Allegan County 4-H
Dairy Starter Calf Project Rules

1. 4-H members 9 to 19 years old may enroll in this project area.

2. Dairy starter calves are to be steers, no heifers or bulls allowed. Must be 100% dairy breeds. No beef breed crossbreeding. Calves must have a RFID tag from farm of origin.

3. Dairy starter calves are to be born after January 1 of project year.

4. A 4-H Dairy starter Calf Tag Form must be completed; signed by the 4-H Leaders; and in the MSU Extension Office by July 15th (on the Friday before if the 15th falls on a weekend.)

5. Youth may tag up to 2 calves but only exhibit one at the Fair.

6. Dairy starter calves MUST be vaccinated for IBR, P13, BVD, pastuerella and the clostridium complex.

7. Dairy starter calves must be dehorned and castrated (must be banded/castrated, not clamped) and dehorned no later than August 15th. Animals must be healthy and free from disease.

8. Fitting and clipping will be as for beef steer standards. Not to be clipped as dairy female project. Dairy Starter calves will be shown like a beef steer, with a show stick. Showmanship class is required.

9. Dairy starter calves must be weaned prior to Fair, and weigh between 300 and 700 pounds at weigh in. Dairy calves will weigh in with Beef steers on Thursday. See schedule for weigh in time. Animals not meeting these weights will be sent home.

10. Dairy starter calves will follow the Dairy Steers in the 4-H Market Livestock Auction rotation.

11. Dairy starter calves will be released from the fair with the rest of the beef cattle.

4-H Dairy Starter Calves and Dairy Steers Show to be held in Rumery Arena
on Monday of the Fair at 5pm (following Youth Beef Show)

ALL CLASSES – RIBBONS &/OR TROPHIES/PLAQUES ONLY – NO PREMIUMS

1550 Dairy Starter Calf Senior Showmanship (16 – 19 years old)
1551 Dairy Starter Calf Junior Showmanship (12 – 15 years old)
1552 Dairy Starter Calf Young Showmanship (9 - 11 years old)
1554 Dairy Starter Calf Beginner Showmanship (13 – 19 years old)
1555 Dairy Starter Calf Lightweight Class (determined after weigh in)
1556 Dairy Starter Calf Medium Weight Class (determined after weigh in)
1557 Dairy Starter Calf Heavy Weight Class (determined after weigh in)
1558 Dairy Starter Calf Grand and Reserve Champion (1st place winners from 1555 – 1557 compete. 2nd place from champions class competes for reserve)