

Dairy Showcase of Champions

Manitowoc County Dairy

Objectives:

- To provide a means of recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding dairy youth in Manitowoc County
- To provide an appropriate/fun location to showcase the creativity dressing up themselves and their fair projects
- To establish a fund to be used to further enhance the dairy in Manitowoc County for the benefit of all members

Location:

The Kids, Calves and Costumes Competition and live auction will be held in the Ice Arena on Saturday of the county fair. The Kids, Calves and Costume will begin at 2:00pm, with a buyers' pre-sale social/registration for the youth recognition auction also being held starting at 2:00 pm, with recognition program and auction starting after the competition, approximately at 3:00 pm.

Eligibility for participation:

Any dairy youth exhibitor (4-H, FFA or Jr. Breed Association) at Manitowoc County Junior Dairy Show. The Kids, Calves and Costume animal entry must be exhibited in the Dairy Junior Show during the current fair year.

Kids, Calves & Costumes:

- There will be no entry fee for exhibitors
- A judge (or judges) will be selected by the committee to judge the competition to select the following awards
 - Best dress animal
 - Best dress exhibitor
 - Most original/unique theme
- Each exhibitor will be introduced in the ring with a bio about themselves, the animal and theme they have chosen

What Sells for the Auction:

Ten participants will sell in the auction. The sale is a symbol of the youth's achievements at the Manitowoc County Fair. The committee will have donated gift baskets of various local products- to be given to the highest bidder of each lot.

The following lots are how to qualify for the given year's sale:

- **Lots 1–2** – Winners of *Kids, Calves & Costumes* (Best Dressed Animal & Exhibitor)
- **Lot 3** – Raffle lot drawn at random
- **Lots 4–8** – Champion Dairy Showmanship division winners
 - Grades 11 and above
 - Grades 9-10
 - Grades 7-8
 - Grades 5-6
 - Grades 3-4
- **Lot 9** – Exhibitor of the Overall Supreme Champion Female
- **Lot 10** – Exhibitor of the Overall Supreme Junior Champion Female

In the event an individual won two of the lots above, another raffle lot will be drawn. The Dairy Showcase of Champions Committee will make the final decision regarding any questions of participation in the auction.

Auction 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, which will be provided by the committee and white jeans
- 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 Dairy Showcase of Champions Committee reserves the right to refuse participation in the sale by individuals not conducting themselves in the appropriate manner.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to promote and find their own bidders for the sale.
- Exhibitors will be emailed a list of businesses to send thank you letters to for the sponsorship of the show and sale. The thank you letters **MUST BE TURNED IN BY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM OF THE FAIR** to Nicole Breunig to be eligible for the auction.

Auction Proceeds:

Proceeds from the auction sale will go into the Manitowoc County Dairy fund

Auction sale proceeds will be dispersed as follows:

- Each auction sale participant will receive 50% of his/her bid price in the form of a check.
- The Manitowoc County Dairy fund will retain 50% of each youth's bid price to be used for
- the following purposes:
 - Offset costs to host Dairy Showcase of Champions (i.e. marketing, printing, awards, pre-sale refreshments, etc.)
 - Provide educational and/or other activities for the overall benefit of the dairy in Manitowoc County