

CLARK COUNTY STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

Representing Clark County's Dairy Project at the Wisconsin State Fair is a reward for achievement and participation in the dairy project. The county sends the best quality to compete at the state level which represents the talent and project work in Clark County. Quality project animals will be the first determining factor in state fair selection. We also send youth who've demonstrated outstanding project work as evidenced in their dairy project activities, responsible leadership, and commitment to working with others.

Every attempt is made to allow as many youth as possible to experience exhibiting at the state fair. Some years, we have more youth/cattle wishing to participate than we have stalling or dormitory allotments. In those instances, the Dairy Committee feels preference should be given to those youth demonstrating a strong involvement in their dairy project.

Therefore, the Dairy Committee is instituting a State Fair Point System. Points will be accumulated from June 1 to June 1 for the State Fair Selection. If we have sufficient room for all exhibitors/animals wishing to attend, the point system will not go into effect. But, if we have more interest in attending the WI State Fair than we have stalls or dormitory allotments, we will refer to the points accumulated to determine who will have preference for eligibility.

To demonstrate project activity and behavior that merits representing Clark County at the WI State Fair, the following point system was established. The intent is to reward active involvement in the 4-H dairy project, recognize outstanding participation in dairy outside the traditional 4-H activities, and send youth exhibiting teamwork, work ethic, and conduct becoming to a Clark County dairy youth. Emphasis is on supporting County 4-H Dairy Participation. Youth must be in good standing in the 4-H Dairy Program.

Dairy project members in good standing wishing to attend the WI state fair must have a minimum of 30 "State Fair" points to be eligible to represent Clark County at the State Fair. Those attending for the first time will need to achieve 15 "State Fair" points since they won't have a previous State Fair Evaluation. First year state fair participants may only exhibit 1 animal. Those wishing to exhibit two animals at the WI State Fair must a) have a quality animal as determined by the selector/judge and b) have earned at least 35 "State Fair" points. This active involvement in the dairy project rewards them with taking an additional project to the WI State Fair.

Students attending college will have fewer opportunities to accumulate state fair points during the school year. Showing cattle at the county fair (10 pts) + average participation at state fair (15 pts) will require them to only accumulate 5 more points to exhibit at the state fair as listed above. College involvement in dairy club and judging activities will be recognized. Exceptions will be determined by the selection committee or dairy committee.