

# Dairy

## 4-H Project Newsletter

*This newsletter will be updated in December of each year, if necessary, based on changes made to the project at the 4-H Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting in November.*

Welcome to the 4-H Dairy Project! This newsletter will give you an overview of the Dairy project, answer some of your questions concerning expectations of the project, and provide you with project ideas and some resources. Project newsletters are an excellent reference to keep on hand to refer to throughout the year. Enjoy your year in the Dairy project and when working on your project, remember to "Learn to do by Doing." If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Agriculture Leadership Coordinator (ALC).

### GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

#### **Ages for Members:**

Junior Members: 9 - 13 years of age as of January 1, as of the current year.

Senior Members: 14 - 21 years of age as of January 1, as of the current year.

4-H members may register in the club and county of their choice, but must only be registered in one club, in one province. Members may register in one club and access projects in a neighboring club if that club is willing to assist with leadership of a certain project.

#### **Project Completion:**

All 4-H members must complete 'project requirements', for each of their projects, at their club Achievement Day. If you are unable to attend your own club Achievement Day, please make prior arrangements with your Regional ALC. Completion of your project qualifies you to move on to any further county, provincial, or national 4-H competitions relating to that project in the current 4-H year. School projects are not permitted to be used as 4-H projects. Each member must complete and display their own project work (i.e., two members cannot share a project for project completion).

#### **What is Achievement Day?**

Achievement Day allows members to display their project work to the public and have their projects evaluated, non-competitively. Project completion at Achievement Day is based on the following system:

A <b>Green</b> project completion sticker will be given to a member who has completed:	A <b>Silver</b> project completion sticker will be given to a member who has completed:	A <b>Gold</b> project completion sticker will be given to a member who has completed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record Sheet</li> <li>• Project Work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record Sheet</li> <li>• Project Work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record Sheet</li> <li>• Project Work</li> </ul>
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**RECORD SHEET** – Each member must complete a satisfactory record sheet. Record sheets may be hand written or typed. *For more useful information, refer to Record Sheet Guidelines.*

**PROJECT WORK** – Each 4-H project (e.g., woodworking, dairy, etc.) has specific project work requirements. Each members' project work will be evaluated on the quality of the work, degree of difficulty for experience/age, the way articles are displayed/presented, and whether all requirements are met. A 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon will be given for each project. Please review project requirements for each project carefully. In non-livestock projects, members must complete the required number of items as outlined, unless prior approval is given by the Regional ALC. This request should be made in advance of the member's Achievement Day. Consideration of an item counting as additional items will be given based on members age, degree of difficulty, time required to complete, etc.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Members who participate in public speaking and/or demonstrations at club level will receive recognition on their Achievement Day Certificate. Each club has its own standards for communications, so members should confirm with the general club leader.

**CLUB CONTRIBUTION** – Members are encouraged to be actively involved in their club, county, province, and community. The club contribution aspect is an assessment on such things as a member's attendance at meetings and events, attitude, effort, cooperation, and self-expression. Each club has its own standards for club contribution. Evaluation of this Achievement Day component is done by the Club General Leader and / or project leader(s). The standard for club contribution should be communicated clearly to all members by club leaders at the beginning of the 4-H year.

**JUDGING** – In each project, members are asked to compare four (4) articles or livestock (e.g., 4 wooden shelves in the woodworking project or 4 heifers in a dairy project), then evaluate them to place the class in order from first (closest to the ideal), to fourth (furthest from the ideal). Oral reasons, using proper terminology, are given to an official judge for the project to support those choices. There are many useful judging resources available through your Regional ALC, as well online at the [Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture](#) website. In each county, a judging box is also available to borrow to help practice judging skills. It includes

judging information and cards as well as judging classes, with reasons. Clubs may book these supplies through the Regional ALC.

At 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show, 4-H animals participating in the 4-H Nova Scotia Show competitions are used to make up livestock judging classes (e.g., 4 intermediate Holstein calves). Members are responsible for notifying their Regional ALC by September 15 by email if they do not wish to have their animal used. Please keep in mind that judging classes can only be provided if members are willing to offer their animals for a judging class. As such, 4-H members are encouraged to let their animal be used in a judging class if possible.

## **Project Work Requirements**

On Achievement Day, Dairy members must complete showmanship with their registered 4-H Dairy calf. Showmanship will be done at Achievement Days, County Show/Exhibitions, and 4-H Nova Scotia Show. The dress code for all dairy showmanship and conformation classes is white pants and white shirts. Hard soled boots are encouraged for member's safety. A tie is optional. Members can wear sun-safety hats when showing livestock in an outdoor ring. The dress code will be enforced at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show.

