

Dairy Sweetheart

Rules

1. Contest is limited to unmarried 4-H girls 8-18 years of age as of January 1. (See *General Rules* on 4-H ages.)
2. Entrant must own and exhibit one or more dairy animals in the Junior Dairy Show at the Mississippi State Fair the year she enters the contest. This may be a dairy cow in the Junior Dairy Show.
3. Winners will be selected on the basis of poise, beauty, and personality, and knowledge of their project.
4. Two winners will be selected:
 - a. Junior 4-H Dairy Cattle Sweetheart (8-13 years)
 - b. Senior 4-H Dairy Cattle Sweetheart (14-18 years)
5. The winners will reign for the duration of one year - until the following year's contest is held.
6. No previous first place winner will be eligible to compete in the same division. However, first place Juniors may compete in the Senior division as they become eligible.
7. There is no limit to the number of contestants that may enter from a county.
8. After registration, contestants will be interviewed and have lunch with the judges.
9. After the interviews and lunch, the contestants will be escorted to the dairy show arena where the winners will be announced. Respective winners will assist with awards presentations for both the dairy cattle and dairy goat shows as requested by the show chairperson. Their assistance with other activities may be requested throughout the following year.

Fair exhibits/performances: Refer to fair exhibit list.

4-H Thrive

Positive Youth Development

Developing Competence

Adults create environments where youth can develop competence in their chosen project area.

Building Confidence

Youth build confidence as they learn to think for themselves, build mastery, and are recognized for their efforts.

Nurturing Caring

Adults nurture a caring environment where mutual trust between youth and adults is established. Caring relationships with adults are key to resilient youth.

Finding Connection

Youth build solid connections which are critical to their well-being.

Forming Character

Create a community where youth play an active role in developing their character.

Determining Contribution

Youth actively contribute to their clubs and communities.

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