

2017 HERD BUILDER AWARD

Any Junior Fair dairy cattle exhibitor aged 12-15 as of January 1, 2017 may apply for the "HERD BUILDER AWARD". The award will recognize exceptional dairy youth and will be presented at the 2017 Manitowoc County Fair. The award winner will receive a registered heifer calf.

Any exhibitor who wishes to apply for the "Herd Builder Award" must submit the attached application and a project story entitled, "My Dairy Project". The story should include how the exhibitor got involved in dairy as a project, how it is financed, problems encountered and overcome, size and scope of the project and plans for the future.

The information supplied in the application and dairy project story, along with the exhibitor's performance at the Fair and knowledge of the project as determined by an interview, will be the basis for making the award.

The application and dairy project story (not to exceed two pages) are due no later than **August 1st**. These materials should be sent to Scott Gunderson, Manitowoc County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent, P.O. Box 935, Manitowoc, WI 54221-0935.

An interview of all qualified exhibitors will be held on **Saturday, during the County Fair**. Contact Scott Gunderson for the exact time and location of the interviews.

The Herd Builder recipient agrees to keep the Herd Builder calf until she gives birth for the first time. If the Herd Builder calf recipient sells the calf before she gives birth for the first time, one-half of the proceeds will be returned to the original breeder/owner. For example, if the Herd Builder calf is sold as a springing heifer for \$2,000, the recipient of the Herd Builder will pay the original breeder/owner of the calf \$1,000. The recipient of the Herd Builder calf agrees to identify a mentor who can give advice to the Herd Builder calf recipient regarding overall care and management of the calf. The mentor may be a parent, guardian, organization advisor, dairy farmer, etc.

Previous winners are not eligible. Decisions of the judges are final.

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Application Form (please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Organization _____

Age _____ Year in School _____

The calf will be housed (Indicate what farm will house the calf) _____

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Leader's Signature _____ Date _____

Financial support provided by GreenStone Farm Credit Services and Parnell Living Science. Twin Cities Vue Dairy Farm (The Lepich families) will supply the registered Holstein calf born on March 9th.

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Evaluation Form

Name _____

Organization _____

1. Must complete an application and project story and return to the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office by August 1, 2017.
 - a. Neatness and completeness
 - b. Knowledge of project, expenses, dates, etc.
2. Must exhibit a minimum of two (2) animals at the 2017 Manitowoc County Fair
3. Must participate in dairy showmanship at the 2017 Manitowoc County Fair
4. Must participate in an interview on the Saturday of the County Fair
 - a. Knowledge of project animals
 - b. Feeding, fitting, and grooming
 - c. Dairy Bowl Facts, Score Card, and dairy terminology
 - d. How you got started
 - e. List of activities outside of the dairy program
 - f. Future plans

Award sponsored by GreenStone Farm Credit Services and Parnell Living Science.
Program developed and coordinated by the Manitowoc County UW-Extension 4-H Dairy Project Committee. For more information contact Scott Gunderson, Manitowoc County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent at 683-4175 or scottgunderson@co.manitowoc.wi.us



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