

4-H Down East Dairy Project

Sponsored by: Simply Natural Jersey Farm and Creamery

For youth ages 5-18 in the Greene, Pitt,
Lenoir area!

Through this project, youth will learn how to work with, show, and gain knowledge about dairy heifers through hands on experiences with a 'borrowed' Jersey heifer.



What to know about this project?

Where: Youth will 'borrow' a young dairy heifer from Simply Natural Jersey Farm to complete this project. Heifers will remain on the farm and all activities except the show will be held at the farm.

What: Youth will learn animal handling skills, along with working knowledge of dairy cows and the industry to show Jersey heifers.

Who: Any youth ages 5-18 may participate- no experience necessary!

How: **By paid and completed registration only.** We accept the first 50 paid participants.

When: Youth are expected to attend at least one practice session each week during project. Practice sessions will be Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings from March 31 – May 14

Cost: \$25- payable to Extension Activity Fund

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This project fills up very quickly. We encourage you to pay in person to guarantee your spot.

Required Dates:

March 30 OPENING DAY- Lunch, meet your heifer, first practice, creamery tour

Bi-Weekly Youth attend at least one practice session each week from March 31- May 14

May 18 DOWN EAST DAIRY PROJECT SHOW DAY



Registration Form:

Childs Name: _____

County: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Circle t-shirt size: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL A3XL

AGE AS OF JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR: _____

Communication with parents will be as a group via email, text messages, and our 4-H Down East Dairy Project Facebook page.

I have checked my calendar and we will be sure to attend on Opening Day and the day of the show, as well as at least one practice per week. See dates and description on page 1.

Saturday March 30

Saturday May 18

Partnering with another child is expected. If you have a friend who you would like to partner with, please list that child's name below:

If you do not have annual 4-H enrollment forms on file in your Extension office, you will also be asked to complete those online for insurance purposes.

Return to: 4-H Down East Dairy Project 229 Kingold Blvd, Ste E, Snow Hill, NC 28580



Make New Friends!

The number of calves we have is limited due to space constraints.

We can use a maximum of 25 calves. We have limited participation to 50, so sharing is a requirement of the project.

If you participated in this project last year and you are over 12 years old, you may be paired with a new child to assist them in this project.



We expect this to be a family project.

Children will receive guidance and instruction from Extension Agents but they will need hands on assistance from their parents.

Parental Involvement is part of the fun!

Get some good farm gear! There will be muddy days along with the sunny days. This is NOT an easy project, but it is incredibly rewarding to watch a child lead her calf through the show ring all by herself after just 8 short weeks. Parents and children are expected to learn to push, pull, brush, wash, lead, and clip their calves. However, the goal is to create a confident child who can do all these things himself.

Among the positive comments we received last year was that this project taught children perseverance, confidence, patience, and cooperation.