## **Livestock Registration**

4-H members must select their 4-H animals by May 1st of the current 4-H year, and must submit livestock registration information to the Regional ALC by May 15th of the current 4-H year. This information is necessary to assist with county show/exhibition planning, including judges, class schedules, awards, etc. The following information must be submitted for Livestock Registration requirements: name of member, junior member/senior member, conformation class entered, sex of animal, breed of animal, and date of birth of animal.

4-H animals may be substituted between the registration deadline of May 15th and Achievement Day in the case of injury, sickness, disease or death of the animal. If an animal is to be substituted prior to Achievement Day, pre-approval from the Regional ALC is necessary. A vet certificate may be required. After Achievement Day, no substitutions are permitted. 4-H members who complete their livestock project with their own registered/approved animal on Achievement Day may use another 4-H member's 4-H animal in a showmanship class at county show/exhibition and the 4-H Nova Scotia Show.

The Royal Dairy Preregistration Form serves as livestock identification in the dairy project, if members complete that form.

## **Conformation Classes**

Although conformation is not an Achievement Day requirement, livestock conformation classes are held at county level/Exhibition competitions and 4-H Nova Scotia Show. Calves are divided into conformation classes in accordance with age and breed. The following breed classes are available: Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire and Other Dairy Breeds. This last class is for Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, Brown Swiss, etc. A reminder that to exhibit in any class (Holstein, Jersey,

Ayrshire or Other Dairy) the sire of the calf must be a 100% purebred dairy sire and the dam must be at least a 50% purebred dairy dam.

The age categories are as follows:

- **Junior calf** - March 1 - April 30 of current year
- **Intermediate calf** - December 1 of previous year - February 28 of current year
- **Senior calf** - September 1- November 30 of previous year
- **Summer Yearling** - June 1 - August 31 of previous year
- **Junior Yearling** - March 1 - May 31 of previous year

### **Important Information Specific to Dairy Project**

NLID/RFID Tags: 4-H dairy members are reminded that all dairy calves must be identified in accordance with the National Livestock Identification for Dairy Program (NLID). All dairy cattle moving beyond their herd of origin must be tagged with an approved tag. For more information contact NLID at 1-877-NLID (6543) or [www.nlid.org](http://www.nlid.org). Dairy members and leaders are encouraged to be aware of guidelines and requirements relating to animal identification and traceability as it relates to the Dairy project. Additional information is available for the Regional ALC on these requirements.

Dairy members are permitted to register only one (1) dairy calf in the dairy calf project. Members must show their own 4-H registered dairy calf at Achievement Day. Please review the Livestock Identification Section for more details pertaining to this.

All 4-H dairy calves must be dehorned.

For safety, 4-H members, leaders and parents are reminded to try to select a calf that matches the size of the 4-H member.

Members wishing to be considered for Royal Dairy Classic Selection Classes at the NS 4-H Show must complete a Pre-registration Form by the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Please note that the National Farm Animal Code of Practice should be followed when housing animals for 4-H events.**

**These standards can be found at:** <http://www.nfacc.ca/>

### **Royal Agriculture Winter Fair**

Nova Scotia is permitted to send up to 8 dairy members and their calves to the Royal Dairy Classic, at the Royal Winter Fair, in November. Selections are made at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show, but members must first qualify to attend the 4-H Nova Scotia Show through county competitions. Pre-registration for the Royal Dairy Classic is done by application by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The forms and related information/ rules/guidelines are attached to this newsletter. All dairy members who meet the requirements are encouraged to pre- register. Chaperones are required for this program, and applications for chaperones are also attached. Please read the attached

info regarding this program carefully. If an animal is switched between pre-registration and Achievement Day, the member is no longer eligible for the Royal Winter Fair classes, or for Royal Winter Fair Selection Classes at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show, as only the pre- registered calf is eligible.

### **John Versteeg Memorial Award**

One of the dairy members selected to participate in the Royal Dairy Classic is the recipient of the Versteeg Memorial Award. The guidelines for this award are included in the attached Royal Dairy Classic information.

### **Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsperson Award**

The Nova Scotia Royal Dairy Committee is pleased to announce the “Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsperson Award”. This will allow for travel for a team herdsperson to the Royal Winter Fair. This NS 4-H member will travel as a team member, without their calf, and will work alongside the delegates attending with their calves, in all components of the show. This individual will provide additional help with stall and calf preparations, feeding, mentoring, and supporting the team. This award began in 2016, and will be piloted for 3 years, with annual reviews, and is contingent on rules/guidelines by National Organizers. Application and additional details for this award are attached.

