



**Dairy Beef Feeders** – Young dairy steer. This project will be sold at the auction and will return to the buyer's farm. The buyer will continue to feed the Dairy Beef Feeder until it reaches market weight.

### **Dairy Breeds**

- Ayrshire
- Brown Swiss\*
- Guernsey
- Holstein (black and white or red and white)\*
- Jersey
- Milking Shorthorn

\*Recommended for a Dairy Beef Feeder project as these are the larger breeds.

### **Recommended Date of Birth**

- December 15<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Weight Range for Fair**

- Minimum: 350lbs.
- Maximum: 800lbs.

### **Recommended Supplies**

- Livestock combs and brushes
- Livestock feeders and waterers
- Cattle hair products
- Livestock lead ropes
- Livestock show stick
- Feed/Grain
- Hay
- Bedding
- Tack box to store all supplies

### **How to Show a Dairy Beef Feeder (shown the same as a Beef Steer)**

- Ensure your feeder has been washed and is clean before entering the showring. If needed, perform a full body clip including tail, poll and sheath few weeks prior to show.
- Appropriate show attire includes a button-down shirt tucked in with a belt, hard-toed shoes, nice jeans, and a clean appearance.
- Always stand on the left side of your animal and use gentle pressure to teach you animal to respond by slightly pulling on the halter.
- Use a show stick to present your feeder. To pose the feeder, the front feet should be squarely aligned beneath the shoulders with the hind leg closest to the judge positioned slightly back. Make sure you don't stretch the legs out too far. The animal should look balanced. Once the feeder is set up, use the show stick to gently stroke the belly or brisket to keep the animal calm.
- When in the show ring leave several feet between you and the handler in front of you.
- Keep a steady pace consistent with the flow of everyone else.
- Make steady, eye contact with the judge. Try to remain calm and confident as this will help with your overall presentation.
- YouTube is a great resource to lookup videos on how to learn showmanship skills.