

VIRGINIA SPRING HOLSTEIN SHOW
May 2, 2026

Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

Judge: Austin Schwartzbeck

Friday, May 1st

10:00 A.M approx. Virginia 4-H/FFA Dairy Skillathon (Contest information and rules are [here](#))

6:00 P.M. Cattle in place

7:00 pm Junior Mixer & pizza party

Saturday, May 2nd

9:00 A.M. Exhibitor Meeting with Judge

9:05 A.M. Pee Wee Showing Class*

Showing and Fitting all youth (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice)

Type Classes - Cows will show first with heifer classes beginning after champion cow. All group classes will show at the end of the show after the heifer classes.

Online Entry Form can be accessed [here](#). Entries are due April 11th.

*VA Junior Holstein will provide **food for show day through pre-order only**. The order form is included on the Spring Show Entry Form **(both PDF and Online)**. Food will be delivered to your pack between 11:45-12:00. The food booth is a way for VA Junior Holstein youth members to raise funds to support their activities such as attending the National Holstein Convention in Florida this summer.***

We will follow all state and national guidelines pertaining to the H5N1 virus. Should changes occur at the state level we will notify exhibitors. All out-of-state lactating animals will require a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved NAHLN laboratory.

Area Lodging

The Village Inn.....540-434-7355
Hampton Inn H-burg-South.....540-437-0090
Holiday Inn Express540-433-9999
Country Inn & Suites.....540-433-2400
Ramada by Wyndham.....540-434-9981
Microtel Inn & Suites.....540-437-3777
Super 8.....540-433-8888
Motel 6.....540-434-6700

Local Bedding and Supply Stores

Rockingham Cooperative.....540-828-2561
Augusta Cooperative.....540-453-4047
Farm Choice.....540-434-4601
H&W Litter Service.....540-867-5022
Atkins Litter Service.....540-434-0832

RV Camping Spots available at Fairgrounds.
To reserve your spot contact the fair office for
details and fees - 540-434-0005

RULES

1. Competition is open to Virginia members and all other states. Junior Exhibitors – see VA Junior Holstein Show Rules for an additional fee for out of state exhibitors.
2. Milk – Milking parlor is available for use for those exhibitors with milking animals.
3. **Entry deadline, April 11, 2026** (Postmarked) Entry Fee \$15.00 per head or stall Entry Fee \$30.00 per stall if postmarked after deadline. **Fees are the same for cattle and tack stalls.* No refund of entry fee.
4. Stalls will be assigned. Stall space not guaranteed for entries received after April 11th. Cattle will be accepted beginning Friday, May 1st, at 8:00 A.M. No cattle may be put in the barn before that time.
5. All animals must be on the grounds by 6:00 P.M. Friday May 1st.
6. Show ring code of ethics approved by Holstein USA will govern the show.
7. The show committee encourages each to adhere to the PDCA dress code.
8. All cows shown in Dry Cow Classes names and registration numbers will be reported to the state DHIA office.
9. Classes will begin with class 1 (Unfresh Jr 2 year old) with heifers showing after the champion cow classes. All group classes will be shown at the end of the show, cows will be milked out.
10. No trash is allowed in manure pile. The manure is removed and used at local farms. Please be considerate of keeping the trash out of the manure pile and the manure delivered to the manure pile, not the trash can.
11. At all times the decision of the show committee will be final.
12. Show harness will be required.
13. Registration and health papers (as identified below) will be checked.
14. **Health Regulations** All animals must conform to Virginia Animal Health Requirements. [Animal Admissions Requirements-Cattle \(virginia.gov\)](#)
 - a. In addition to the rules below, **We will follow all state and national guidelines pertaining to the H5N1 virus. Should changes occur at the state level we will notify exhibitors. All out-of-state lactating animals will require a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved NAHLN laboratory and to be included on the CVI.**
 - b. Virginia housed animals will not require a health paper.
 - c. Out of state or imported to the state of VA: "Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for out of state exhibitors WILL BE checked upon arrival. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection must have been written within the last 30 days prior to show. Those without complete, valid CVIs will either be required to leave or must meet VA import requirements before being allowed to participate"
 - d. Dairy animals must have a permanent identification and this permanent identification must match the animal identification on the registration papers.
 - e. All exhibitors are urged, for their own protection, to have a current complete immunization program for the respiratory disease complex (including, but not limited to IBR and PI3).
 - f. Any and all animals not meeting the entry requirements, unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness, may be refused entry, required to be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin. During the duration of the show any and all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin.
15. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES
 - a. Registration or Recorded certificates must accompany all animals. Animals 87% RHA and higher are eligible for the open and junior shows.
 - b. For animals purchased in 2026 bring proof of purchase or certificate. (Buyers copy of transfer, shipping chart, etc.)
 - c. The registration certificate will be considered as proof of identity, parentage, birth date, ownership and breeder of the animal for the open and junior shows.
 - d. Open and junior shows - All animals must be entered exactly as ownership appears on the registration certificate. Any certificates accompanied by a transfer or ownership form will be retained by show management and submitted to Holstein USA for transfer. Transfer fee to be paid by the exhibitor.

