How does it work?
Minnesota State Fair 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors who receive a purple or blue ribbon in their respective class are eligible to participate. Youth also complete a leadership portfolio and earn points based on his or her project leadership, dairy-related activities and community involvement. Bonus points are given to individuals receiving champion and reserve champion honors.

A committee of judges will select 25 recipients in the Senior division (grades 9 and above) and 10 recipients in the Intermediate division (grades 6-8).

What is the leadership portfolio?
The easy-to-complete online leadership portfolio asks youth about his or her involvement in the dairy industry, 4-H, community, church and school activities. Two short essay questions will give youth the opportunity to display what they’ve learned from the project.

Event details
The 11th Annual Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase event will take place Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019, in Compeer Arena. A brunch will be served to all donors and participants prior to the event.
2018 Top Ten Recipients

1st Place
$4,000:
Emily Benrud
Goodhue County
Supported by Dairy Products Inc.

2nd Place
$3,500:
Megan Ratka
Stearns County
Supported by Gopher Dairy Club, University of Minnesota

3rd Place
$3,000:
Ella Bauer
Dodge County
Supported by Compeer Financial Services

4th Place
$2,500:
Isaac Rott
Olmsted County
Supported by Midwest Dairy Assn.; Big Gain

5th Place
$2,000:
Catherine Thompson
Olmsted County
Supported by Crystal Farms; Foremost Farms USA

6th Place
$1,800:
Kallie Frericks
Stearns County
Supported by Diamond K Genetics; MN Farm Bureau Foundation

7th Place
$1,700:
Matthias Annexstad
 Nicollet County
Supported by Cargill; Johnan Holsteins; John & Nancy Bierbaum

8th Place
$1,500:
Mikayla Erf
Washington County
Supported by Larry Rosenfeld Memorial; Riverview Dairy

9th Place
$1,520:
Tess Hokanson
Goodhue County
Supported by ADM; AgCountry Farm Credit Services

10th Place
$1,500:
Madelyn Wehe
Goodhue County
Supported by MN DHIA; MN Select Sires Co-op Inc.

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In 2018, the 10th year, the Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase awarded more than $41,000 to 26 deserving youth.