

VIRGINIA SUMMER DAIRY SHOWDOWN

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Rockingham County Fairgrounds July 30- August 2, 2025

Entry Deadline Sunday, July 20, 2025

Judge: Madison Fisher



Online Entry Link for the Type Classes: <https://forms.gle/NZxRcmYyL8kVdLUi7>


Online Entry Link for the Showmanship & Fitting Contest: <https://forms.gle/rHiYWsdcM29yGGt6>

Online Payment: <https://virginia-holstein-association-inc.square.site/>

2025 Virginia Summer Showdown Schedule

Tuesday 7/29	Wednesday 7/30	Thursday 7/31	Friday 8/1	Saturday 8/2
Exhibitors may begin bringing tack to fairgrounds but NO CATTLE. Email vaholstein@gmail.com to confirm.	8:00 AM Exhibitors may start bringing cattle	12:00 PM ALL cattle must be in place 1:00 PM Dairy Youth Field Day Dairy Judging (4 H&E FFA) 7:00 PM Ice cream social and Jr Assoc Cornhole Tournament	10:00 AM • Youth showmanship • Fitting Class • Adult Jackpot Showmanship 6:00 PM Exhibitor welcome dinner 7:00 PM Fun auction	8:30 AM Dairy Show • Cow Show • Supreme Cow • 30 min break with Trip Bopp Herdsman recognition • Heifer Show • Supreme Heifer • ALL Group Classes shown together by breed

Special Notes for the 2025 Show:

- 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.
- Upon arrival at the show - stop by the barn office to check-in. See more details in the rules.
- Entry fees are \$15.00 per head or tack space. No bedding provided in 2025
- Two substitutions will be allowed per breed
- No refunds on entries submitted, payment due with entries
- Cows will show first on Saturday, starting at 8:30am!
- Red & White will be combined with the Holstein Show and placed accordingly within their respective class. There will be a separate champion pull for the Red & White Holsteins.
- Summer Show Shirts for sale! All youth exhibitors will receive a complementary shirt sponsored by VSDA. Please contact Becky Daubert if an adult would like to purchase a shirt for \$15
- Cowsmopolitan will provide show coverage for the type classes on Saturday  with special thanks to some of our farm sponsors.
- Virginia Junior Holstein Association will have the *Barn Dash* pre-order option for food on Saturday during the show. Lunches will be delivered to your tack space or available for pick up near the show desk.
 - Order Online- mail payment or pay at the show: <https://forms.gle/qn24ksyqnKqfZ3uU8>
 - Online payment link at the top of page

We welcome your suggestions or comments on how to improve the show.



Thank you!

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

Area Lodging

The Village Inn.....540-434-7355
 Hampton Inn H-burg-South.....540-437-0090
 Best Western Plus Hburg.....540-433-9999
 Country Inn & Suites.....540-433-2400
 Ramada by Wyndham.....540-434-9981
 Microtel Inn & Suites.....540-437-3777
 Super 8 by Wyndham.....540-208-2189
 Motel 6.....540-434-6700
 RV Camping Spots available at Fairgrounds.
 To reserve your spot contact the fair office for details and fees - 540-434-0005

