



March 5th- 8th, 2026
Farm Credit Dairy Center at
International Agri-Center
Tulare, CA

Division 100 Registered Holsteins
Division 200 Registered All Other Breeds
Division 300 Grade All Breeds

Online Entry's:

<https://wcjs.fairwire.com/>

SHOW RULES

Entry Fee:

\$25.00 per entry on/before February 20, 2026

\$100.00 per entry after February 21, 2026

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED after March 2, 2026

Please Note: Substitutions will be allowed.

Classes:

1	Winter Calf	Born after 12/1/25
2	Fall Calf	9/1/25-11/30/25
3	Summer Calf	6/1/25-8/31/25
4	Spring Yearling	3/1/25-5/31/25
5	Winter Yearling	12/1/24-2/28/25
6	Fall Yearling	9/1/24-11/30/24
7	Junior Champion **	
8	Reserve Junior Champion **	
9	Unfresh Jr. 2 Yr Old	3/1/24-8/31/24
10	Junior 2 Yr Old	3/1/24-8/31/24
11	Winter Sr Yr Old	12/1/23-2/28/24
11	Fall Sr 2 Yr Old	9/1/23-11/31/23
12	Junior 3 Yr Old	3/1/23-8/31/23
13	Senior 3 Yr Old	9/1/22-2/28/23
14	4 Year Old	9/1/21-8/31/22
15	5 Year Old	9/1/20-8/31/21
16	Aged Cow	Born before 9/1/20
17	Senior Champion	
18	Reserve Senior Champion	
19	Grand Champion	
22	Reserve Grand Champion	

** New this year we will be awarding a Red and White Jr. and Reserve Jr. Champion

Division 500 Showmanship

Entry Fee:

\$15.00 per entry on/before February 20, 2026

\$50.00 per entry after February 21, 2026

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED after March 2, 2026

Classes:

1	Pee Wee	5-8*
2	Novice	8*-10
3	Junior	11-12
4	Intermediate	13-15
5	Senior	16 & Over

**If you are 8 years old, you can choose to compete in Pee Wee Showmanship (not placed) or Novice Division (placed). No assistance is allowed in the Novice Division.

1. The Western Dairy Classic is open to ANY junior exhibitor 5 years of age by January 1, 2026 and not yet 21 by the same date, thus an exhibitor must have been born during the years 2005 through 2020. This includes PeeWee Showmanship. Out of state exhibitors are welcome.
2. In Registered divisions, the owner on the registration certificate must match the exhibitor on the entry form.
3. All Holsteins need to be at least 87% Registered Holstein Ancestry and be registered with Holstein Association USA to be shown in the Registered Holstein Division. No registered cattle can be shown in the Grade Division.
4. All Jerseys must be registered with the American Jersey Cattle Association to be shown in the Registered Jersey Division. Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Jersey Cattle Association in the Herd Register or with Generation Count 4 or greater, or by Jersey Canada with registry status of 93.75% and greater. Non-eligible animals can be shown in the Grade Division.
5. The exhibitor/owner(s) of the animal must be present at the show and exhibit their own animal(s). In Divisions 100-400, the registered owner(s) of the animal **MUST** show their own animal in breeding classes. If they are unable to exhibit their animal in these divisions, without help, the animal will NOT be allowed to be shown unless prior arrangements have been approved with show management. If an exhibitor has multiple animals in the same class, another Western Classic exhibitor, of the same age or younger (as of January 1st), can show one of the animals.
6. For Division 500 (Showmanship), the exhibitor is not required to be the registered owner of their animal. Animal must be entered in the show, but an exhibitor can borrow or use another exhibitor's animal for showmanship.
7. The show uniform shall consist of a shirt with collar or a Western Classic clothing item (no



