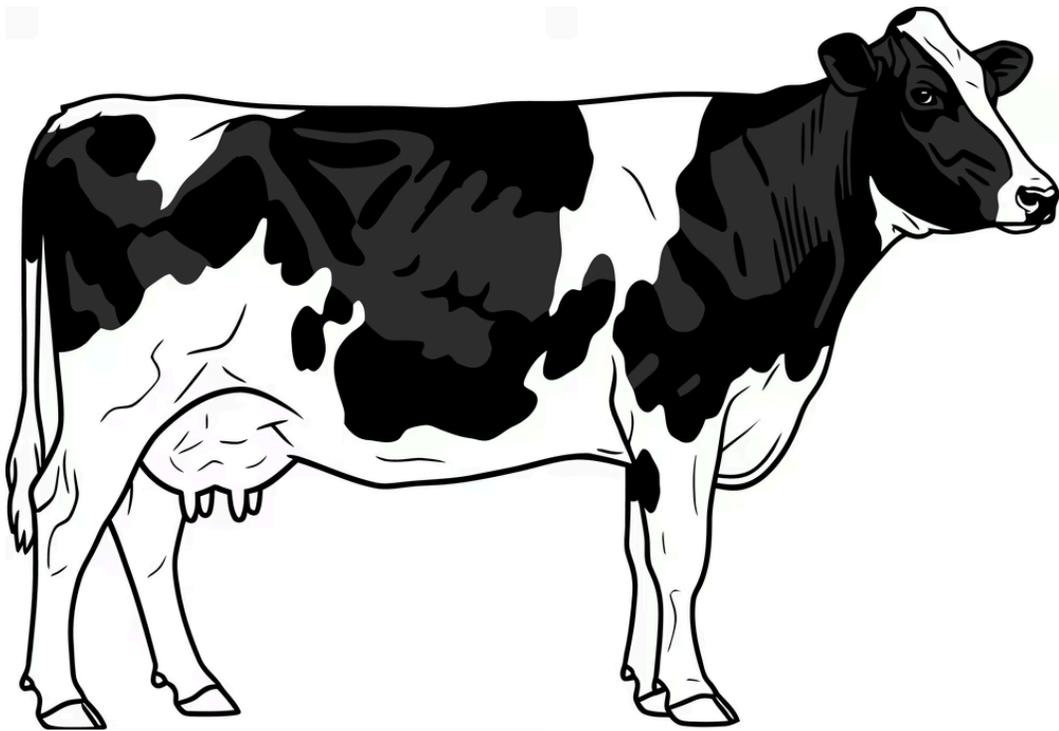


Junior Dairy Handbook



Sheboygan County 2026
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Welcome!

Mission Statement

To educate and build leadership skills through the instruction and example of the adult leaders.

To train today's youth to be cooperative team players and to proudly represent their county.

To equip the youth of Sheboygan County with the knowledge and experience necessary to progressively participate in higher levels of competition.

We've made some changes and are always open to suggestions for improvements. This book is intended to be used as a tool to help make your dairy project both enjoyable and a learning experience.

The dates will hopefully help make planning your schedules easier. The information given is to be used as a guideline to help make working with or in your project more enjoyable.

We're looking forward to working with you this project year and hope to have fun while we're at it!

Sincerely,

2026

Sheboygan County
Junior Dairy Committee

Sheboygan County Junior Dairy Project

Committee Member Contact				
Name	Phone Number	Role	Club/Leader	Term Ends
Katie Reineking	920-287-8780 shebcojrdairy@gmail.com	Chairperson	County-Wide	October 2027
Macie Abraham	920-449-8051	Vice-Chairperson	Lima Lites	October 2026
Alison Gartman	920-946-9977	Secretary	Lakeview Badgers	October 2026
Kara Abraham	920-838-1066	Treasurer	Lima Lites	October 2026
Heidi Taylor	920-627-6055	Representative	Johnsonville Hustlers	October 2027
Michelle Schmidt	920-838-5254	Representative	County-Wide	October 2026
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Brianne Vandoske	920-782-0042	Representative	Herman Cherrios	October 2026

**Don't forget to regularly check out the web at
[4-H Dairy Project website](#)
for an updated calendar, resources, and attendance list!**

Trying to do better at updates going into the Crier and making use of the website above.

