

## DAIRY CATTLE BREED ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS

All animals must have registration certificates issued by one of the following breed associations: American Guernsey Association, American Jersey Cattle Club, American Milking Shorthorn Society, Ayrshire Breeders Association, Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association, Holstein Association of America, or Red and White Dairy Cattle Association.

### Jerseys

Animals must be registered in the herd register of the AJCA. Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Jersey Cattle Association with **herd registry** status or with Generation Count 4 or greater status. Gold-bordered certificates of identification will be issued to animals recorded at Generation Counts 1, 2, and 3 and are NOT eligible to show. Generation Count 4, 5, and 6 animals are issued green-bordered certificates of registration and are eligible. Green certificate with no prefixes are eligible, but green certificates with GR prefix are NOT eligible. Blue certificates with J4, J5, and J6 are eligible, but blue certificates with J1, J2, and J3 are NOT eligible. Former Original Animals (OA) and Provisional Registry (PR) animals were replaced by Generation Count 1 and 2 and are NOT eligible. Generation Count 3 replaced former GR and J3 prefixes, and these are NOT eligible. Replacement certificates indicating Generation Count can be ordered upon request for previously registered animals through AJCA (614-861-3636 or records@usjersey.com) free of charge. The following site explains Generation Count and show eligibility:

**[https://www.usjersey.com/Portals/0/AJCA/2\\_Docs/Animal-Applications/GC-Shows.pdf](https://www.usjersey.com/Portals/0/AJCA/2_Docs/Animal-Applications/GC-Shows.pdf)**

### Ayrshires

Ayrshires must be 87% purebred Ayrshire on the registration certificate as verified by the Ayrshire Breeders Association.

### Guernseys

Registered Guernsey females and females in Step 4 of the Genetic Recovery program are eligible. Step 4 females have the GR prefix in their name. No other prefixes are eligible.

### Holsteins

Any animal identified with Holstein Association, USA, Inc., that is 87% or higher Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA) is eligible.

### Red and White Dairy Cattle Association

These animals must be **true red** in hair color. Registration papers and/or a certificate of identification (CID) from Holstein Association USA are acceptable.

Other registration papers accepted will be from RWDCA, Holstein Association USA showing the suffix "RED". Red & White animals must carry 87% dairy bloodlines as designated by RWDCA guidelines. Dairy bloodlines include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (Black & White and Red & White), Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Angler, Swedish Red, Aussie Red, Lineback, and Rouge Flammande.

### **Brown Swiss**

Animals with standard registry Brown Swiss certificate (white with green border) are eligible. Step II IE Identity Enrollment animals which have a green certificate with black border are also eligible. Animals with other colored certificates are not eligible for show.

### **Milking Shorthorns**

Cattle must have a white Milking Shorthorn Registry Certificate that does not contain the words "Not eligible to show". This is a full herdbook, 6 digit certificate. Yellow certificates are not eligible to show. Tattoo numbers must correspond with registry certificates. Animals must have a base hair color of red, white, or roan according to American Milking Shorthorn Society's hair color regulations and cannot have black hair unless cleared by the AMSS Executive Secretary.

**Canadian registry certificates will not be accepted except when they are registered with the appropriate U.S. breed association.**

**\*FOR 4-H DAIRY CATTLE\*\* Animals must show in the same breed show at their qualifying district show and at the PA Junior Dairy Show. An animal may only show in one breed show at district shows and the PA Junior Dairy Show.**