

29th ANNUAL UGA COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFER SHOW

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JUDGES: TBA

Show Schedule

Friday, February 6th, 2026

3:00-5:00 PM: Weigh-in at UGA Livestock Arena on S. Milledge in Athens, GA.

6:00 PM: Youth Dairy Judging Contest (4H & FFA Youth) SEE PAGE 4.

7:00 PM: Dairy Dawg Dinner

Saturday, February 7th, 2026

8:30 AM: Exhibitor Meeting

9:00 AM: Show begins with two rings of Showmanship classes.

ONLINE ENTRIES

This year, contestants can submit their entries online through **The Show Portal!** Entry dates and deadlines remain the same as paper entries. Please note that entries submitted after **January 20, 2026**, will be considered late, and a show shirt will not be available. All entry rules listed on the following page apply to both paper and online submissions.

Please use the link below to enter our show online or to use paper entries, please see page 3.

<https://app.theshowportal.com/uga-commercial-dairy-heifer-show>

DAIRY DAWG DINNER

Join us at the conclusion of the judging contest for a dinner with fellow dairy youth. We all share a love for the dairy industry and it's always great to meet with others from around the state. Dinner will be provided at no cost and will be available at 7:00 pm on Friday evening.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The design should be original and drawn using a heavy marker on a standard 8 ½" x 11" plain white sheet of paper, or drawn digitally, postmarked by January 6th, 2026, and sent to Dr. Jillian Bohlen, Rhodes Center for ADS, 425 River Road, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2771 or emailed to jfain@uga.edu.

This design must include:

1. The name of the show "29th Annual UGA Commercial Dairy Heifer Show"
2. The date of the show "February 7th, 2026"
3. Limit of one or two ink colors and a color t-shirt (ex. white, black, and red)
4. Put your signature next to your artwork.

The winning design selected by the Dairy Science Club will receive a \$50 award.

SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please NOTE - HEIFERS WILL BE TIED TO RINGS AND CABLES WITH TWO CALVES ASSIGNED PER RING! SPACE IS LIMITED. We cannot provide ANY special accommodations and ask that you consider this when entering the show. We ask that everyone be considerate of the volunteer show staff, each other and each other's space!**

1. Dairy Heifers must be in possession by the exhibitor on or before November 15th, 2025.
2. Heifers must be tagged with an official state ear tag on or before November 15th, 2025, as stipulated by State Commercial Heifer Rules and Regulations.
3. Heifers shall meet ALL requirements for the 2026 State Show to be eligible.
4. **ALL ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE INPUT AND PAID (\$20.00 PER HEAD) BY JANUARY 20th, 2026.**
5. **ALL PAPER ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED AND MAILED WITH ENTRY FEE (\$20.00 PER HEAD) BY JANUARY 9th, 2026.** Make checks payable to the UGA Dairy Science Club and mail to Dr. Jillian Bohlen, Rhodes Center for ADS, 425 River Road, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2771.
6. Late entries will be accepted at a cost of \$25/head. No entries accepted after weigh in on Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
7. **Any entries received after January 20th, 2026, will not receive a free show shirt.**
8. All animals that are shown must have a current Health Paper by a certified veterinarian. There may be an inspector onsite to check these.
9. Agent or Teacher, exhibitor AND parent must sign the entry form.
10. An exhibitor can enter no more than three (3) animals.
11. Heifers will be sorted into classes by weight and judged accordingly.
12. Showmanship classes will be based on grade in school of exhibitor.
13. The show will begin with showmanship classes followed by weight.
14. Two rings will be used concurrently during the show. For showmanship, two rings will be used with 4th grade in Ring 1 and 9th grade starting in Ring 2. Two rings will be used to break weigh classes with lightweight heifers in Ring 1 and heavyweight heifers in Ring 2. Classes will be posted Friday evening following weigh in.
15. An exhibitor will not be permitted to enter the show ring with another student's heifer unless it belongs to an exhibitor with two entries in the same weight class OR two entries showing in weight classes in separate rings at the same time. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship.
16. **STRAW IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CATTLE BARN OR THE PRACTICE ARENA. Shavings will be provided.**
17. **NO HAY, FEED, SHAVINGS OR CLIPPING WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PRACTICE ARENA.**
18. Exhibitors **MUST** rake all hay, feed, and waste into the center aisle at the end of the show, retaining as much of the clean shavings as possible.
19. Exhibitors **MUST** make their animals available to be used in the judging contest Friday night.
20. Exhibitors and any persons associated with exhibitors must exercise respect and courtesy to the judges and show personnel.

UGA COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFER SHOW
February 7th, 2026
UGA Livestock Instructional Arena
Athens, GA

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____ EXHIBITOR'S AGE: _____

CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE: YOUTH S M L or ADULT S M L XL XXL

Note: one T-shirt is provided per exhibitor and size must be indicated. Please make sure sizes are correct as they cannot be changed at time of pickup.

EXHIBITOR'S ADDRESS: _____

(Route #, Box #, P.O. Box # and/or Street Address) (City) (Zip)

COUNTY OR CHAPTER: _____ ORGANIZATION: 4-H () FFA ()

Enter heifer information in the table below:

Tag #	Birth Date of Heifer	Description (Breed, color, markings, etc.)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

RSVP for dinner held at 7 PM on Friday (Total number of attendees): _____

All Rules and Regulations for the State Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Show apply. All heifers must be individually tagged by November 15th, 2025.

I, we, do hereby certify that the above will maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide daily care for the heifers from the time of entry until show day.

Signature of Exhibitor: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Signature of County Agent or Vo-Ag Teacher Phone e-mail

\$20.00 entry fee, **per heifer**, must accompany this entry form. Make checks payable to UGA Dairy Science Club (**DO NOT SEND CASH**) mail by **January 9th, 2026**, to: Dr. Jillian Bohlen, Rhodes Center for ADS, 425 River Road, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2771. If paying and completing entry form online, submit by January 20th, 2026. **Late entries are \$25 per head.** Entry fees are non-refundable. See Page 1 for information regarding T-Shirt Design Contest.

UGA DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB JUDGING CONTEST

A dairy judging contest for 4-H & FFA members will be held at 6:00 PM Friday, February 6th, 2026. Four classes will be judged. All classes will be placings only, no reasons. Prizes will be awarded at the exhibitor meeting on Saturday morning.

NAME: _____

GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____ EXHIBITOR'S AGE: _____

EXHIBITOR'S ADDRESS: _____

(Route #, Box #, P.O. Box # and/or Street Address) (City) (Zip)

COUNTY OR CHAPTER: _____

ORGANIZATION: 4-H (☐) FFA (☐)

Send with \$5 to: Dr. Jillian Bohlen, Rhodes Center for ADS, 425 River Road, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2771. Payment for the contest can also be made in The Show Portal, which will be under the same event as the show entries.

JOIN OUR GROUP ON THE REMIND APP!

This year we will be utilizing the Remind APP to better inform our exhibitors and family regarding important updates during our show! Please send the code “@ugadairy” to the number “81010” on your cell phone.