### **Royal Dairy Classic Participation**

If you are interested in participating in the Dairy Classic, please keep in mind that any dairy member selected at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show to represent Nova Scotia 4-H at the Dairy Classic be required participate with the Nova Scotia Dairy Team at the Royal Dairy Classic for a period of not less than 50% of the time the Nova Scotia Team is participating. This includes all members who are a part of the NS 4-H Dairy Team. Members wishing to participate at less than 100% must apply in writing to the NS Royal Dairy Committee within the one week following the 4-H Nova Scotia Show, and have the reason deemed valid by this Committee. Members will be permitted to show their current year’s 4-H heifer at the Quebec International Show, and will be asked to join the Nova Scotia delegation in Toronto within a reasonable amount of travel time following the Quebec International Heifer Show. The Nova Scotia Royal Dairy Committee, 4-H Nova Scotia, nor the NSDA assumes no responsibility either financially or for the wellbeing/safety of the 4-H member outside the times that they are directly participating with the delegation.

In the event that a member cannot commit to the policy of a 50% time commitment, then the spare or alternate will be invited to participate in place of the selected member and his/her expenses be covered in the same manner as the remaining delegates. In the event that all 4-H members and calves selected to attend the Dairy Classic participate at the required level, then the spare selected at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show will only participate at the Royal Classic if one of the selected members and their calf cannot attend the Royal Dairy Classic. A 50 % time

commitment would be one half the number of hours from the arrival of the Dairy Team at the Halifax airport for departure to Toronto until the team arrives back in Halifax following the event.

As clarification, a group of eight individuals, plus one spare, will be selected at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show through a selection class as determined, and by invitation, of the 4-H Nova Scotia Show Dairy Judge. 4-H Nova Scotia Show entries will be determined through county qualifying. The Royal Dairy Classic Delegation will include the Champion Dairy Showman (if eligible), the Reserve Champion Showman (if eligible), John Versteeg Memorial Winner; 5 conformation selected calves, plus one spare who only becomes part of the team if a member who is selected is unable to attend the Royal Dairy Classic, and the winner of the Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsperson Award. All confirmation selections will be at the judge's discretion and will be made from those invited back to participate in the Royal Dairy Selection Class. If the Champion or Reserve Champion Dairy Showman is ineligible, then an additional conformation calf will be selected. The Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsperson Award will be selected by application.

If 4-H members are unable to participate with the Royal Dairy Classic Delegation because they wish to show their own 4-H Heifer, and/or a personal show string, in the Open Show at the Royal Winter Fair, and are responsible for the care/ management of their heifer, and/or animals, once the Royal Dairy 4-H Classic Show concludes, then that member will be released from the responsibility of the NS Chaperone, and from Nova Scotia Delegation participation immediately following the Royal Dairy 4-H Classic Show. The Nova Scotia Royal Dairy Committee, 4-H Nova Scotia, nor the NSDA, assume no responsibility either financially or for the well being/safety of the 4-H member from the point when they are no longer a part of the Nova Scotian 4-H delegation.

### **EASTGEN 4-H Showcase**

EastGen Inc. hosts a showcase for beef and dairy 4-H members in the Atlantic Provinces. It is open to dairy and beef members who are 13 years of age and older as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. The program includes training and education on showing, judging, preparation, and management, as well as a competitive show. This is an extremely good program to advance your dairy skills. **EastGen Atlantic Showcase will be online registration only and applications will be accepted beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, closing May 20<sup>th</sup>.** Following online registration, members will be notified of acceptance and provided with additional paperwork to complete and return to organizers. If members do not receive this paperwork by June 1, please email [Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca](mailto:Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca) This year the event will be July 13-15, at the Agridome, in Truro. In order to register online, members must have the calf registration information, as well as a credit card for payment to the event. The link for Assist Expo is:

<https://www.assistexpo.ca/eastgen-atlantic>

## **Regional & Donald Scothorn Memorial Clipping Competition**

The Reginald & Donald Scothorn Memorial Clipping Competition is open to junior & senior dairy members, with each county eligible to send one team of two members to this competition at 4-H Nova Scotia Show. Members will draw for a calf, and evaluate the calf in a written report. Members must wash, train and clip the calf. Each member will show the calf in a showmanship class. For additional details, scoresheets, rules and guidelines, please contact the Regional Agriculture Leadership Coordinator.