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- tank tops or t-shirts other than a Western Classic t-shirt) and white pants. 4-H and FFA uniforms are acceptable but not required.
8. **Please read the Showing Policy and Code of Ethics thoroughly.** When submitting your entries, you are acknowledging and signing that you have reviewed and will abide by these rules. Violation of these rules will be reviewed by the Western Classic Ethics Committee and could lead to expulsion from the show for this year, future years or indefinitely.
 9. The exhibitor and their parent(s)/guardian are responsible for the actions of any hired help, fitters or guests at the show. It is required that they follow Showing Policy and Code of Ethics and exhibit proper behavior for a dairy show.
 10. **All parents or guardians at the show are responsible for their children and their actions at ALL TIMES.** Vandalization of the facility, facility rentals, show ring or any activities is NOT ALLOWED. Disrespect or bullying show volunteers or other exhibitors will NOT be tolerated. Violation of this rule could lead to expulsion from the show for this year, future years or indefinitely.
 11. A stall chart will be put together by the Committee. Please fill out your stall requests as part of your online entries. Stalls will be assigned based on the number of animals that are exhibited NOT entered. Extra stall space can NOT be purchased.
 12. There will be NO refunds of entry money, clinic registrations or trailer spots. No exceptions whatsoever.
 13. Cattle that are done being shown on Saturday can be hauled out after 7PM on Saturday night and before 7AM on Sunday morning. All other animals will not be allowed to leave until the completion of Supreme Champion selection on Sunday.
 14. Exhibitors are expected to allow the use of their animals for the Judging Contest if so asked. Every effort will be made to use animals entered by willing

- participants.
15. Milk disposal must be dumped in marked dumping locations. **NO** dumping in the wash racks or unmarked locations.
 16. No outside ATV's, golf carts, quads or motorcycles allowed on the grounds. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be granted.
 17. Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the barns.
 18. Please park in designated parking lots. Stock trailers need to be unhooked and parked in the designated area for trailers.
 19. All dogs on the grounds must be on a leash and managed at all times. Show staff reserves the right to ask any owner to leash their dog or remove from the grounds if it is a danger to livestock or people.
 20. Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations and to settle questions and differences pertaining to the Western Dairy Classic Show.

CALIFORNIA MARCH DAIRY SALE

- All animals sold in The Amplify Sale at Vierra Dairy in Hilmar, CA on February 28, 2026 **WILL BE** eligible to show at the Western Classic.
- Cattle are **NOT** preregistered. The buyer **MUST** notify the sales staff the day of the sale if you intend to exhibit your purchase at the show. Sales staff, breed representatives and the Western Classic Show Committee will work to get cattle that have been identified to show entered. Sale hosts will cover the breeding class entry fee for the animal to show.
- To show, purchased animals must be transferred into a junior's name (that meet Western Classic show age requirements). Sales staff and show committee will work with breed representatives to ensure that the animal is transferred into the exhibitor's name provided **PRIOR** to the show. If animal is not paid for, sale management has the right to not process the transfer and animal will not be eligible to show.
- The exhibitor is responsible for entering in showmanship online. Sales staff/show committee will not be responsible for this or covering your entry fee.



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Thank you for your interest in the 14th Annual Western Classic Junior Dairy Show! The Committee looks forward to once again providing a fun and enjoyable experience for all exhibitors.

Schedule of events is as follows:

NOTE: You **MUST** check in with a committee member before setting up. No cattle can be on the grounds until Thursday, March 5th and must be in place by Friday, March 6th at 3PM. Please reach out to a committee member if you need an exception to this time frame and we will do our best to accommodate.

Wednesday, March 4th

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm Grounds/Barn open for tack delivery and set-up – NO CATTLE ALLOWED

Thursday, March 5th

6:00 am-10:00 pm Barn available for cattle to arrive
3:00 pm Livestock office opens & check-in begins

Friday, March 6th

6:00am-3:00 pm Barn available for cattle to arrive – ALL cattle must be on grounds by 3PM
8:00 am Livestock office opens & check-in continues
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Open show ring for showmanship practice
5:30 pm MANDATORY Exhibitor/Parent or Guardian Meeting
6:00 pm Dairy Cattle Costume Contest (Theme: Historic American Figures)

Saturday, March 7th

7:00 am Dairy Judging Contest registration (must register by 7:30 am)
8:00 am Dairy Judging Contest
10:45 am Group picture with all exhibitors in Show Ring
11:00 am Dairy Showmanship in the following order:

- Pee Wee
- Novice
- Junior
- Intermediate
- Senior

Not before 4:30pm

ALL Cow classes (alternating divisions):

- Reg. Holstein
- Reg. AOB
- Grade All Breeds

**Supreme Champion Cow will be selected at completion of the cow show

6:30 pm

Exhibitor BBQ

7:00pm

All cows can be hauled off the grounds, if desired. This must be done before 7AM on Sunday morning.

