

Dairy Cow-Heifer Skill-a-thon Study Guide 2021

Skill-a-thons will be held July 14-20 at the Champaign County Community Center. Exact dates and time schedules will be posted in mid- June. All 4-H and FFA members taking a dairy cow or heifer project is required to take the skill-a-thon as part of their project completion and eligibility to participate in the Champaign County Fair.

Awards and placings will be announced prior to the start of the Junior Fair Show at the fair. 1st – 6th place in each division will be awarded. Outstanding rosettes will be awarded to all participants who score 100% on the stations. Members must be in good standing with their club/chapter to be eligible to receive awards. Tie breaker questions will be given but only scored in the event of a tie.

Division Break-Down Topics

Junior (Ages 8-11 as of 1/1/21)	Intermediate (Ages 12-14 as of 1/1/21)	Senior (Ages 15 and up as of 1/1/21)
Identify Breeds of Dairy Cattle	Identify Dairy Breeds by Description	Identify Dairy Breeds by Description
Identify Parts of a Dairy Cow	Identify Parts of Dairy Cow	Identify Parts of Mammary Gland
Identify Parts of a Feed Label	Identify Proper Teat Placement on Cow	Identify Proper Teat Placement on Cow
Identify Proper Feet & Leg Structure of a Dairy Cow/Heifer	Identify Parts of Medication Insert	Identify Proper Feet and Leg Structure of a Dairy Cow/Heifer
Interview/Record Book	Interview/Record Book	Interview/Record Book

All information will be taken from the skill-a-thon kits or the Dairy Resource Book. Remember, Skill-a-thons are designed to display your knowledge of your project specie. For example, body parts in the kit or book may be a drawing but the skill-a-thon may have a picture of a real animal that you will have to identify the body parts. Skill-a-thons are not meant to be a memorization test but an opportunity to apply what you learned to actual animal or situation.

Tie Breaker (Optional to Answer)

There will be several tie-breaker questions which could include general 4-H knowledge beginners, project knowledge, Quality Assurance questions and fair related questions. Scores from tie breakers will only be used in the event of tie for award placings. It is ok if you don't know all the answers and are not expected to know all the answers. Answer what you can and move on to next question.

Interview

The purpose of an interview is to allow members to gain skills of speaking one-on-one in a more formal setting and learning how to interview as you would for a job.

Each person will have an interview. 4-H and FFA members should be prepared to discuss knowledge of your project. Be sure to make eye contact. Please do not shake hands this year.

If you have any questions concerning the skill-a-thon, please contact Melinda Ryan at ryan.1608@osu.edu or 937-772-6018

Skill-a-thon kits are available to check-out from the Extension Office. It is recommended that each family have a least one resource book to assist in skill-a-thon preparation. The resource books can be helpful every year.