2026 Calendar

Event Date	Qualifying Meeting	What is the Event	Location	File	Notes
December-Feb	State Fair, County Fair	Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices and contest	UW Extension		Questions contact Katie
1/2/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Wisconsin Jr. Holstein Convention	Stevens Point, Wisconsin	Junior Convention Wisconsin Holstein Association	January 2-4
1/31/2026	N/A	Calf Scholarship Due	UW Extension		Contact for interview
2/7/2026	State Fair, County Fair	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl	UW Green Bay		Liz Gartman contact
2/22/2026	State Fair, County Fair	LTC Ag Discovery Day	LTC		
3/1/2026	N/A	Wisconsin Jr. Holstein Association Scholarship Due	Read Form	Scholarships Wisconsin Holstein Association	
Sometime in March	N/A	Calf Scholarship Interview	TBD		Katie will contact
3/22/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Fitting/Feed Clinic Starts at 11:30	Elmlo Registered Holstein N2202 W. County Road A Adell, WI 53001		If need help contact Michelle 920-838-5254
4/1/2026	N/A	Sheboygan County James Crowley Award application due	UW Extension		
4/1/2026	N/A	Junior Dairy Project Scholarship	UW Extension		
4/1/2026	N/A	Sheboygan County Holstein Association Scholarship Due	See Form		
Start sometime in April	State Fair, County Fair	4-H Dairy Judging Team Practice	On farms in the county		Email will be sent with updates

4/18/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Kress-Hill Dairy Showmanship Clinic	Devin Acres W3844 Primrose Lane Elkhart Lake, WI 53020	 Kress-Hill Dair...	Questions contact Katie
4/22/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Wisconsin Dairy Showcase	Alliant Energy Center	Wisconsin Dairy Show Series	April 22- April 26
5/16/2026	N/A	Cow Camp	Mt. Morris Campus & Conference Center	Junior Events Wisconsin Holstein Associations	May 16 & 17
5/20/2026	State Fair	Online Entries Close	Complete Online	Junior Dairy Cattle - WSF Competitions	
5/27/2026	State Fair	Late Online Entries Close	Complete Online	Junior Dairy Cattle – WSF Competitions	Last Chance to go to State Fair
Sometime in June	State Fair, County Fair	Dairy Clinic	Hanke Farms N6368 Willow Road Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085		More accurate date to come
6/19/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Area Animal Science Days	Grant County	Area Animal Science Days	*Judging Teams
6/19/2026	State Fair, County Fair	District 10 Show	Plymouth Fairgrounds		Information to come
6/20/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Breakfast on the Farm	Majestic Crossing Dairy	Breakfast on the Farm Sheboygan County Dairy Promotion Association	Have to volunteer at not just attend
6/30/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Area Animal Science Days	Clark County	Area Animal Science Days	*Judging Teams
Sometime in July	State Fair	Wisconsin State Fair Orientation Meeting	Fairgrounds at 7:30 p.m.		Required for state fair exhibitors
7/9/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Badger Dairy Camp	UW-Madison	Informational Flyer	July 9- July 12

7/15/2026	County Fair	Dairy Identification Sheets Due	Fair Office	Dairy ID Sheets	New layout if you have questions contact Michelle 920-838-5254
7/15/2026	County Fair	Junior Fair Entries Due	Online	Exhibitors Page	Contact Club Leader or Katie
8/4/2026	State Fair	Wisconsin State Fair- Junior Dairy Exhibit	West Allis	Junior Dairy Cattle – WSF Competitions	Please check email for notes and Aug 4- Aug 9
8/10/2026	County Fair	Farmerbud Entry Form Due	See Form	2026 Farmerb...	Sheboygan Cty. Holstein Asso.
8/11/2026	County Fair	Open Class Entries Due	Online/ Fair Office	Exhibitors Page	
8/15/2026	County Fair	Barn Assignment Sheet Due (Open)	See Form	2026 Open Cla...	Questions Contact Michelle Schmidt 920-838-5254
8/22/2026	State Fair, County Fair	Wisconsin Summer Championship Show	Alliant Energy Center	Wisconsin Dairy Show Series	Aug 22 to Aug 26
8/23/2026	County Fair	State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest	Alliant Energy Center	State Dairy Judging Contest	Contact Coaches
Before the Fair	County Fair	Premier Exhibitor Contest	TBD		More information coming
9/3/2026	County Fair	Sheboygan County Fair	Plymouth Fairgrounds		Sept. 3- Sept 7
9/7/2026	County Fair	Showcase of Champion Auction	Plymouth Fairgrounds		Starts around 1:30 p.m.

Highlighted Items don't have dates at this time. Continue to check the Crier, email, and Facebook for updates about these events.