## **Contagious/Infectious Disease & Quarantine:**

4-H members, leaders, parents and livestock owners are reminded that 4-H achievement days and shows are showcases for the 4-H program, and the agricultural industry in this province. They are reminded that infectious diseases can be transmitted during transport, as well as at the show. As such, it is strongly recommended for the protection of the public, participants, and the animals at the show, that animals having or showing signs of infectious diseases not be brought to shows. As well, livestock exhibitors and owners must understand that in attending 4-H Shows, there is a risk of their animal contracting disease regardless of the best efforts of all involved.

If you suspect that your animal has a contagious/infectious disease, please contact your local veterinarian immediately and learn more about the consequences, treatment, and transmission of the disease.

A brochure providing additional information on "Infectious and Contagious Diseases Affecting 4-H Livestock" is available. If you wish to receive a copy by mail or email, please contact your ALC for this information. It contains important information for all livestock members on this topic and will be critical to review with 4-H Clubs, livestock owners, and your local veterinarian when making decisions about attending 4-H achievement days and shows.

**ANIMAL MOVEMENT REPORTING** – Regulations around moving animals to and from Fairs, Exhibitions, Achievement Days, Pro Show and other events are changing. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is re-writing the regulations around the identification of animals and how livestock owners report moving animals on and off the farm. The new regulations are expected in 2018, and will apply to cattle, sheep, and goats. These animals will require individual animal ID tags. Those tag numbers in turn will be used in reporting the movements of animals. Tag numbers are to be reported by the owner/operator of a premise when the animals enter, and then by the farmer/owner when the animals are brought back to the farm or where they are housed.

**MOVEMENT DOCUMENT** – A Movement Document is to travel with the animals. This document will record the departure premise and destination premise, as well as the quantity of livestock being transported. These documents will be made available by CFIA once the regulation changes come into effect.

There are three things 4H members can do to prepare for these changes.

1. **Identify your livestock premises** by applying for or confirming a premises identification (PID) number with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. [www.novascotia.ca/agri/pid](http://www.novascotia.ca/agri/pid)

2. **Confirm or set up a Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database account** at <http://www.clia.livestockid.ca> with Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) by toll-free telephone at **1-877-909-2333** or email: [info@canadaid.ca](mailto:info@canadaid.ca) **CLTS MOBO** - [a free app](#) to submit animal movement events **quickly** and **easily** to your CLTS database account using a mobile device
3. **Voluntarily report receipt (move in) event data** to your CLTS database account for livestock arriving at your livestock premises using the individual animal identification, within seven days of receipt.

The NS Department of Agriculture has a Traceability Coordinator that reviews Premises ID (PID) applications and can be reached at 1 (902) 890 9840 or [daniel.muir@novascotia.ca](mailto:daniel.muir@novascotia.ca) to answer any questions surrounding these changes.



## **SPORTSMANSHIP – Be a Good Sport!**

In 4-H, Sportsmanship plays a key role in living by the motto of 'Learn to Do by Doing'. Please take the opportunity to consider good sportsmanship when at 4-H events. Here are some key factors to good sportsmanship:

**GOOD CONDUCT** – Demonstrate and maintain high standards of personal behaviour and conduct. You are representing your family, your club, your community and the 4-H program.

**FAIRNESS** – Learn and follow the rules. Be objective and honest. No matter what the results try your best by using your true skills without cheating. Treat others fairly.

**HONESTY** – Be a reliable person, do not lie or deceive. Be straightforward in everything you say and do. Understand your abilities and skills, accept the fact that you cannot do everything perfectly, but you still can do many things well.

**COMPETITION** - Competition experiences enhance positive youth development and prepare youth with competitive knowledge, skills and attitudes. Take pride in your accomplishments and in improving your skills – you are all winners, even if the ribbon color doesn't appear to reflect this.

**COURTESY** – Be well-mannered in your conduct. Be respectful, thoughtful, considerate, cooperative, friendly, and cheerful, no matter whether you do well or not. When you have concerns, questions, or suggestions, be polite in expressing them. Be pleasant and nice toward other participants, spectators, program officials, judges, the media, your leaders, parents and others. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Treat people and animals kindly. Keep your emotions under control.

