

Boulder County 4-H 2 year Dairy Steer Program (DSP)

The 4-H Dairy Cattle program is offering new classes. It promotes another side of the Dairy project. Learn how this project enters into our food chain other than with milk products. The dairy sector contributed 5.6 billion pounds (21 percent) of beef to the U.S. commercial beef supply. Since 2002, the percentage of dairy beef contribution to the total U.S. beef supply has ranged from 18 to 24 percent. Dairy steers are well known for their ability to produce the highest quality grades of beef (Prime and High Choice cuts).

This will be a 2 year project, you will start with a bull calf, castrate, and feed him.



Start of project Feb 1- April 29

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At the end of the 2nd year you can market them at the Livestock Sale at Boulder County Fair.

See Additional information & rules also on county web site



Did you know that you can also do the Dairy Cattle Project and learn all the aspects of the dairy industry without you, yourself ever having to milk her. You can start with a calf and exhibit the same heifer for 2 years (2 fairs) by following the DHRP (Dairy Heifer Replacement Program) rules & guidelines. You will also have an opportunity to sell your heifer through the Livestock Sale once she's bred (check the rules), and knowing that she will carry on in life as a producing cow. You could even apply to the Ag Youth Loan Program where you can purchase a calf for the 2yr program or you can purchase a bred yearling that you

can sell at the 2023 fair. You must have possession & ownership by the last Thursday in April (animal ID deadline) along with turning in the DHRP nomination form to 4-H office. If the idea of selling a dairy heifer interests you, **please check out the DHRP rules and guidelines** especially prior to purchasing a new heifer for this program. For more information about these programs or on the Dairy Cattle Project itself, even help in finding a dairy heifer, or a bull calf for the new class. Call Tina Pohlmann 303) 828-3789.