Dairy Project Opportunities

- **Sheboygan County Dairy Managerial Program** - Similar to the Horseless Horse Program. This allows youth who don't live on farms to participate in the dairy project. Youth who have grade cattle can show other farms' registered cattle through this program. This program is for both the County and State Fair.
- **4-H Club Dairy Project Meetings** - These meetings are held within your club. Club's adult and youth leaders hold meetings to teach members about their dairy project.
- **County-Wide Dairy Project Meetings** - Meetings are held several times each year and planned by the Dairy Committee. Club project leaders can bring their club members, or members may come individually. Meeting notices are in the CLOVERLEAF CRIER and by email from shebcojrdairy@gmail.com. **Exhibitors must attend 1 meeting to qualify to exhibit as a project member in good standing at the Sheboygan County and/or Wisconsin State Fair. Listed dates for qualifying meetings are in the calendar on pages 4-5.**
- **Area Animal Science Day** - Members from the Eastern Counties in Wisconsin attend. 4-H Members participate in dairy poster, dairy judging, and dairy showmanship contests.
- **4-H & Jr. Holstein Dairy Bowl** - This is a statewide contest held in the summer. County teams answer dairy project questions. Dairy Bowl is a fun way to learn more about dairy. Watch the CRIER for more information. **Attendance at 50% of the 4-H or Junior Holstein Association dairy quiz bowl practices and participation at the state 4-H or Junior Holstein Quiz Bowl contest will count as 1 qualifying meeting for the Wisconsin State Fair or Sheboygan County Fair.** Individuals must be members of the respective organization to participate.
- **State Fair** - Wisconsin State Fair is held in early August. Sheboygan County sends 25-35 head of cattle. To qualify for the State Fair, a member must attend a certain number of meetings. *Read the Wisconsin State Fair page 10.*
- **4-H Dairy Judging** - Judging teaches the skills to select cattle for showing, culling, and breeding. Through practices, teams are selected to participate in the Area Animal Science Day. **Attendance at 50% of the 4-H judging practices and participation in the district Area Animal Science Days contest will count as 1 qualifying meeting for the Wisconsin State Fair or Sheboygan County Fair.**
- **Sheboygan County Jr. Holstein Association** - The Sheboygan County Junior Holstein Association is open to any interested dairy project members (you don't have to have registered Holsteins). Some activities include monthly/bi-monthly meetings, fundraising events, Jr. State Convention, tours, and much, much more! For more information, contact the Sheboygan County Holstein Association.

Dairy Project Special Awards

- **James W. Crowley Leadership Award** - A statewide award given to 4-H dairy project members who have displayed leadership in their club and county. Winners of this award receive a plaque and attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison in October.

Application information: [James W Crowley Award](#)

Deadline: April 1st, 2026 to shebcojrdairy@gmail.com

- **Sheboygan County Calf Grant** - This scholarship is offered yearly to any member who has exhibited at the county fair in the dairy project prior to the application deadline.

Application information: [Calf Grant Application](#)

Deadline: January 31, 2026 to the Extension Office

- **Sheboygan County Holstein Association Scholarship** - This scholarship is offered yearly to high school seniors who are continuing their education in an ag-related field. Some of the criteria include: WI Jr. Holstein Association member for at least two years, accomplishments in the dairy project, and with registered Holstein cattle.

Application information: [Sheboygan County Holstein Scholarship](#)

Deadline: April 1st, 2026 to Zoe Ertel at 511 Clark Street, Cascade, WI 53011

- **Sheboygan County Dairy Scholarship** - Up to four scholarships are offered yearly to any member who is a senior or post-secondary student in their first or second year of education.

Application information: [JDC Scholarship](#)

Deadline: April 1st, 2026, to the Extension Office

- **Wisconsin Jr. Holstein Association Awards**

Application information: [Contests & Awards | Wisconsin Holstein Association](#)

- **Sheboygan County Showcase of Champions Auction-** This is the opportunity for the youth to show businesses what they accomplished at the Sheboygan County Fair.

More information and guidelines: [Showcase of Champions](#) **UPDATED**

Dairy Project- County Fair

The Sheboygan County Fair is where members exhibit cattle that they have worked on for their 4-H, FFA, Jr Holstein project, or any other youth organizations. The Sheboygan County Fair follows the Danish System for premiums, and that is what the superintendents will be following. All rules in the Sheboygan County Fair Premium website should be read carefully and strictly adhered to. These rules are made to help 4-H, FFA and Jr Holstein members and their families with their dairy project work. Fair superintendents police these rules.

Before the fair

- **Qualifying Meeting** - Dairy project members must attend one (1) county-wide approved project meeting to be a member in good standing and to exhibit at the Sheboygan County Fair. Members will sign in at meetings for proof-of-attendance. For out-of-county meetings, pre-approval must be received by the 4-H Dairy Committee. Please see the project calendar for a list of qualifying meetings.

