Allegan County 4-H
Dairy Steer Project Rules

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

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

3. Dairy steers must not exceed 24 months of age at the time of exhibition.

4. A 4-H Dairy Steer Tag Form must be completed; signed by the 4-H Leaders; and in the MSUE Office by February 15th (on the Friday before if the 15th falls on a weekend).

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

6. Dairy steers must be dehorned, castrated, and completely healed prior to fair. Animals must be healthy and free from disease.

7. Dairy steers must be tied securely at fair with halter and a neck tie.

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

9. Dairy Steers minimum weight will be determined by breed as follows: Jerseys & Ayrshire min. wt. is 800lbs. All other breeds min. weight is 900lbs. Dairy steers 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 steers will follow the Market Beef in the 4-H Market Livestock Auction rotation.

11. Dairy steers 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

1560 Dairy Steer Showmanship (9-19 years old)
1561 Dairy Steer Market Class (all weights) (1st place winner is Gd. Champion and 2nd place is Reserve Champion)