



2026 Hartford Independent Fair

Department 104 – Junior Fair Dairy Feeder Steer

Dairy Feeder Steer Project Guidelines...

- Pre-Fair Registration to be held Saturday, June 6th (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) in the west end of Grubb Arena. Trailers will enter the grounds through the Gate D / D2 and then pull along the north side of Grubb to enter line for unloading / processing. Cost to the member will be \$10 per animal (cash accepted; checks can be made payable to Mount Vernon Animal Hospital). Only steers completing this registration process will be eligible to exhibit in Dairy Feeder classes at the Hartford Fair. All steers must be haltered in order to be moved through the vaccination, tagging, and weigh-in process.
 - All calves MUST be castrated and dehorned PRIOR TO ARRIVING to weigh-in on June 6th.
 - A vaccination program will be administered by licensed veterinarian. Vaccine cost will be \$9.00 per calf. Vaccinations will likely include:
 - Blackleg, pinkeye, respiratory series (IBR / BVD / PI3 / BRSB / Pastorella)
 - Lice, grubs and wormer
 - No boosters will be required
 - Steers will be tagged with an official 2026 Hartford Fair ear tag at a cost of \$1.00.
 - All Steers must be of 100% Holstein or Brown Swiss breeding.
 - Calves being weighed for the dairy feeder project on June 6th will be evaluated by an independent third party. Calves that are questionable in regard to the rule requiring 100% Holstein or Brown Swiss genetics will be identified and tissue samples will be taken for genetic testing. Testing will be at the owner's expense. Cost of the test will be reimbursed to the owner(s) of calves that meet the genetic requirement. Calves not meeting the genetic requirement will be ineligible to show in the dairy feeder show at the Hartford Fair and will not be eligible to sell in the Junior Fair sale. For those exhibitors unable to show in the dairy feeder show, there will be a class for them to exhibit and earn a premium.
 - The veterinarian, Senior Fair Board Member(s), and project volunteers will assist in observing calves that day and will provide suggestions to members regarding any concerns.
 - Weights will be taken for each calf. Rate of gain awards will be announced during the fair with awards being presented to the exhibitors owning the five highest gaining steers.

Additional Information...

- **Dairy Feeder Steer Barn Meeting – Hartford Fair**
 - Barn meeting will be held the first Sunday (August 9th) of the fair.

PLEASE NOTE: Dairy Feeder Calf project members wishing to show in the Ohio State Fair Dairy Feeder Show will utilize their Hartford Fair tag # when submitting OSF entry forms by June 20th.

For additional information, please feel free to contact Leanne Rex.
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