**GRACEFUL ACCEPTANCE OF RESULTS** – Accept judges' results and suggestions with a positive attitude. The judge's decision is final. Regardless of the outcome; thank all that were involved in helping you put forth your best effort. Thank the organizers for their efforts; Sponsors for their generous donations; Agriculture Leadership Coordinators for their wisdom and guidance; Judges for their skilled eye and time given to the 4-H program; and anyone else who has helped you along the way.

The work in any 4-H project should always be done by the members. Hiring, or the use, of professionals and/ or adults to prepare projects for 4-H shows are not acceptable. Using these people as resources provides 4-H members with the information and skills to do the job on their own.

4-H Nova Scotia has a Code of Conduct in effect for all members and leaders. It is to be followed always throughout the year. If you would like a copy of what are acceptable practices in the 4-H program, please visit <http://novascotia4h.ca/codeofconduct/>.

## You might also be interested in...

**For more information about any of the below opportunities, please contact your regional ALC:**

**4-H POSTER CONTEST** – Create a hand-drawn or computer-generated poster focused around the annual 4-H Theme. Deadline and evaluation is normally at county rally.

**4-H THEME CONTEST** – Put on your thinking cap and be the one to come up with next year's 4-H theme! Submissions due to Provincial 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. (i.e., "Let 4-H Reign Supreme in 2018").

**WOOL & RECYCLING COMPETITION** – Open to all 4-H members. These articles must be made from 100% wool or a minimum of 75% recycled materials and members must exhibit a Competition Report Sheet with their entry.

**GIANT VEGETABLE COMPETITION** – Each year a new vegetable is selected for the Giant Vegetable competition held at the 4-H Provincial Show. Each county can send one junior and one senior giant vegetable entry to the show.

**TRACTOR DRIVING COMPETITION** – The tractor competition is open to teams of 3 members (1 driver and 2 assistants); the driver must hold a valid class#5 driver's license or tractor license. The driver will drive a tractor and trailer through an obstacle course. The score is calculated based on safe operation and judge's evaluation. One team per county will advance to 4-H Provincial Show.

**RECORD KEEPING COMPETITION** – An entry will be one record sheet for a project completed in the current year by that member, with a detailed analysis included. Entries in this competition must include a 1 to 4 page analysis of the work and costs in the project for the given year in order to be eligible. Entries should be displayed in a binder/folder. The top two senior and top two junior record sheets per county will be eligible for the Record Keeping Competition at the 4-H Provincial Show, but entries must first qualify at county level. All county entries must be forwarded to Truro by September 15th of the current 4-H year for judging prior to the 4-H Provincial Show.

**AWARDS, TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS** – Each year, 4-H Nova Scotia covers the registration fee to National and International travel opportunities for members awarded such travel experiences. Also, there are several scholarships available to 4-H members in Nova Scotia.

**JUNIOR LEADER PROJECT** – This project is designed to build leadership skills by providing members with the opportunity to lead any aspects of their club which interest them (e.g., projects, recreation, communication, etc.).

**GRADE 10 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT** – Members must achieve GOLD completion and document at least 110 hours of 4-H related work to qualify. For more information visit the [NS Department of Education & Early Childhood Development Personal Development Credit website](https://pdca.ednet.ns.ca/)  
<https://pdca.ednet.ns.ca/>

**NOVA SCOTIA YOUNG SPEAKERS FOR AGRICULTURE** – Senior Members and screened volunteers up to age 24 compete by creating and presenting a speech on one of five topics from Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture (<https://cysa-joca.ca/>). The winner represents 4-H Nova Scotia at the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture competition held annually in November at the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair in Toronto. Deadline to register for the competition is September 15<sup>th</sup> of the current 4-H year.

# Beef/Dairy/Market Steer Project RECORD SHEET

Name of club member \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Years in the project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project \_\_\_\_\_ (Beef, Dairy, Market Steer, or second-year project)

## CALF INFORMATION

Breed if calf \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of calf \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sire of calf \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dam of calf \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH RECORDS

DATE	PROBLEM	CURE	COST

## CALF WEIGHT CHART

Calf weight at beginning of project		Age of calf	
Calf weight at end of project		Age of calf	
Weight gain for period			

## CALF HEIGHT CHART

Calf height at beginning of project		Age of calf	
Calf height at end of project		Age of calf	
Height gain for period			

## FEED & MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE RECORDS

Month	Milk Consumed		Roughages		Ration / Grain		Misc. Expenses	Total
	kg or lb	cost/mo	kg or lb.	cost/mo	kg or lb.	cost/mo		
<b>Totals</b>								

**NOTE:**

Roughage includes pasture, haylage, hay, grass silage

Ration/Feed includes corn, grains, etc.

