

MARYLAND 
Dairy Princess
PROGRAM

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MARYLAND DAIRY PRINCESS CANDIDATES, DAIRY MISSES SOUGHT

The Maryland Dairy Princess Association is seeking candidates for the 2025-26 Maryland Dairy Princess Promotion Team. Dairy Princesses visit fairs, schools, grocery stores, special events and more, sharing their dairy stories about milk, dairy products, and the dairy industry.

Dairy Princesses are chosen to represent their region, then compete for the Maryland Dairy Princess title. The seven regions include: Allegany-Garrett Counties, Washington County, Frederick County, Carroll County, South Central (Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel and all Southern Maryland Counties), Upper Chesapeake (Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties), and Eastern Shore (all Shore counties).

All regional crownings will take place in May and regional princesses will participate in a training seminar July 8-11. The Maryland Dairy Princess Contest will be held on August 27-29, at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. The on-stage event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, August 29th in the Cow Palace.

Candidates must:

- Maintain residency in Maryland (they may attend an out-of-state college) or be an active member of a Maryland 4-H, FFA or Dairy Breed organization;
- Fulfill one or more of the following requirements:
 - Own or lease at least one dairy animal
 - Be enrolled in a dairy-related 4-H or FFA project, such as “4-H Healthy Living” foods projects with an emphasis in dairy foods, dairy leasing program, dairy judging, FFA Milk Quality and Products CDE or FFA Dairy Handling CDE.
 - Be employed herself, or the daughter of someone, in a dairy-related industry, including a dairy farm manager, herdsman, veterinarian, feed supplier, milk inspector, worker in a farm store or cooperative, etc.
- Be 16 years old or turn 16 during 2025 and must not reach her 22nd birthday by Dec. 31.

Because this program is funded by dairy cattle milk check-off, dairy goats and dairy steers are not acceptable project areas. Candidates may not hold a farm organization or dairy breed title that would cross over for more than three months.

The association is also looking for Dairy Misses to represent Maryland. The Dairy Miss program prepares future princesses and provides promotional opportunities for younger dairy enthusiasts. Eligible young ladies between the ages of 9 and 16 years old may become a Dairy Miss.

Informational Zoom Events for interested Dairy Princess and Miss candidates will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 1, 3 and 7. Watch the MD Dairy Princess Facebook page for more information or email mddairyprincess@gmail.com.

Interested candidates may contact Maryland Dairy Princess State Coordinators Deb Spurrier and Mackenzie Jones at mddairyprincess@gmail.com. For more information, please visit our website at www.marylanddairyprincess.org.