Sunday, March 8th

9:00 am

ALL Heifer Classes (alternating divisions):

- Reg. Holstein
- Reg. Red and White** only for Jr and Res. Jr Champion
- Reg. AOB
- Grade All Breeds

**Supreme Champion Heifer will be selection at completion of show

Release of animals will take place after Supreme Champion



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Location:

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Farm Credit Dairy Center
4500 S. Laspina St.
Tulare, CA 93274

Show Entries:

Entries will only be accepted online. See Page 4 for all class details and outline of fees/rules.

Website: www.ssijholstein.com

Due Date: **FRIDAY, FEBURARY 20TH by 11:59PM**

PLEASE NOTE: Entries received after this date are subject to a late fee per entry.

NO LATE ENTRIES (Including Showmanship) WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY MARCH 2ND.
Substitutions will be allowed.

NOTE: Any animals purchased in The Amplify Sale at Vierra Dairy in Hilmar, CA on February 28, 2026 will be eligible to show. See Show Rules for details.

Judge:

Ryan Krohlow- Poynette, Wisconsin

Additional activities:

Open Show Ring: Unfortunately, there will not be any organized clinics this year. Our show ring will be set up by 10AM on Friday morning and will be open for exhibitors to practice with their cattle. Leaders, parents, dairy enthusiasts and experienced exhibitors are encouraged to use this time help and teach exhibitors.

Cattle Costume and Showman Contest: Kicking off this year's show on Friday night with the class/contest: Dress-A- Cow and Showman! This year we are introducing a new theme to celebrate Americas 250th Birthday, Historic American Figures.

Exhibitor should be prepared to introduce themselves and their cow as well as provide a brief description of the costume. This can be written out and turned in ahead of time to be read or said on the microphone during the class.

NOTE: There is no cost to enter this class however pre-registration is requested to allow for our committee to plan accordingly. When completing your entries, there will be an option to add before finalizing your entries.



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Lodging Options:

Hotels:

Hampton Inn and Suites Tulare

1100 N Cherry St.
Tulare, CA 92374
559-686- 8700

Distance to International Agri-Center: 5 Miles

Amenities: Complimentary Breakfast, Outdoor Pool

A block of rooms has been reserved under Western Classic Jr. Dairy. Block expires on 2/12/2026 or upon being filled.

Rates: Standard King or Two Queen Beds – \$129

Link to book rooms: <https://group.hamptoninn.com/svf2x2>

Hillstone in Tulare

1188 N. Black Stone
Tulare, CA 92374
(559) 686-0985

Distance to International Agri-Center: 5 miles

Amenities: Buffet Breakfast, Outdoor Pool

A block of rooms has been reserved under Western Classic Jr. Dairy. Block expires on 2/20/2026 or upon being filled.

Rates: Standard King or Two Queen Beds - \$99

Link to book rooms: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/XF35B7>

Best Western Town & Country Lodge

1051 N Blackstone St.
Tulare, CA 92374
559-688-7537

Distance to International Agri-Center: 5 Miles

Amenities: Complimentary Breakfast, Outdoor Pool

Rates: 9% off the standard rate when you mention the Western Classic Dairy Show when booking

RV Camping:

RV Rental Space – Water and Electric (30AMP & 50AMP) Hook-ups – *Limited Availability – 34 Spots*

The lots will open 2/14/2026 5:00 AM PST and close 2/20/2026 5:00 PM PST.

