

GREEN COUNTY AG CHEST



DAIRY QUEEN PROGRAM



Candidate Handbook
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Overview

Our Organization

Green County Ag Chest was organized on May 1, 1958 by people interested in establishing a united fund to finance and support county activities suggested by people and the Green County Extension Office. The Ag Chest was incorporated in February 1963.

Our Objective

The promotion of Green County, its products, its resources, and its people, especially youth and youth activities involved with home economics and agriculture.

Our Members

Any person is welcome to attend the Ag Chest meetings and take place in activities.

Board of Directors: Officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, 3 elected members at large (directors), and (ex-officio) County Chairpersons.



Program Guidelines

Purpose

To promote each community in Green County.

To promote Green County as a whole and its resources, its industries, and its people. With a primary focus on Green County youth and youth organizations.

Program Sponsor

Green County Agricultural Chest, Inc.

Role

The Green County Queen and Princess are the official hostesses for the Green County Ag Chest.

The Community Dairy Queens are hostesses in their communities.

All Dairy Queens are responsible for keeping the public informed regarding the objective of the Green County Ag Chest.

Participating Queens

Green County Dairy Queen

Green County Dairy Princess

Albany Dairy Queen

Argyle Dairy Queen

Belleville Dairy Queen

Blanchardville Dairy Queen

Brodhead Dairy Queen

Brooklyn Dairy Queen

Browntown Dairy Queen

Juda Dairy Queen

Monroe Dairy Queen

Monticello Dairy Queen

New Glarus Dairy Queen



Rules for the Selection of Community Dairy Queens

- All candidates in each of the participating eleven communities shall be judged.
- Candidates must either attend high school, reside in the community/township, or have a phone number in the community they wish to represent.
- Candidates must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school for the year they will be serving as Queen.
- Candidates will not be married, have been married, and will not have had a child or become pregnant while serving as Dairy Queen.
- Candidates can only compete in one community.
- No candidate shall be eligible if she already holds another annual crown and banner.
- Any candidate chosen as Community Dairy Queen who does not fulfill the program obligation/requirements will lose her crown and may be replaced with the next runner-up of her community. If that community has a runner-up, they may fill the vacancy of community queen. If there is no runner-up the position will remain empty.
- A candidate may enter the contest for more than one year if all eligibility requirements are met.
- All community candidates will be judged on one day and at the same location.
- The results will be kept by the Green County Queen Chairperson and disclosed on the day of the community crowning.
- The first community queen crowning can take place after the Breakfast on the Farm and before the last Monday prior to Dairy Days.



Rules for the Selection of Green County Dairy Queen & Princess

- Each community Queen is automatically a candidate for Green County Dairy Queen and Princess and must attend the all-day judging, Queen's Banquet, and Green County Dairy Day Parade if they wish to be in the running for the position of County Queen or Princess.
- Community Queens will be notified of the time and place of judging.
- A panel of out of county judges will interview all candidates.
- The announcement of Green County Dairy Queen and Princess will follow the Dairy Day festivities.
- The Community Dairy Queens who are chosen as Green County Dairy Queen and Princess will become the official hostesses of the Green County Ag Chest.
- Both young ladies may be requested to represent Green County at county and state activities.
- At the time the Green County Queen and Green County Princess are chosen, 1st and 2nd runners up are also chosen. The 1st and 2nd runner-ups are not disclosed unless they are needed.
- If for any reason, the Green County Dairy Queen and Princess cannot finish their term, succession will take place in the following manner:
 - Green County Dairy Princess will assume the Green County Dairy Queen position and the first runner-up shall assume the position of Green County Princess.
 - If the Green County Dairy Princess cannot complete her duties, the first runner-up will become Green County Dairy Princess.
 - If the first runner-up becomes Green County Dairy Princess, her community's first runner-up has the option to be crowned Community Dairy Queen.