RULES

1. Open competition is open to anyone.
2. Junior Competition for the VA Summer Showdown is open to all juniors who are 9 years of age and not over 21 years of age as of December 31 of the current year and a member of their respective breed organization. Specific Junior Holstein Show Rules can be found in the Junior Show Section of the rules.
3. **Milk** – Milking parlor is available for use for those exhibitors with milking animals. There are stallcocks available for anyone who brings their own bucket milker. Clorox and gloves will be provided in the parlor.
4. **Stalls will be assigned.** Stall space not guaranteed for entries received after July 20, 2025
5. Cattle will be accepted on the grounds beginning **Wed. July 30th, at 8:00 A.M.**
6. Animals must be on the grounds by **12:00 P.M. (noon) Thursday, July 31st**
7. **Entry deadline, July 20, 2025** (Received online, email or postmarked)
8. Entry Fees:
 - a. Animal Entry Fee * \$15.00/head
 - b. Tack space \$15.00/space
 - c. Out of State Jr Fee (Holstein Show only) \$10.00/exhibitor (See Jr. Rules)
 - d. Late Entry Fee **\$40.00** per head if received or postmarked after **July 20, 2025**
 - e. You will be billed for the difference on entries received or postmarked after **July 20, 2025** No refund of entry fee.
9. Show ring code of ethics approved by Holstein USA will govern the show. Rules can be found at:
http://www.holsteinusa.com/pdf/print_material/show_program.pdf
10. The show committee encourages each to adhere to the PDCA dress code.
11. All cows shown in Dry Cow Classes names and registration numbers will be reported to the state DHIA office.
12. **Classes will be shown in the same order as listed rotating breeds. In 2025, we will start with Cows at 8:30am. (ie. All Summer Jr. 2 year olds, starting with Ayrshire, BS, etc). Heifers will show after a 30 minute break following the conclusion of the Supreme Champion Cow.**
13. At all times, the decision of the show committee will be final.
14. Tie your animals in stalls that are assigned to you only.
15. Show harness will be required.
16. Registration and health papers will be checked. Upon arriving at the fairgrounds, have a representative from your farm stop by the barn office to find Becky or another show representative to begin the check in process and review the health charts and inspect cattle. If a health concern is present, animals could be asked to leave at the discretion of the show committee. Please bring your registration papers to the barn office at any time to check in for the show catalog to update substitutions or scratches.
17. Registration or Recorded certificates must accompany all animals.
 - a. In the Holstein Show, animals 87% RHA and higher are eligible for the show.
 - b. For animals purchased in 2025 and not transferred, 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 animal.
 - d. Registration certificates for all animals entered in any group class must be brought to the ring with the animal.
 - e. 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 the respective breed organization for transfer. Transfer fee will be paid by the exhibitor
18. **Health Regulations:** All animals must conform to Virginia Animal Health Requirements.. More information can be found at:
<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals-cattle.shtml>
 - 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.
19. **Do not park on the grass around the food booth or towards the exhibit hall beyond the bathrooms.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Premiums - Will be awarded to both Open and Youth exhibitors in both type and group classes. 1st - \$20, 2nd - \$10

Supreme Cow and Heifer (open and youth) \$300 cash prize

Reserve Cow and Heifer (open and youth)- \$100 cash prize

Best Bred and Owned Supreme Heifer and Cow (open and youth) \$100 cash prize

Best Bred and Owned in the Open and Youth Show will be recognized in all breeds. The recognition will be given to the highest placing animal that is bred and owned in each breed. Each breed will follow the breed specific national show program for Bred & Owned eligibility. \$20 for open and youth in each breed, heifer and cow

CHAMPION & RESERVE (Open & Youth) – Awards will be presented to breeds that have 10 or more head entered in the show.

Grand Champions - \$50 Reserve Champions \$20

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD – Banners given to breeds that have 40 or more head entered in the show. Premier Exhibitor shall be made to the exhibitor credited with the most points on not to exceed six animals owned and exhibited. In case of multiple ownership, all points awarded for Premier Exhibitor will be credited to the individual, partnership member, syndicate member or family unit that is exhibiting the animal.

PREMIER BREEDER AWARD – Banners given to breeds that have 40 or more head entered in the show. Premier Breeder shall be made to the breeder of animals credited with the most points not to exceed six animals, exhibited by himself or other exhibitors. When determining the Premier Breeder the breeder of the animal shall be the name of the person, partnership or syndicate as it appears on the registry certificate.

Family Unit Defined – if a herd is registered in the names of the immediate members of a family these persons may combine their entries as a “family unit”, and be considered as one exhibitor for premier exhibitor point. In order to qualify as a “Family Unit”, all animals must be kept in the same herd.