SPRING SHOW AWARDS (No premiums for the 2026 show)

Ribbons, all classes

Rosette, Champions & Reserves – Youth & Open Division

Awards:

Junior Champion and Reserve - Junior and Open Division

Grand Champion and Reserve - Junior and Open Division

VIRGINIA JUNIOR HOLSTEIN SHOW RULES

1. All Junior members must be a current member (paid in the current year) of the Virginia Junior Holstein Association. Dues may be paid at the Spring Show. Deadline for paying dues for the current year in order to be able to show at the Virginia Summer Holstein Show is by spring show of the current year. The parent (s) and/or guardian of the junior member must be a resident of the state of Virginia.
 - a. *New members* (Has never been a member of the Virginia Junior Holstein Assoc.) may show at the summer Holstein show, if they have paid their dues by the date of the summer Holstein show.
 - b. *OUT OF STATE JUNIORS* – *Out of state Junior exhibitors may show in the VA Junior Holstein Shows with an additional \$10 fee per exhibitor that will be paid the VA Junior Holstein Assoc.*
2. Eligibility: Participation in the spring and summer show is open to all Virginia Junior Holstein members who are 9 years of age as of December 31 of the current year and not over 21 years of age as of December 31 of the current year.
3. Animals must be owned and registered in the junior member's name for the spring show. For the summer Show the animal (s) must be owned and registered in the junior members name by July 15th of the current year. The application for transfer must be received by Holstein Association USA on or before the deadline.
 - a. LEASED ANIMALS *See VA Holstein Lease Agreement Guidelines*
 - i. Must attach a copy of your lease agreement with sponsor to your entry form. Lease agreement must have: Date of Agreement, Signature of Owner (sponsor) Your Signature (Lessee) And Parents or guardian signature
4. To be eligible to participate as a junior member of the Virginia Junior Holstein Junior Show the animal must be shown by the owner who is a member of the Virginia Junior Holstein Association, except by prior written approval. If approved, another member of the Virginia Junior Holstein Association of similar age group (9-14) or (15-21). If the member has more than one animal in a class then another member of the Virginia Junior Holstein Association must show that animal. Request for approval for not showing an animal by the owner must be made to the Show Chairman 24 hours prior to the beginning of the show unless an emergency exists. The decision to grant approval will be made by the President of the Virginia Junior Holstein Association and the Show Chairman of the Virginia Holstein Association, Inc.
5. Junior syndicates will be allowed between junior members of the same family provided all are at least 9 years of age and under 21 years of age, as of December 31 of the current year. No adults are allowed in junior syndicates.
6. All animals shown in showing and fitting classes do not have to be owned by the exhibitor..
7. The showing and fitting classes will be divided into four divisions: All ages as of Dec 31 of current year:
 - a. SENIOR - 16 to 21; INTERMEDIATE - 13 to 15; JUNIOR - 9 to 12; NOVICE - those who are showing for the first year and less than 13 years of age. Exhibitor may have shown at a previous show during this calendar year, but not previous to this year.
 - b. The judge will be instructed to consider the following scorecard: Appearance of animal - 30 points; Appearance of exhibitor - 10 points; Presentation of the animal in the ring - 60 points. Total 100 points.
8. It is not necessary to "bag" cows for the fitting and showing contest. The judge will be instructed.