<https://countryclubsales.com/.../Western-Classic-RV-Spot...>

RV Rental Space – Dry Camping

No hook-ups; generators allowed

\$30/night

Reserve your spot as part of your online entry and receive your RV pass upon arrival.

Feed and all other show supplies:

There will not be any show supplies available for purchase on site this year.



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Animal Health Requirements

Classes of cattle allowed and pre-show testing protocol:

- Both lactating and non-lactating dairy animals
- In-state and out of state animals. All out of state animals must meet the additional interstate movement requirements (TB test, CVI, Influenza A PCR negative, etc)
- ALL Lactating animals will be required to have a Negative Influenza A PCR milk sample test that has a collection date within 7 (seven) days of arrival onto International Agri-Center grounds.
- No Influenza A testing is required for non-lactating animals
- Show management will require a copy of each lactating animal's negative test with the collection date and corresponding 840 tag number at check-in

Biosecurity Requirements for Cattle and Exhibitors on site:

- ALL animals will be visually examined upon arrival by a licensed veterinarian and evaluated to be free of any signs of illness. If an animal displays clinical signs consistent with illness they will be evaluated further by the veterinarian.
- Exhibitors will provide their own individual feed/bedding and water buckets that will not be shared between participants (unless from the same household/farm).
- There WILL NOT be a common milking area. All exhibitors with Lactating animals will need to bring their own personal milking equipment and all milk will be disposed of in proper locations.
- ALL Exhibitors by entering in the show will assume their own risk for the potential for disease transmission while participating in the Western Classic Dairy Show. They WILL NOT hold any of the organizers or facilities liable.

Western Classic Junior Dairy Show Showring Policy and Code of Ethics

Western Classic Junior Dairy Show has the responsibility of maintaining fairness and ethics for all exhibitors. The regulation of unethical practices is necessary to maintain a positive reputation and to make sure good animal husbandry is on display for all youth participating at the show as well as spectators.

A Western Classic Junior Dairy Show Ethics Committee has been formed. Committee members will be on the grounds throughout the show. Should a violation be seen or reported, the Committee will decide how to handle the violation and what disciplinary action is necessary.

The following are examples of practices or procedures that are violations of the Western Classic Junior Dairy Show Showring Policy and Code of Ethics, these include but are not limited to:

1. Misrepresenting the age, lineage/breed and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is entered.
2. Treating an animal, particularly the udder, without a verifiable need for that treatment, internally or externally, for the purpose of improving the appearance.
3. Using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease. Note: Ice pieces may be used on an animal if they are contained in a plastic bag.
4. Administering an injected or applied anesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other body parts.
5. Surgically or unethically inserting any matter under the skin or into any body cavity to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body. No administration of fluids by mouth is allowed unless it is deemed therapeutically necessary.
6. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the showring, on show grounds and/or before and after the show.
7. Challenging, threatening, criticizing or interfering with an ethics committee member or volunteer appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
8. Failing to provide proper/accurate animal and/or personal identification when asked by ethics personnel or show management.
9. Adding real or artificial hair or hair-like substances to any part of the animal, except for false switches.
10. Excessively manipulating topline and/or tailhead hair beyond 1 1/2 inches from the skin.



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11. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited. However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example color touch up of the topline, hoof polishes and false switches.
12. Mistreatment of an animal.
13. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen or their representative(s).
14. Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging.
15. Any unethical practices or procedures not listed above that warrant review.

To detect unethical procedures, show management may use technologies for testing animal body fluids or tissues and examination techniques, such as ultrasound. An exhibitor, by making an entry, is consenting to the collection of materials, e.g. milk, blood, hair, etc., photographic or direct examination, if deemed necessary, at any time the animal is on grounds. Furthermore, by making an entry, the owner(s) and/or exhibitor, as well as any individual handling, caring for or fitting the animal, is agreeing to supply proper animal and personal identification when asked by Ethics Committee or Show Management.

Questions?

Preferred method:

westernclassicdairy@hotmail.com

***E-mail us your question and the best person
to provide an answer will get back to you!***

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