****THERE WILL BE NO SPLITTING OF PREMIER BREEDER AND OR EXHIBITOR POINTS****

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Junior females	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11 and Dry cows
Senior Females	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22

JUNIOR SHOW RULES - Specifically used for the VA Junior Holstein Show

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 May 1 of the current year. The parent (s) and/or guardian of the junior member must be a resident of the state of Virginia.
2. *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.
3. ***OUT OF STATE JUNIORS (Holstein only) – Out of state Junior exhibitors may show in the VA Junior Holstein Shows with an additional \$10 exhibitor fee that will be paid the VA Junior Holstein Assoc.***
4. Eligibility: For the year 2025, participation in the summer show is open to all Junior Holstein members who are 9 years of age and not over 21 years of age as of December 31 of the current year.
5. 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 member's name by **July 15th** of the current year. The application for transfer must be **received by** Holstein Association USA on or before the deadline.
6. **LEASED ANIMALS-** See VA Holstein Lease Agreement Guidelines
 - a. Must be entered on an official entry form and received by July 20, 2025
 - b. Entry fees \$15.00 if received by July 20, \$40.00 if received or postmarked after July 20, 2025
 - c. Must bring a copy of your lease agreement with sponsor to the show and available at time of check in.
 - d. Lease agreement must have: Date of Agreement, Signature of Owner (sponsor) Your Signature (Lessee) And Parents or guardian signature
7. 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 a state Junior Holstein Association, except by prior written approval. If approved, another member of a state 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.

8. 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.

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 be jointly determined 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.

****For 2025 Show* The Showmanship and Fitting Contest will be held Friday morning beginning at 10:00 am
Separate rules and entry form can be found on the VHA website and the last page of this packet. Open to all youth.***

IN 2025 THERE WILL BE A HERDSMANSHIP AWARD GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TRIP BOPP, FORMER MEMBER OF THE VA JUNIOR HOLSTEIN ASSOC. Thank you to Pleased Rose Dairy for sponsoring this award.

ALL youth exhibitors will be eligible for the award. The evaluation will be based on the presentation of their animals and tack space (neatness, etc), as well as a positive attitude and striving to go above and beyond to help others and cooperate. An award will be given after the announcement of the Supreme Champion Cow on Saturday, August 2nd.

Category	Description	Total Points
Presentation of animals	Cleanliness of animals, timeliness to show ring	30
Presentation of barn space	Overall cleanliness and neatness	20
Positive attitude	Helpful and friendly to other exhibitors and others on the grounds	20
Going above and beyond to cooperate and assist others	Helping other exhibitors, helping with overall show participation	30

TYPE CLASSES FOR 2025 SHOWS

All classes will be shown in order by breed (ie. All Summer Jr. 2 years olds starting with Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, etc). Supreme Champion Cow will be selected at the end of the cow show. The heifer show will take place after the Supreme Champion Cow. ALL group classes will be shown after the Supreme Champion Heifer is selected. ALL group classes will be shown by breed (ie. All Ayrshire groups, Jr Best Three, Dam & Daughter, etc., followed by all Brown Swiss group classes)

1. **SUMMER JUNIOR TWO YEAR OLD COW** – Born June 1, 2023 thru Aug 31, 2023
2. **JUNIOR TWO YEAR OLD COW** – Born Mar 1, 2023 thru May 31, 2023
3. **SENIOR TWO YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept 1, 2022 thru Feb 28, 2023
4. **JUNIOR THREE YEAR OLD COW** – Born Mar 1, 2022 thru Aug 31, 2022
5. **SENIOR THREE YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept 1, 2021 thru Feb 28, 2022
6. **FOUR YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept 1, 2020 thru Aug 31, 2021
7. **FIVE YEAR OLD COW** – Born Sept. 1, 2019 thru Aug 31, 2020
8. **AGED COW** -Born prior to Sept 1, 2019
9. **DRY COWS** – Having completed one lactation
10. **SPRING HEIFER CALF** – Born Mar. 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2025
11. **WINTER HEIFER CALF** – Born Dec. 1, 2024 thru Feb. 28, 2025
12. **FALL HEIFER CALF** – Born Sept 1, 2024 thru Nov 30, 2024
13. **SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER** – Born June 1, 2024 thru Aug 31, 2024
14. **SPRING YEARLING HEIFER** – Born Mar 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2024
15. **WINTER YEARLING HEIFER** – Born Dec. 1, 2023 thru Feb 28, 2024
16. **FALL YEARLING HEIFER** – (Not in Milk) Born Sept 1, 2023 thru Nov 30, 2023
17. **JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES** – To consist of 3 females under two year of age bred by and carrying the exhibitors prefix, regardless of ownership.
18. **DAM AND DAUGHTER** -To consist of two females, one to be the offspring of the other, May be owned by two exhibitors.
19. **PRODUCE OF DAM** -To consist of two animals any age, the produce of one cow, May be owned by two exhibitors.
20. **BEST THREE FEMALES** - To consist of three females, any age all bred by and carrying the exhibitor's prefix. One animal may be owned by another exhibitor.
21. **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.