PEE WEE SHOWING CLASS

- This class is sponsored by the show committee and is not connected to the Junior Association rules
- For youth 8 years of age and younger as of December 31st
- Must have an adult in show ring with those youth that cannot handle animals properly by themselves. An adult should be present and near ringside for all youth
- Youth showing in this class are not eligible to show in the novice class
- This is not a competitive class
- Participants will receive a ribbon

VA HOLSTEIN LEASE AGREEMENT GUIDELINES:

1. The program is available to any member, hereafter referred to as the lessee, in good standing with the Virginia Junior Holstein Association.
2. The lessee will be required to keep a Dairy Project Record Book.
3. The owner, hereafter referred to as the sponsor, will jointly determine with the lessee specific responsibilities to be carried out by the lessee, such as:
 - a. The lessee's duties and responsibilities while working with the animal at the farm.
 - b. A working schedule for carrying out the specific duties.
 - c. Any assistance the sponsor will provide to the lessee.

4. The leased animal will be housed and maintained at the farm facilities of the sponsor.
5. The sponsor of the leased animal agrees not to hold the lessee liable for any financial loss from injury or death to the leased animal.
6. The sponsor is not responsible for financial liability from any injury that the lessee may incur while working with the leased animal at the farm.
7. Any new project animal a member chooses must be under 2 years of age.
8. Juniors that have cows they are showing now under the Lease agreement must provide proof of working with that animal since she was a calf (in the form of Dairy Project Record Books) in order to continue showing in the Junior show; if the Junior cannot provide proof they must show in the Open show.
9. Each member must bring their project books to the show for the animal(s) they are leasing.
10. There are no limits on how many animals a member may lease.
11. Juniors must understand that they cannot show any animals they are leasing under these guidelines at a National Junior show. In order to show at a National Junior Show they must follow the National Lease Program.

CLASSES FOR 2026 SPRING SHOW

1. **UNFRESH JUNIOR TWO YEAR OLD** – (not in milk) – Born Mar 1, 2024 thru Aug 31, 2024
2. **JUNIOR TWO YEAR OLD COW** – (in milk) – Born Mar 1, 2024 thru Aug 31, 2024
3. **SENIOR TWO YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept 1, 2023 thru Feb 28, 2024
4. **JUNIOR THREE YEAR OLD COW** – Born Mar 1, 2023 thru Aug 31, 2023
5. **SENIOR THREE YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept 1, 2022 thru Feb 28, 2023
6. **FOUR YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept 1, 2021 thru Aug 31, 2022
7. **FIVE YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept. 1, 2020 thru Aug 31, 2021
8. **AGED COW** -Born prior to Sept 1, 2020
9. **DRY COWS** – Must have completed one lactation
10. **WINTER HEIFER CALF** – Born Dec. 1, 2025 thru Feb. 28, 2026
11. **FALL HEIFER CALF** – Born Sept 1, 2025 thru Nov 30, 2025
12. **SUMMER HEIFER CALF** – Born June 1, 2025 thru Aug 31, 2025
13. **SPRING YEARLING HEIFER** – Born Mar 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2025
14. **WINTER YEARLING HEIFER** – Born Dec. 1, 2024 thru Feb 28, 2025
15. **FALL YEARLING HEIFER** – (Not in Milk) Born Sept 1, 2024 thru Nov 30, 2024
16. **JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES** – To consist of 3 females under two year of age bred by and carrying the exhibitors prefix, regardless of ownership.
17. **DAM AND DAUGHTER** -To consist of two females, one to be the offspring of the other, May be owned by two exhibitors.
18. **PRODUCE OF DAM** -To consist of two animals any age, the produce of one cow, May be owned by two exhibitors.
19. **BEST THREE FEMALES** - To consist of three females, **at least one over two years of age**, all bred by and carrying the exhibitor's prefix. One animal may be owned by another exhibitor.
20. **BREEDERS HERD** - To consist of five animals, all females, all owned by exhibitor. All must be bred by and owned by the exhibitor. There shall be two under 2 years of age, two over 2 years of age that have calved and one any age.