

What Dairy Means To Me

What dairy means to me is 'Candy'. Now I know you are probably thinking “What?”, but let me explain. Being part of the dairy industry also got me involved in 4-H and my first year I had a calf named Fantasy Found Ed Candy. That is her full name on her registration paper. Candy and I did very well together at the fair. We got first in showmanship at the Farmers Museum show in Cooperstown, and first place at the Otsego County fair. I was very excited and thankful that it was my first year and I did so well with her. Candy made an impact on my life because I was responsible for an animal- cleaning, clipping, washing, leading her and practicing with her for a long time to get her to walk just the way I wanted her to! That was all on me (with a little help here and there from my parents). You form a special bond when you work that long and close with your animal. The dairy industry is all I've really known in my life because I have grown up on a dairy farm, and participate in 4-H. It brings me so many opportunities and responsibilities and Candy! I am excited to have many more years of showing and being in the dairy industry because this is part of my life. I'm sure I will bond with many more calves and cows over the years in 4-H but I will always have a special place for Candy!

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