Dairy Queen Responsibilities

- All Dairy Queens need a working knowledge of Green County and its resources, the dairy and other agricultural industries, and the Green County Ag Chest.
- Each Community Dairy Queen should have a working knowledge and awareness of her community and the activities that are developing in the community.
- Each Community Dairy Queen with the Community Chairperson should find promotional activities within her own community a minimum of 4 times per year.
- All Dairy Queens are expected to attend monthly meetings of the Ag Chest where they introduce their chaperone and give a report on the past month's activities and any upcoming activities.
- Queens are expected to attend the meeting in its entirety. If unable to attend, please notify your Community Chairperson and/or County Chairperson prior to the meeting.
- All Dairy Queens are expected to do radio and newspaper reports when scheduled to do so.

Chaperones

- Dairy Queens must ALWAYS be chaperoned by an adult when serving in an official capacity as a representative of the Green County Ag. Chest. A chaperone may be any interested person from the community, must be at least 18 years of age, graduated from high school, and is not a significant other.
- Chaperones and Queens must always be aware of where the other is at all times. Chaperones may be actively chaperoning more than 1 queen at a time.
- Chaperone arrangements should be made prior to arriving at the event. (i.e. do not arrive at an event hoping that someone will agree to be your chaperone.)
- When attendance at an event significant others will not accompany you even when a chaperone is not needed.



Dairy Queen Responsibilities Cont.

Crown & Banner

- A Queen cannot take another title/crown while holding the position of Community Dairy Queen, Green County Dairy Queen, or Green County Princess.
- Each Community Dairy Queen and the County Dairy Queen and Princess receives a crown and banners to wear at all functions. When her year is over, it is hers to keep.
- Queens shall not wear crown/banner while dancing or while riding in cars unless given special permission.
- You are responsible for replacing your crown if lost, stolen, or broken.
- The County Dairy Queen and Princess and Community Queens should wear crowns and banners at every Ag Chest meeting. If you forget your crown and banner you will not be allowed to give your monthly report.
- Queens should wear their banner on the right shoulder so that the letters read downward.
- No more than 2 small pins-not including your name pin-can be placed on your banner. In the event that your banner becomes soiled, please clean it with spot remover.
- Queens must wear a name tag at all times.
- Queens will not use their cell phones while they are working on an activity.
- Talking or texting while working with people is rude. If you need to use your phone, please excuse yourself and go where you are not seen by the group for example, away from the window in the trailer to the back of the trailer).
- When wearing a crown and banner a Queen may NOT be accompanied by a significant other.
- Absolutely NO "selfies" while in crown and banner.



Dairy Queen Responsibilities Cont.

Events

- County Dairy Queen and/or Princess should notify the County Chairperson/Co-Chairperson of an event she is attending as an Ag Chest hostess. Community Queen shall notify their Community, Chairperson.
- The Queens who represent the Ag Chest may accept a gift as a token of appreciation for appearance, but cannot accept money for an appearance.
- Queens may accept a donation or gift from her own community.
- Money given to a Community Dairy Queen for an appearance in an official capacity should be forwarded to the Community Chairperson for future community promotion.
- Money given to the County Dairy Queen and/or Princess should be donated to the Green County Ag Chest for future promotion.
- No Queen shall miss school to do an appearance without permission from their parents and school.

Helpful Hints

- When riding in a parade in an open convertible, take off your shoes so that the seat upholstery doesn't become punctured and sit on a pillow or large blanket.
- When making appearances in parades, etc., apply lip gloss to lips. This makes it easier to smile!
- When riding in a parade it is not permissible to yell, shout, or throw things (including kisses).
- Always have money with you. Accidents do happen and it always best to be prepared.
- Follow rules and for 100 percent of the time act like a lady whether your crown is on or off. Remember, you are always being watched within your community and at other events.