Miscellaneous costs include registration, housing, saw dust, equipment, etc.

Animal owned by farmer    or     Animal owned by 4-H member/family

**Meeting Summary**

How many general club meetings did you attend this year? \_\_\_\_\_

How many project meetings did you attend this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other club/county activities that you may have participated in during the past year?

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# ANDREA CROWE MEMORIAL HERDSPERSON AWARD

## Description

Applications will be received from senior 4-H dairy members for provincial herdsman as part of the Nova Scotia Royal Dairy Classic team. Sponsorship has been secured in the form of the Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsman Award to provide the opportunity for a 4-H Dairy Member to travel in the capacity of Herdsman. 2016 was the first year of this 3 year pilot with secured funding. The award will be reviewed annually, and is contingent of rules/guidelines by the National Organizers. The Herdsman would travel as a team member, without their calf, and would work alongside the NS delegates in all components of the Royal Dairy Classic Show. This individual would provide additional help with stall and calf preparations, feeding, mentoring, and supporting the team.

## Who is Eligible?

Applicants must be a senior dairy member between 14 years to 21 years as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. Applicants must be a current 4-H member, and must complete the dairy project in the year of application. The applicant must complete a pre-registration form for the Royal Dairy Classic for their calf by the May 15th deadline. If an applicant is selected to participate as part of the team of delegates with their calf to the Royal Winter Fair, either through the Versteeg, Champion Showman or Reserve Showman, or conformation selections, they are no longer eligible to travel as team herdsman.

## Deadline

Selection will be based on application and reference letters. The attached application should be completed and mailed to Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsman Award, c/o Anne Crowe, 431 Burntcoat Road, RR 1, Noel, Nova Scotia, B0N 2C0. The applicant must get 3 letters of reference, one of which must be a letter of reference from a 4-H dairy leader, or dairy farmer indicating skills and suitability for the award. **Applications and 3 letters of reference must be post marked no later than May 15 of the current 4-H year.**

## Other

The selection committee will rank participants based on their application and reference letters. The final announcement will be made at the 4-H NS Show, following selection of the 8 delegates from selection classes, to ensure that the winner of this award is not also traveling with their calf.

National rules on this position clarify that the alternate must be identified on the entry form. The herdsman may be the alternate or another 4-H dairy member from the province that has completed their 4-H Dairy project in the current year. Each team is allowed a maximum of one (1) herdsman. This herdsman must be registered with the Classic and must be a 4-H dairy calf club member of the county/province that they have been registered with for the Classic.

# ANDREA CROWE MEMORIAL HERDSPERSON AWARD APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: (D/M/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Education

Name of School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities & Interests:

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What are your plans following high school / in the future?

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## 2. 4-H

Name of 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

What projects have you completed? How many years in each project?

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What are the two most meaningful 4-H activities that you have participated in?

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List activities that you have participated in on a club, county/regional and provincial basis?

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Have you participated in public speaking and demonstrations?  YES  NO

Have you participated in club executive?  YES  NO

3. Dairy Experience

What experience do you have in the 4-H dairy project? Please include involvement, number of years in projects, awards won, levels of competition participated in, etc.

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What dairy experience and/or knowledge do you have outside of your 4-H dairy project experience?

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4. Community

Why is 4-H important in your community?

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List other youth organizations/athletics/community or school activities besides 4-H that you are involved.

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Why do you want to participate in this Award?

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5. References

Please list who your three references are. Please keep in mind one reference must be your dairy leader or a dairy farmer familiar with your dairy skills/experience.

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I certify this information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

I recommend this member be considered for this Award.

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4-H Leader's Signature

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Date

*Photos may be used for publicity purposes. If you do not wish to have your photos used, please contact 4-H Nova Scotia.*

**Reference Letter**

This form is to be completed by an adult with knowledge of the applicant. It should be returned to the member in a sealed envelope to return with their application, or can be mailed directly to:

Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsperson Award c/o Anne Crowe  
431 Burntcoat Road RR 1, Noel, Nova Scotia B0N 2C0

One of the three required reference letters should be from the applicant’s dairy leader or from a dairy farmer familiar with the applicants and their dairy skills/experience.

Remember, this 4-H member will be selected to represent Nova Scotia at a national level based on their application form and three references. Your honest evaluation is appreciated.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club /County \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY REFERENCE:**

Write a general recommendation for this applicant based on character, 4-H activity, dairy skills & experience, willingness to work as a team participant and to represent Nova Scotia at the Royal Winter Fair.

