



18th Annual Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase

SUNDAY, AUG. 30, 2026

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 their project leadership, dairy-related activities and community involvement. Bonus points are given to individuals receiving champion and reserve champion honors. A committee of judges select 25 recipients in the senior division (grades 9 and above) and 10 recipients in the intermediate division (grades 6-8).

LEADERSHIP PORTFOLIO?

The easy-to-complete, online leadership portfolio asks youth about their involvement in the dairy industry, 4-H, community, church and school activities. Two short essay questions give youth the opportunity to display what they've learned from the project.

EVENT DETAILS

The 18th Annual Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase event will take place Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026, in Compeer Arena. Brunch will be served to all donors and participants prior to the event.

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McLeod County

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\$4,500:
Dan Frericks
Stearns County

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Emily Mellgren
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\$3,900:
Molly Albers
Rice County

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5TH PLACE
\$3,600:
Allison Ratka
Stearns County

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\$3,400:
Kamrie Mauer
McLeod County

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\$3,200:
Blake Siewert
Wabasha County

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\$3,000:
Garrett Waldenberger
Houston County

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9TH PLACE
\$2,900:
Monika Frericks
Stearns County

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10TH PLACE
\$2,800:
Shelby Swanson
McLeod County

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11th place: Alex Schroeder, Brown County, **12th place:** Ella Lahr, Stearns County, **13th place:** Anna Rott, Olmsted County, **14th place:** Mason Glessing, Wright County, **15th place:** Hanna Gudknecht, Goodhue County, **16th place:** Charlie Nelson, McLeod County, **17th place:** Ashley Mellgren, Wabasha County, **18th place:** Dylan Tate, Dakota County, **19th place:** Mattea Quigley, Dakota County, **20th place:** Lilly West, Fillmore County, **21st place:** Elizabeth Thyen, Meeker County, **22nd place:** Troy Clemenson, Goodhue County, **23rd place:** George Elsenpeter, Wright County, **24th place:** Ava Kieffer, Winona County, **25th place:** Addison Turner, Houston County

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In 2025, its 17th year, the Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase awarded more than \$70,000 to 35 deserving youth.

