

2025 Cow Camp Sponsors:

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Missouri 4-H Dairy Camp is an exciting event sponsored by University of Missouri Extension and is held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds in Freistatt, MO. Extension staff, along with industry professionals, provide educational seminars. Youth work in small groups receiving individual assistance.

Cattle are provided through the Missouri All-Breeds Heifer Sale. If you have your own grooming equipment such as clippers or dryers, you are encouraged to bring them along.

Deadline for application is May 1. Enrollment is limited and will be first come first serve. Registration may be completed via 4-H online. Check or cash payment must be mailed to PO Box 388, Mount Vernon, MO 65712. No credit card payments will be accepted for this event.

Parents and family members are invited to watch the showmanship competition at 10 am on Friday May 22. Lunch will be served following the contest. Lunch is provided for cow campers, helpers, and workshop presenters. Parents and others will need to pre-purchase a lunch ticket for \$10 each.



Each participant will receive:

- T-shirt
- Grooming Supplies
- Project Notebook
- Hotel Lodging
- Transportation to and from hotel

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For Youth Ages 8-18 (As of 1/1/2026)

May 20-22, 2026



Registration Deadline: May 1, 2026
No late registrations accepted

Freistatt, Missouri
Lawrence County Fairgrounds



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MISSOURI 4-H DAIRY COW CAMP 2026

Wednesday, May 20

Registration at Fair Grounds	12:30 pm.
Orientation	1:30 pm
Clipping Demonstration	2:45 pm
Wash, clip, workshops	2:45-5:45 pm.
Dinner	5:45 pm.
Clip, workshops	6:15-7:45 pm.
Depart Fairgrounds	8:00 pm.

Thursday, May 21

Wash/groom animals	7:30-12:00 am
Quiz games, workshops	

LUNCH and SPEAKER

Clipping/ educational workshops	1:15 pm
Judging/ Reasons workshops	4:30 pm
Feed/ Bed down animals	5:00 pm
Dinner at Grounds	
Evening work session, judging	6:00 pm
Depart Fairgrounds	8:00 pm

Friday, May 22

Prepare animals for Showmanship contest	7:00 am
Oral reasons	8:00 am
Showmanship Contest	10:00 am
LUNCH	12 Noon
Awards	1:00 pm
Wash/clean up	1:30 pm

(official end of cow camp)

Cattle for show may arrive	2:30 pm
Tri-tip dinner & ice cream	7:00 pm
MO Holstein Live auction	7:30 pm
MO Holstein Tag Sale Closes	8:00 pm

Saturday, May 23

All Breeds Heifer Show	10:00 am
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Headquarter Hotel:
TBD



Three to four campers will be placed in each room based upon age and gender. If you would prefer to have your camper in a semi-private room (2 campers) please add \$80 to the registration fee.

Emergency daytime phone:
417-316-0191



OBJECTIVES:

1. Increase the knowledge of youth about care and management of dairy animals.
2. Develop awareness of the ethical issues in care of dairy animals.
3. Increase the awareness of issues in the dairy industry.
4. Increase life skill development of participating youth.
5. Certify youth in Show-Me Quality Assurance.

For more information, contact
Karla Deaver 417-466-3102



Cow Camp Registration Form

Name _____

Male ___ Female ___ Age ___ (as of 1/1/26)

Address: _____

County of membership _____

E-mail Address: _____

T-Shirt Size _____

FEES:

MO 4-H member fee	\$100.00	_____
Non MO-4-H Member	\$150.00	_____
Semi-Private Room	\$80.00	_____
Lunch tickets for 5/22	\$10.00	_____
TOTAL		_____

Space in camp will be extremely limited. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

___ I certify that all 4-H Online health information is up to date.

MO 4-H Parent Signature

Out of state and non-4-H members must complete and submit a health form. Registration may also be completed through 4-H online. Payment by check or cash only. No credit cards will be accepted for this event.

**Make check payable to:
Southwest Missouri 4-H**

Return Registration Form by May 1 to:
MO Dairy Cow Camp
c/o Karla Deaver
P.O. Box 388
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712