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Signature of Reference

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Date

**ROYAL DAIRY CLASSIC PRE-REGISTRATION FORM - NOVA SCOTIA**

Date Received:

I want to Pre-Register my 4-H Dairy Calf for the Royal Dairy Classic: YES NO

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE of BIRTH (M/D/YR) \_\_\_\_\_

CIVIC MAIL ADDRESS & POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H AGE (JAN.1, current 4-H year) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT** (Complete all sections in its entirety to ensure your eligibility)

NAME OF CALF \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_

CALF BIRTH DATE (M/D/YR) \_\_\_\_\_ CALF REG. # \_\_\_\_\_

NLID TAG # \_\_\_\_\_

SIRE \_\_\_\_\_ REG. # \_\_\_\_\_

DAM \_\_\_\_\_ REG. # \_\_\_\_\_

This sheet must be received by your Regional Agriculture Leadership Coordinator no later than May 15 of the current 4-H year to ensure eligibility for the Royal Dairy Classic.

**VERSTEEG MEMORIAL AWARD:**

Have you ever participated in 4-H Dairy Classes at the Royal Winter Fair? YES NO

In which years have you participated in 4-H Royal Dairy Classes? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOUR APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED, AND YOUR NAME IS ON THE PRE-REGISTRATION LIST THAT IS FORWARDED TO ONTARIO FOR ROYAL WINTER FAIR PRE-REGISTRATION. TO DO SO, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR REGIONAL AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR NO LATER THAN JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF RECIEPT.**

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## **Royal Dairy Classic Show Information Sheet**

Every 4-H dairy member that may be interested in competing in the Dairy Classic at the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair must fully complete a pre-registration form by MAY 15, of the current 4-H year, and return it to their Regional Agriculture Leadership Coordinator. It is the member's responsibility to contact the ALC office by email no later than June 10 to ensure the application was received and on the list forwarded to Ontario. Please ensure that the pre-registration form is completed in full. Additional guidelines from the National Organizers may apply as well, and will not be available until spring/early summer. Currently, Nova Scotia is permitted to send eight (8) calves/members to the Royal Dairy Classic, as well as a Herdsperson.

- To be eligible, a member must be twelve (12) years of age as of January 1, current 4-H year
- Selection will be based on:
  - 1 - John Versteeg Memorial Award (50% Conformation; 50% Showmanship)
  - 1 - Champion Dairy Showman (if pre-registered/eligible)
  - 1- Reserve Dairy Showman (if pre-registered/eligible)
  - 5 - Confirmation Calves
  - 1- Andrea Crowe Memorial Herdsperson (no calf, just member attends with the Royal Dairy team. Application is necessary for this award. This selection is done by a Sub Committee of the NS Royal Dairy Classic Committee)
  - 1- Spare, who will only travel if a calf and/or member that is selected is unable to attend. If any one category is not filled as recommended, then an additional selection will be made based on conformation
- It is recommended that colored breeds and Holsteins be selected, however final selection in all cases is entirely at the discretion of the Provincial Show Judge.
- Calves exhibiting at the 4-H N.S. Show (calves which must first qualify through the county shows/ exhibition) will be chosen to enter a selection class by the judge, as breed/age classes take place. Only pre-registered calves shown by members meeting the selection criteria and invited by the 4-H N.S. Show Dairy Judge can return to the ring for the Dairy Classic Selection Classes.
- All calves must be registered with the breed association with a minimum 75% purity level. All entries must be able to present registration papers for their calf prior to the Royal.
- One member from the selection group will be chosen for the John Versteeg Memorial Award, who provides sponsorship for this award.
- To be eligible for the Versteeg Memorial Award, a member must be pre-registered, 14 years of age or older as of show day at the 4-H N.S. Show, have never participated in Royal 4-H Dairy Classes and be showing a purebred Holstein calf. Judging will be 50% showmanship and 50% calf conformation.
- 4-H members participating in the Dairy Classic must display professionalism and follow procedures and practices deemed ethical by the National Show organizers, the NS Royal Dairy Classic Committee and the 4-H N. S.
- In accordance with the Royal Winter Fair, a 4-H member is not eligible to compete in both the Royal Classic Dairy Show and the Royal Classic Junior Beef Heifer Show in the same year. Therefore, if a N.S. 4-H member is invited to be in both provincial selections, he/she must choose which one he/she will participate in. Each member must show his/her own calf in the selection class.
- At the 4-H NS Show, all members must be showing their own 4-H Dairy Calf in the Royal Dairy Classic Selection Class; the Versteeg Selection Class; or, in the case of dairy showman, in all Dairy Showmanship classes (age class and champion class). (i.e. the calf being shown in the selection classes must be the calf pre-registered by that member for the Royal).
- All 4-H dairy calves must be identified in accordance with National Livestock Identification/Rfid for Dairy.
- 4-H members are reminded that if selected to represent Nova Scotia at this event that they are required to participate as part of the Nova Scotia Dairy team. Selected members are required to sign a delegate conduct form prior to participating and traveling that reinforces their commitment to the event; to the 4-H dairy team; and to the rules and guidelines outlined.
- For additional information/questions, please contact Rhonda MacDougall at [Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca](mailto:Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca)