Dairy Queen Dress Code

- Dress or skirts must hang at least to the knee or below. Skirts may not ride below the waist and should not be extremely form-fitting. If you wear a gauzy, light-colored skirt, you need to wear a slip as long as your skirt.
- No jean skirts allowed. Remember to sit like a lady.
- When wearing a skirt, your blouse must be either tucked in or hang past the top of your skirt. It is NOT permissible for your midriff to show.
- Be aware of the fact that your shirt may rise or shift when you are moving about.
- Make sure that your top is cut in a manner that your cleavage does not show. Again, remember that while moving about, bending over, and working in the Ag Chest trailers your top will fit differently than standing straight up. Also, make sure that your top is not so tight that it clings to you.
- Splits in dresses should not go above the knee when sitting down unless an inlay is added so no leg above the knee is showing.
- Dress slacks should be worn with questionable weather (weather below 20 degrees), at the Green County Breakfast on the Farm and with the approval of the County and/or Community Chairpersons.
- Dress slacks will be worn at the waist and will be worn with the Queen Jacket, blazer, or nice blouse/sweater. Business attire.
- NO SHORTS OR JEANS ALLOWED.
- FORMAL ATTIRE: It is appropriate for queens to wear formal attire for parades, the Queen's banquet, and other similar events. Formals should be chosen carefully-please use common sense and if in doubt, check with your chairperson.
- Fingered gloves must be worn in parades.
- Queen shall not wear strapless and off-shoulder type dresses. The backs of the dresses should not be lower than the mid-back. Be reasonable; consult your county or community chairperson if a gown is questionable.



Dairy Queen Dress Code Cont.

- Green County Dairy Queen and Princess must wear at least 75% green preferably the top half if a skirt and blouse are worn.) Community Queens should not wear green.
- Nylons are optional.
- SHOES: Comfortable shoes should be worn at all times. You will be on your feet for extended periods of time so be sure your shoes fit properly.
- Open-toed shoes are acceptable, but toenails must be clean and neat or polished with no chips- same with fingernails.
- Sneakers and flip flops (even thick-soled ones or ones with adornments) are not acceptable shoes to be worn at any events where you are in crown and banner. Exceptions with the County Queen Chairperson approval.
- No sunglasses when in crown and banner.
- FACIAL PIERCINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED; unless a noseplug can cover the hole. This includes nose rings, pierced eyebrows, and pierced lips. If the nose is pierced, a retainer may be used in its place.
- Ear piercing. No more than 3 earrings should be in the ear while wearing the crown and banner.
- No hickeys
- Tattoos must be covered at ALL times.
- A dress allowance will be given to all Queens and should be used wisely for Queen appropriate clothing.

Remember

If you come to any event or meeting dressed inappropriately, you will be sent home. Anything questionable must be approved before being worn at any events while in crown and banner.

If in doubt, check it out. Getting approval will make life easier for all involved.



Removal of Crown & Banner

Queen title may be stripped for any of the following reasons:

- Use, possession, buying, or selling of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or controlled substances, or look-alike substances. (Under the legal age of 21, alcoholic beverages are illegal.)
- School suspension. This must be reported and reviewed by the county and community chairperson.
- Pleading guilty to a criminal act or conviction of a criminal act as determined by the courts.
- Becomes pregnant or gets married.
- Attending a party, being in a vehicle, or tavern (unless accompanied by a parent) where alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances are present. This will be considered grounds for removal of crown and banner even if the Queen is not consuming alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- Any Queen attending a gathering where alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are present or being used illegally will be considered in violation of the Green County Ag Chest code except as follows:
 - Attendance at an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in addition to food/recreation services (restaurants, bowling alley)
 - Attendance at family gatherings, including weddings, where alcoholic beverages are available to people over 21 years old and the Queen does NOT consume alcoholic beverages.
 - Participation in religious observances.



Removal of Crown & Banner Cont.

If a Queen is suspected of violating the Green County Ag Chest rules set forth in this handbook, the following steps may be taken:

1. The Green County Ag Chest officers/board will request a meeting with the Queen, her parents/guardians and the Community/County Chairpersons to review the offense.
2. If the Green County Ag Chest officers/board finds that the Queen has violated the rules, the Queen will be released from her duties and it will be up to the board's discretion if the Queen will return her crown, banner, the dress allowance, and the cost of her Ag Chest jacket within a period of 1 week.
3. The Queen's runner up will be offered the opportunity to assume the duties of the released queen.
4. In the event there is no replacement for a community queen, the Green County Dairy Queen and/or Princess will be the official representative for the community

Remember

County Queen, County Princess, and Community Queens are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Any Queen found fighting or arguing in public or creating unnecessary drama among the group will be subject to disciplinary action. Concerns or questions should always be brought to the attention of the Queen Chairperson as soon as possible. If any of the above offenses are committed, the Queen will forfeit her crown and banner and will be required to refund the Green County Ag Chest the dress allowance as well as the cost of her Green County Ag Chest jacket.