Non-Dairy Committee Event/Clinic: [Non-Dairy Committee Sponsored Clinic Form](#)

- **Identification Forms (Dairy ID's)** - All animals shown at the county fair have to be on a completed I.D. Sheet, and **returned to the Fair Office by July 15** of each project year.

More information: [Dairy ID Sheets](#) **UPDATED**

During the fair

- **Cattle Judging** - The exhibitor leads their calf or cow in the show ring for a judge to evaluate. The exhibitors are awarded one of the following ribbons: blue, red, white, or pink, but it doesn't mean the premium will match.

More information: [DAIRY COW UNIFIED SCORECARD](#)

- **Showmanship** - This is judging the fitting of the calf, including its cleanliness and clip job. The exhibitor is also judged on the ability to make the animal look its best and the exhibitor's knowledge of their project.

More information or guidelines: [PDCA Showmanship Guidelines, Appearance of Exhibitor & Equipment Appearance of Animal](#)

- **Herdsmanship** - This is the way the club displays its animals in the barn. Points are awarded for decorations, cleanliness of animals and barn area, and sportsmanship.

More information: [Dairy Herdsmanship Score Sheet Individual Judging](#) (Sample)

- **County Fair Thank You Letters** – All Dairy Exhibitors at County Fair must turn in a thank you letter for the sponsor assigned to them by September 7th to an adult Dairy Committee member. Thank yous must be addressed, and stamped. Failure to have thank you turned in will result in not being able to show dairy at the next County Fair. Correct postage for your thank you is required!

Dairy Project- Wisconsin State Fair

The exhibitor must be a 4-H member, FFA member, or a State Breed Association member. Youth are selected through the 4-H Dairy Committee based on their participation in countywide meetings and programs, and the quality of their animal.

To qualify for State Fair, the exhibitor must:

1. Call, email Katie, or fill out the form below by May 1st to let her know if the exhibitor is going to the State Fair and what you plan on showing.
 - Or fill out form: [State Fair](#) (Breed and age of animal)
2. Attend one countywide or approved workshop, which is noted on the dairy project calendar.

If selected for the State Fair, attendance at the July (T.B.A. watch Cloverleaf Crier and email) State Fair Planning Meeting is **required**.

The 2026 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular, will take place Thursday, August 6– Sunday, August 16. Additional 2026 entry and schedule information will be available beginning in late January at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/> or by contacting the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department at entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

The Wisconsin State Fair went to an online registration for animals.

Online Entries – Must be completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on May 21, 2026. YQCA certification must be completed before entry and remain active through August 16, 2026. Any online entry completed/paid after 7 pm Central Time on May 21st is considered late and late fees apply.

Late Entries Fees- Must be completed and paid by 5 pm Central Time on May 28, 2026 \$130 per exhibitor, plus original entry fees. No entries will be accepted after 5 pm Central Time on May 28th.

More information: [Junior Dairy Cattle Entry Information](#)

Any youth needing to leave the State Fair **must** submit a letter requesting to do so prior to the event and receive approval from the 4-H Dairy Committee. Youth must be transported to and from the State Fair by their parent/guardian only.

Sheboygan County State Fair Confirmation Agreement: [State Fair Rules and Guidelines](#) **UPDATED**

Dairy Youth Recognition & Auction

Objectives

- To provide a means of recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding dairy youth in Sheboygan County.
- To provide an appropriate location for announcing award winners.
- To establish a fund to be used to further enhance the dairy youth project in Sheboygan County for the benefit of all youth members.
- To establish a fund to assist worthy dairy project youth in furthering their education and project.

Location

An auction of the accomplishments of qualifying youth from the current year's Sheboygan County Fair will be held in the Coliseum on Monday of the Labor Day weekend during the County Fair, as promoted by the Fair. A buyers' pre-sale social will be held 1:00 pm -1:30 pm, with a recognition program and auction to start at 1:30 pm in the Coliseum.

Eligibility

Any dairy youth exhibitor (4-H, FFA, Jr. Breed Association, or Youth Organization) at the Sheboygan County Junior Dairy Show in good standing within the Sheboygan County Jr. Dairy Project is eligible to qualify for the sale.