*December, 2017*

Dear 4-H Leader/Volunteer,

Each year, two chaperones are selected to accompany the 4-H Dairy Delegation from Nova Scotia to the Royal Dairy Classic Show at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Airfare, accommodations and some meals will be paid for, but there will be some additional expenses. Both chaperones must be screened in accordance with 4-H NS policy. If you think you may be interested in this position, please do the necessary screening paperwork as soon as possible.

The chaperone responsibilities are varied, but may include:

- Travel to/from Toronto, as well as around the city with the members. (i.e., hotel, the Royal, airport, etc. and to chaperone the members while in Toronto), including responding to any medical concerns.
- Assist with arrangements for trucking cattle. If possible, and if required, the chaperones will assist with loading the livestock truck and assist with travel arrangements for 4-H members.
- Coordinate improvement and set up of the display and to assist/coordinate getting members and cattle ready for the competition; promote the 4-H program and the Nova Scotia Dairy Industry.
- Assist members & answer questions as they get their animals prepared for the show; and ensure all materials are taken down and looked after before heading for home;
- Assist with locating/purchasing/preparing necessary equipment and materials before departure to Toronto;
- Meet with the members and their parents prior to departure and to make any necessary contact with them prior to and after the event;
- Handling any circumstances/concerns that may arise while enroute, or in Toronto, to members or cattle;
- Work with the NS Royal Dairy Classic Committee to ensure a successful event & report back to the NS Royal Dairy Classic Committee following the event, with final report
- Coordinate the financial resources provided while in Toronto, and to provide receipts and financial statement upon completion of trip.

This chaperone should be a dairy leader, but does not have to be. The chaperone should however be interested in working with 4-H members and have strong knowledge of dairy cattle. Experience in exhibiting cattle is an asset. It is the responsibility of the NS Royal Dairy Classic Committee to determine the chaperone(s).

If a parent or individual who is not screened in accordance with the 4-H NS policy is awarded this chaperone opportunity, they will be required to be screened as required by 4-H NS. Please note that all applications are held on file until the 4-H Nova Scotia Show to provide 4-H parents/ guardians with the opportunity to submit applications as well.

N. S. Royal Dairy Classic Committee

**Application to Chaperone the Royal Dairy Classic Delegation**

**SELECT:**             4-H Leader             4-H Parent/Guardian             Other

Are you applying to chaperone as a team with another individual? If so, please indicate who will be co-chaperoning with you in this responsibility. \_\_\_\_\_

*Both applicants must complete this form individually for consideration as a team. If there is no name indicated above, the application will be considered on its own, or in conjunction with other individual applicants that apply. This selection will be done by the NS Royal Dairy Classic Committee.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/ Civic Address/ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

# years as 4-H Leader? \_\_\_\_\_ # years as 4-H Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed screening from 4-H NS? Yes    No    Expiry Year of leader card? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please include a photocopy of your Leader Screening Card as provided by 4-H NS with application)*

If you are not a leader, state # of years of 4-H involvement and in what capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

What projects do/have you led in 4-H? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel you are qualified for this position? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have current first aid training? Yes    No    Course/ date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience with dairy cattle? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments you wish the committee to consider: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information is correct:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Selection will be based on ability to perform all duties. If suitable applicant does not apply, other means of selection may be used. Selection will be made by the NS Royal Dairy Classic Committee. The committee reserves the right to hold all applications until the 4-H N.S. Show to provide an opportunity for parents/ guardians of delegates to apply. **RETURN NO LATER THAN SEPT. 1 of current 4-H year to 4-H Nova Scotia, Attention: NS Royal Dairy Committee, 60 Research Drive, Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2**

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