



CHANGES FOR 2026!

LATER START TIME
FEWER CLASSES
SHORTENED BANQUET

2026 INTERCOUNTY DAIRY YOUTH JUDGING COMPETITION

JUNE 13, 2026 – ERIN FAIRGROUNDS

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Registration at Erin AgriDome
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Quiz (Jr, Int & Sr division)
- 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM Judge 6 classes
- 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Lunch
- 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM Reasons
- 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM Official Reasons
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Awards
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Cake & Ice Cream

NOVICE DIVISION

- For contestants 9-10 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2026)
- Individual participants will be mentored by a group of experienced Judges, 4-H leaders and/or past winners. After their educational sessions, they will be asked to judge three (3) classes on their own and give reasons on one (1). Contestants will be scored on this portion of the program. The remainder of the classes will be judged with assistance from the mentors.
- There will be two (2) awards for this division – High Individual and Runner-Up
- Novice age individuals can (if they wish), compete in the Junior Division. However, once they do, they will be unable to go back to Novice the following year
- Novice division fee is \$30/person

JUNIOR DIVISION

- For contestants 11-13 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2026) *Novice age can compete as a Junior if they so wish
- Individual participants will be mentored by a group of experienced Judges, 4-H leaders and/or past winners
- After their educational sessions, contestants will judge four (4) classes and will give oral reasons on three (3) classes
- Contestants will complete a written quiz
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place Individual, Placings, Reasons and Quiz
- Junior Division fee is \$50/person

NON-COMPETITIVE DIVISION

- For individuals who wish to watch and learn and not compete for prizes. Take part in the educational component and learn what the competition is all about without the pressure to submit placings or give reasons.
- There are no awards for this division, but participants are welcome to attend the banquet.
- Non-Competitive Division fee is \$30/person

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- For contestants 14-17 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2026)
- Contestants will judge six (6) classes and give oral reasons on four (4) of these classes.
- Contestants must complete the written quiz
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place Individual, Placings, Reasons, and Quiz
- Intermediate division fee is \$50/person

SENIOR DIVISION

- For contestants 18-21 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2026)
- The overall individual senior division champion will be ineligible to compete in subsequent competitions.
- Previous trip winners can compete in the competition but will not be eligible to participate in team trips to a National or International dairy cattle judging competition.
- Contestants will judge six (6) classes and give oral reasons on six (6) of these classes.
- Contestants must complete the written quiz
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place Individual, Placings, Reasons, Holsteins, Other Breeds and Quiz
- The top four (4) eligible individual contestants from the senior division will represent Ontario at an event/opportunity to be determined.
- Senior division fee is \$50/person

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH ASSIST EXPO.
REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID EVENT CANCELLATION!