What Sells- UPDATED

A symbol of the youth's achievements will be offered for sale. Up to eleven participants will sell in the auction. To qualify for the given year's sale, the participants must have won at least one of the following lots of the current show year:

- Overall Supreme Champion Female (selected Friday of the Sheboygan County Fair)
- Overall Supreme Jr. Champion (selected Friday of the Sheboygan County Fair)
- Showmanship 1st & 2nd place Winners; out of these winners whom ever wins Supreme Showperson will be recognized for the highest achieved award (selected Saturday of the Sheboygan County Fair):
 - ◇ Senior division Grades 10-13 (1st & 2nd places)
 - ◇ Intermediate division Grades 7-9 (1st & 2nd places)

◇ Junior division Grades 3-6 (1st & 2nd places)

- First Year Showman
- Calf Scholarship/Grant recipient
- Lottery drawing (selected Saturday of the Sheboygan County Fair)

Selling Lot Guidelines- UPDATED

In the event an individual won two of the lots above (i.e. Supreme Champion Female, Supreme Champion Heifer, a showmanship division, First Year Showman or Calf Scholarship) the third place (honorable mention) individual from the respective showmanship lot will sell, allowing a representative from each showmanship division to sell.

In the event an individual won both the Supreme Champion Female and Supreme Champion Heifer honor, the individual exhibiting the Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer will sell.

In the event an individual won both the calf scholarship and the Supreme Champion Female or Supreme Champion Heifer, the Reserve Supreme Champion Female or Heifer will sell.

Lottery drawing - to be entered, you need to attend at least 3 qualifying meetings and have only participated in the auction 1 or less times. Past lottery winners do not qualify.

The Dairy Committee will make the final decision regarding any questions of participation in the auction.

Sale Provisions

- An exhibitor will be eligible to sell in only one lot.
- All sale participants must be present with their own animal for the sale. Individuals not present with their animal at the time of the sale will not be allowed to sell.
- Sale participants are required to wear a sale-approved shirt, if provided.
- After the sale, all sellers will receive a copy of the purchase agreement.
- Unsportsmanlike or other inappropriate conduct by the exhibitor or parents will not be tolerated. The Sheboygan County Jr Dairy Project Committee reserves the right to refuse participation in the sale by individuals not conducting themselves in the appropriate manner.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to find their own bidders for the sale.

- Exhibitors will be given two weeks after the fair to write and submit thank you letters for the buyer to the 4-H Dairy Committee or exhibitor will forfeit auction money and the exhibitor's proceeds will go to the Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Fund.

Sale Proceeds

Proceeds from the auction sale will go into the Sheboygan County Junior Dairy Project to be managed by the Sheboygan County Dairy Project Committee.

Auction sale proceeds will be dispersed as follows:

- Each auction sale participant will receive 65% of his/her bid price in the form of a check.
- The Dairy Youth Recognition Fund will retain 35% of each youth's bid price to be used for the following purposes:
 - ◇ Offset costs to host Dairy Youth Recognition Auction (i.e. marketing, printing, pre-sale refreshments, etc.)
 - ◇ Provide educational and/or other activities for the overall benefit of the dairy project youth in Sheboygan County (i.e. tours, speakers, Wisconsin State Fair Jr. Dairy Show, dairy quiz bowl, and dairy judging teams)
 - ◇ Scholarships

Dairy Project- Information Page

This page has all the forms you may need or would like to check out each year, as things might have changed.

- [DAIRY COW UNIFIED SCORECARD](#)
- [PDCA Showmanship Guidelines: Appearance of Exhibitor & Equipment, Appearance of Animal](#)
- [PDCA Showmanship Evaluation Card](#)
- [The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics](#)
- **Due Jan. 31st:** Calf Scholarship: [SCHOLARSHIP CALF AWARD](#)
- **Due March 20th:** Elmlo Fitting and Feeding Clinic Form: [Dairy Project Members- March 22 Meeting RSVP](#)
- **Due April 1st:** Dairy Committee Scholarship: [Dairy Committee Scholarship](#)
- **Due April 1st:** Sheboygan County Holstein Scholarship: [Sheboygan County Holstein Scholarship](#)
- **April 1st:** County's James Crowley Award: [James W Crowley Award](#)
- **Due July 15th:** Dairy Identification Sheets: [Dairy ID Sheets](#)
- Non-Dairy Committee Sponsored Clinic Form: [Non-Dairy Committee Sponsored Clinic Form](#)
- State Fair Rules and Guidelines Parent/Guardian and Exhibitor Signatures: [State Fair Rules and Guidelines](#)
- State Fair Animal Form: [2026 State Fair Animals](#)
- **Due August 10:** Farmer Bud Information Sheet: [2026 Farmerbud Entry Form.docx](#)
- **Due August 15th:** Jr. Dairy Barn Assignment Sheet: [2026 Jr. Dairy Barn Assignment](#)
- **Due September 3rd when checking animals in to a Superintendent:** Production Record: [Sheboygan County Fair Production Record Form.pdf](#)
- Showcase of Champions Recognition and Auction: [Showcase of Champions](#)