

Georgia Young Farmer Association

Commercial and Registered Dairy Cattle Show Schedule



Thursday, August 13, 2026
Barns Open – 4:00 pm – 8:00pm

Friday, August 14, 2026
Barns Open – 8:00 am
Cattle Check-In – 10:00 am – 12:00pm
Cattle Showmanship – 3:00 pm Showmanship will begin with 4th grade – 12th grade.

Saturday, August 15, 2026
Dairy Heifer Show – 8:00 am Registered Show Followed By Commercial Dairy Heifer Show
Dairy Cattle Judge: Amanda Lutz and Tina Horn

1. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** Health Certificates and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors are eligible from the State of Georgia only. Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th grade through 12th grade in school (and at least nine years old by entry deadline). No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
3. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All livestock entries will be **ONLINE ONLY**. Entry deadline remains August 3, 2026. All entries will be paid for through the online process
4. Entry fees will be \$30.00 per heifer, plus \$10 Showmanship. **Entry deadline is August 3, 2026.** Late entries will be accepted August 4th through 10th for \$60 per heifer and \$20 for per showmanship. Tie spaces will be assigned depending on available spaces.
5. **SIGNATURES:** The online entry process has a place that you have to agree to the rules, by marking the check box will serve as required signature. There is an Advisors form that all 4H/FFA advisors are required to send in for their counties/clubs.

6. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: No more than five commercial dairy heifers can be entered by any one exhibitor.

7. OWNERSHIP: The exhibitor must maintain continuous possession and provide daily care for the heifer(s) from August 1, 2026 to show time.

8. IDENTIFICATION: All commercial dairy heifers must have a STATE ear tag at the time of entry. Tattoos are required on solid colored calves only; however, they are highly recommended on all calves. Tattoo number need not correspond to ear tag number.

9. Heifers should meet the following requirements to be eligible for the Commercial Show:

a. Heifers must be born between March 1, 2025 and August 1, 2026.

b. Commercial dairy heifers are dairy cattle offspring of mixed dairy or purebred dairy cattle parents.

c. Heifers weighing less than 100 pounds and more than 1,250 pounds will be disqualified.

d. All heifers must be dehorned. Heifers not dehorned will be disqualified. Any regrowth must be rasped and made presentable and should NOT exceed one (1) inch in length.

10. CLASSES: Heifers will be classed and shown by weight. Classes will be broken up depending on entries

11. WEIGH-IN: Heifers must be weighed in on Friday August 14 between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. NO REWEIGHS after Commercial Dairy Heifers leave the scales.

12. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN: Animal must be shown by owner. Substitute showman will be allowed when exhibitor has more than one animal in a class or is showing another species at show time. The substitute showman must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by the show superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to a disability, a substitute showman will be allowed to show for that exhibitor. The exhibitor with the disability must be present at the show-ring when the substitute showman and animal enter the ring. The substitute in all cases must be a 4-H or FFA member and the substitute must be approved by the show superintendent at the time of animal check-in. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the show-ring. No substitute showman will be allowed to show in showmanship

13. SHOWMANSHIP: Each participant in showmanship must own the calf they show and the calf must be entered and qualified to show in weight class. Showmanship classes may be split and heats run at the discretion of show management

14. CONTROL: All heifers must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.

15. FILLING OF COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFERS with any substance is prohibited. All heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for grooming.

16. BEDDING: A wood chip bedding will be provided for the first bedding. No straw, sand, or other material will be allowed in the Beef Barn.

17. TACK AREAS will be assigned on a space available basis depending on the number of animals entering the show.

18. State 4-H & FFA rules do not allow junior exhibitors and/or their advisors/teachers to spend the night inside the barns.

19. Jr Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship - 1st Place each class - Belt Buckle

*Show Superintendents can group the showmanship classes depending on entries.

GYFA Registered Dairy Cattle Division

1. All general rules will apply to the Registered Dairy Show Division.
2. All exhibitors must be Georgia 4-H and FFA members in 4th-12th grade.
3. Registered Dairy Heifer check in coincides with Commercial Dairy Heifer check.
4. Heifers shown in the GYFA Registered Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to be shown in any other division at the GYFA Dairy Show. If a violation is observed, a grievance needs to be submitted according to show rules.
5. Do not bring straw into the cattle barn. Heifers must be bedded with shavings.
6. An exhibitor will not be permitted to enter the show ring with another student's calf unless the calf belongs to an exhibitor with two entries in the same class (or they are showing an animal in another species).
7. Breeds with less than 10 animals will be combined.
8. Show management reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes where numbers warrant
9. Certificate of Registration: Each animal shown must present at check-in with an Original Certificate of Registration the exhibitor's name must be listed on certificate of registration. Entries must be made in the name of the exhibitor as it appears on the Original Certificate of Registration. Also, an official lease agreement with a breed association is acceptable.
10. All animals must be certified 87% or higher by their respective breed association
11. PDCA regulations apply
12. Students may show either Commercial or Registered animals to compete in showmanship

*Must be 10

1. Spring Calf: 12/1/25 – 2/28/26
2. Winter Calf: 3/1/26-5/30/26
3. Fall Calf: 9/1/25 – 11/30/25
4. Summer Yearling: 6/1/25 – 8/31/25
5. Spring Yearling: 3/1/25 – 5/31/25
6. Winter Yearling: 12/1/24 – 2/28/24
7. Fall Yearling 9/1/24 – 11/30/24
8. Class winners will be brought back in for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Heifer

