

Rowan County 4-H Dairy Heifer Project Application Packet 2024

Please make sure you read this document carefully.

Rowan County 4-H is partnering with Lutheridge Jersey Dairy Farm to offer a non-traditional opportunity for Rowan County youths ages 5-18 (as of January 1) to show dairy cattle. This project is intended for youths who do not have access to show dairy cattle on their own.

Youths will practice two times per week for 8 weeks with a dairy heifer owned by Lutheridge Jersey Dairy Farm. During practices, youths will lead their heifer, will practice and develop showmanship skills, learn the parts of the dairy cow & other dairy related information, etc. All participants will show their dairy heifer at the Rowan County Jr. Dairy Show held during the Rowan County Fair. Adult leaders/mentors will include Rowan County 4-H Agent & Livestock Agent, members of the Luther/Wetmore families who own the dairy farm, 4-H volunteers, and other community volunteers with dairy expertise. **Please note the time commitment and only register if you can follow through with this commitment.**

1. Open to youth residents of Rowan County, NC who are ages 5-18 (as of January 1).
2. This project is limited to 12 youth participants with each being paired with a Jersey dairy heifer.
3. All potential participants must enroll in 4-HOnline as a 4-H member at v2.4honline.com (*if you are not yet enrolled for the 2024 calendar year*).
4. Interested youth must complete this Rowan County 4-H Dairy Heifer Project application packet. **This application packet is due to the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office no later than 5 PM on June 14, 2024.** If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Rowan County 4-H Agent Laura Allen at laura_allen@ncsu.edu or 704-216-8970.
5. All applications will be reviewed by a committee and you will be notified by July 1, 2024 if your child was or was not chosen to participate.
6. For those chosen to participate, there will be a **\$30 registration fee** which can be given in exact cash or check made to Rowan CES. This will be due at the parent/participant meeting for those accepted into the project.
7. If you have financial need, please contact 4-H Agent Laura Allen so scholarship funds can be acquired.
8. **A required parent/participant meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM at Lutheridge Jersey Dairy Farm.**
9. Practices will occur two times per week from 5:30-7:00 PM on Mondays and Thursdays. You must be able to commit to the full practice time; it is not acceptable to arrive 20-30 minutes late or leave early due to other preknown circumstances. Practices will be held on the following dates:
 - Monday, July 29
 - Thursday, August 1
 - Monday, August 5
 - Thursday, August 8
 - Monday, August 12
 - Thursday, August 15
 - Monday, August 19
 - Thursday, August 22
 - Monday, August 26
 - Thursday, August 29
 - Monday, September 2
 - Thursday, September 5
 - Monday, September 9
 - Thursday, September 12

Monday, September 15 (only one practice this week)

Saturday, September 21 (Show Day!)

10. All dairy practices will be held at the Lutheridge Jersey Dairy Farm: 455 Cline Road, Mt. Ula, NC 28146
- 11. If a participant is 20 minutes or more late for 3 practices, then they are no longer eligible to participate.**
- 12. If a participant misses 2 practices, then they are no longer eligible to participate.**
13. This project culminates with participation in the Rowan County Jr. Dairy Show, which will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 during the Rowan County Fair. Times will be announced, but plan to be there nearly all morning and afternoon. Rowan County Fairgrounds address: 1560 Julian Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146.
14. Families must provide their own transportation to & from practices and the dairy show.
15. Halters, brushes, and other needed dairy cattle supplies will be provided at each practice and at the show.
16. Youths must follow the 4-H dress code for all practices & the dairy show.
17. It is required that all participants wear old shoes (closed toed, closed heel) that they can keep at the barn at Lutheridge Jersey Dairy Farm.
18. Prior to the show, youths will learn to wash & clip their heifers. Washing of their heifer must also be done on show day.
19. A t-shirt and/or show shirt will be provided for all youth participants.
20. Youths are required to wear long, non-holed white jeans or blue jeans on the day of the show. Please also wear boots or other closed toed, closed heeled shoes at the dairy show.
21. All registered participants must enroll in 4-HOnline as a 4-H member at v2.4honline.com.
- 22. The participant should complete a 4-H Project Record Book that includes details about this dairy heifer project and submit it by Friday, January 10, 2025, or the participation in future Rowan County 4-H Dairy Heifer Projects will be in jeopardy.**
23. All questions regarding this project should be directed to Rowan County 4-H Agent Laura Allen at 704-216-8970 or laura_allen@ncsu.edu.

The applicant and parent have carefully read the information above regarding the 2024 Rowan County 4-H Dairy Heifer Project and the participant agrees to abide by the rules, guidelines & requirements in this document.

Applicant's Signature:

Parental approval required

I give my permission for my child, _____, to participate in the Rowan County 4-H Dairy Heifer Project. I understand all rules, guidelines & requirements in this document and will make sure my child (the participant) and our family will abide by these rules.

Parent Signature

Print Name

Date

For more information, contact Laura Allen at 704-216-8970

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Participant First & Last Name:	Age as of January 1, 2024:
Address (street, city, zip):	
Email Address (please print legibly):	Parent/Guardian Name(s):
Parent/Guardian Email Address(es):	Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number(s):
Parent/Guardian Home Address (if different from youth's):	

****This section should be completed by the child and written by hand.****

If you need more space, feel free to add a separate sheet of paper to this section.

1. Why do you want to participate in this project?

2. What are you hoping to learn from this project?

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1. What did you learn by participating in this project in 2023?

2. What was your biggest challenge from this project in 2023 and how did you overcome it?

3. Why do you want to participate in this project again in 2024?



2024 Rowan County 4-H Dairy Heifer Project Parent/Guardian Agreement

As the parent/guardian of _____,
(youth's name)

I _____ agree to:
(parent/guardian's name)

1. Ensuring my child treats the animals with respect, and does not mistreat them.
2. Allowing my child to learn and work independently with this project, only helping them as needed with this project and/or 4-H project book work.
3. Helping my child study by using available resources.
4. Making sure my child does not miss 2 practices and is not 20+ minutes tardy 3 times between July 29 and September 21.
5. Transporting my child to practices at Lutheridge Jersey Dairy Farm and the 2024 Rowan County Jr. Dairy Show held during the Rowan County Fair in Salisbury, NC on September 21, 2024.
6. Respecting the Lutheridge Jersey Dairy Farm facilities, animals, and property and following all of their rules & policies.
7. Requiring my child to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct (as stated in 4-HOnline)
8. Following all rules, guidelines & requirements listed in the Rowan County 4-H Dairy Heifer Project 2024 application packet.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date