All-Virginia Points 2025 (For Virginia Holstein Members only)

Notes used for calculation of points:

- Additional points for Senior & Junior Champions:
 - Award 10 Bonus Points for Sr or Jr Champion at Summer Show
 - No Spring Show in 2025 for bonus points
 - No bonus points will be awarded to State Fair champion
- Points will be used from the two best show results should the animal be shown at more than two shows. Ties broken in the following order:
 - Winning a class at Summer Show
 - Best class placing
- There will be no All-VA Dry Cow class. An animal must be shown in lactating form at one show during the year. Points will be awarded to the animal in a Dry Cow class at a show, however, she will be included in her age class.
- For partnership animals - at least one person in partnership must be a VA Holstein Member
- Yearlings (Winter & Fall Yearling Heifers) shown at the Spring Show will carry over heifer points if shown in a milking class later in the year. These animals will be considered for the Summer Junior Two Year old class.

Points awarded					
Placing	1	2	3	4	5
Summer Show (All)	10	8	6	4	2
State Fair (all)	5	4	3	2	1

All-Virginia Classes:

Spring Calf

Winter Calf

Fall Calf

Summer Yearling

Spring Yearling

Winter Yearling

Fall Yearling

Summer Junior Two Year Old

Junior Two Year Old

Senior Two Year Old

Junior Three Year Old

Senior Three Year Old

Four Year Old

Five Year Old

Aged Cow

2025 Showmanship and Fitting Contest

August 1, 2025 10:00 am

Judge: Katie Stevens

Online Entry Link for the Showmanship & Fitting Contest: <https://forms.gle/XrBSFDjEj67AgxVw8>

Thank you to Feedworks USA for sponsoring the Showmanship and Fitting Contest.

Animals shown in Showmanship and Fitting classes do not need to be owned by the exhibitor. Any youth may show in Showmanship and Fitting contests regardless of exhibiting at the show.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The showmanship classes will be divided into four divisions:

- SENIOR - 16 to 21 years of age as of December 31 of the current year
- INTERMEDIATE - 13 to 15 years of age as of December 31 of the current year
- JUNIOR - 9 to 12 years of age as of December 31 of the current year
- NOVICE - those who are showing for the first year and 12 years old or younger by December 31 of the current year. Exhibitor may have shown at a previous show during this calendar year, but not prior to this year.

The PDCA showmanship guidelines (<http://www.purebreddairycattle.com/pages/Literature.php>) will be used with the judge being 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

It is not necessary to "bag" cows for the fitting and showing contest. The judge will be so instructed.

***PEE WEE SHOWING CLASS**

- This class is sponsored by the show committee and is not connected to the Junior Association rules
- For youth under the age of 8 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
- Show management has the right to remove an animal from the ring if they present danger to other exhibitors or animals in the class
- 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

FITTING CONTEST - In Memory of Bunk Perrow, Sponsored by Harvue Farms

A fitting contest was established in 2021 to honor the memory of Bunk Perrow, a well known fitter and friend of many at the Virginia shows. The contest is a separate and optional class for youth who have prepared and fitted their animal on their own without the assistance of other individuals. A master fitter will be selected from the class.

Class Order

Pee Wee*

Senior

Intermediate

Junior

Novice

Master Showman – *George Edgerton Award Sponsored by Rem-Rose Holstein, Mike & Lois Skeen*

Fitting Contest - lead out class, *Award Sponsored by Harvue Farms*

Jackpot class open to everyone! \$10 per person. 50/50 where the winner will get 50% and 50% will go back to the Juniors for convention costs. Entries can be accepted ahead of time or will be accepted up until the time of the show on Friday, August 1st Enter the name(s) of those who would like to participate OR who you are nominating to participate. See Kristy McComb for more details.