

# Kalamazoo County 4-H Dairy Project Guidelines

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## Project Objectives & Life Skills\*

- The goal of the 4-H dairy project is to Acquire skills in dairy production, including marketing, processing, distributing, consuming and using dairy products through ownership/lease and care of dairy animals. Youth will learn the nutritive value of dairy products and promote their use.
- Youth will practice principles of cleanliness and sanitation in production and care of dairy products.
- Head
  - Record Keeping
  - Planning/Organizing
  - Goal Setting
  - Wise use of Resources
- Heart
  - Communication
  - Social Skills
  - Concern for Others
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- Hands
  - Leadership
  - Responsible Citizenship
  - Marketable Skills
  - Teamwork
- Health
  - Personal Safety
  - Disease Prevention
  - Self-responsibility

*\*note these life skills are just some examples of what 4-H members will learn in this project*

## Resources

[Michigan 4-H Dairy project snapshot](#)  
[Shop 4-H livestock curriculum](#)

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# Dairy Project

## **Guidelines:**

- The Kalamazoo County 4-H dairy project is held at a closed herd farm.
- Youth will pick out their project and work with the animals at the farm under the guidance of the project superintendent. Youth will need to make sure that they are taking proper care of the animals, equipment, feed, etc. for the health and safety of all of the herd.
- Ribbons will be awarded 1st through 6th places.
- Enter only one animal per class with the exception of group classes.
- Youth ages 5-7 on January 1st of current year will participate in Cloverbud non-competitive classes and receive a participant ribbon. Cloverbuds may only show a junior calf and must always have an adult in the arena with them.
- All 3-year-old animals must have born a calf prior to the fair.

## Section A — Holstein, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Dairy Cross Breed

### Section B—Dairy Showmanship

- All youth will participate in showmanship

### Section C— Dairy Science

- A dairy educational exhibit (poster, notebook, PowerPoint, or diorama is required