

DAIRY JUDGING

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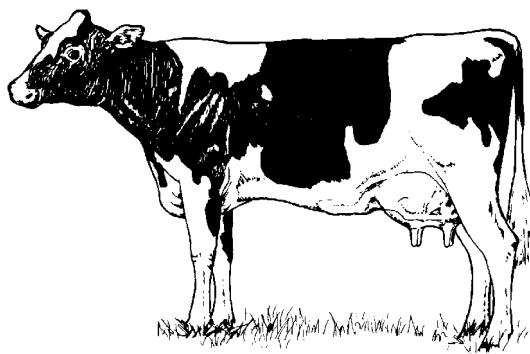
Purposes:

This event is designed:

1. To support county 4-H dairy judging programs.
2. To broaden the 4-H interaction experiences of youth and adults from across the Commonwealth.
3. To challenge 4-H'ers skills & knowledge in dairy judging.
4. To recognize 4-H'ers demonstrated abilities in dairy judging.
5. To better acquaint 4-H'ers with the faculty, services, and facilities of The Pennsylvania State University.

Objectives:

1. To stimulate 4-H'ers to learn dairy type.
2. To stimulate 4-H'ers to develop speaking abilities.
3. To stimulate 4-H'ers to learn how to make and defend decisions.
4. To select a team (or teams) to represent Pennsylvania at the National Contest (and other interstate contests).



Eligibility:

There are two divisions of competition in this contest: junior and senior. Both divisions are conducted simultaneously in competition, but both are scored and placed separately within their own divisions. The junior division is conducted primarily as a training ground for eventual senior division participation, or to allow counties with no seniors to participate in the competition.

Both Divisions:

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled in a 4-H dairy project.
2. Contestants must not have participated in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Contest. First place team members may return for additional competition provided they did not compete in the national contest.
3. Contestants must not have participated in official post secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) competitive events in dairy judging.
4. Restriction: No training of dairy judging teams is permitted at the university herd within one month prior to the state contest.

Junior Division:

1. Contestants must have passed their 13th birthday and must not have passed their 16th birthday on January 1 of the current year.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of 6 contestants as follows:
 - a) One team consisting of four (4) people, and up to 2 individuals, OR
 - b) One team consisting of three (3) people, and up to 3 individuals, OR
 - c) Two individuals, OR
 - d) One individual

Senior Division:

1. Contestants must have passed their 13th birthday and must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. See NOTE under Opportunities for age requirements for national competition.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of 6 contestants as follows:
 - a) One team consisting of four (4) people, and up to 2 individuals, OR
 - b) One team consisting of three (3) people, and up to 3 individuals, OR
 - c) Two individuals, OR
 - d) One individual

Contest Organization and Content:

Junior Division:

1. The same eight (8) classes of dairy animals used in the senior division will be judged. Classes will be selected from the dairy breeds in Pennsylvania. There may be one or more heifer classes.
2. Oral reasons will be given on one (1) cow class. Oral reasons will be given in the afternoon after all classes have been placed. Oral reasons should not be over two (2) minutes per class. Members will not be allowed to use notes while giving oral reasons.
3. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for judging each of the five (5) "placing only" classes. Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for judging each of the three (3) classes used for junior or senior division reasons. Contestants can take notes during this time to prepare their oral reasons to be given in the afternoon.
4. Contestants will be divided into four (4) groups for judging the classes; one contestant from a county per group.

Senior Division:

1. Eight (8) classes of dairy animals will be judged. Classes will be selected from the dairy breeds in Pennsylvania. There may be one or more heifer classes.
2. Oral reasons will be given on three (3) cow classes. Oral reasons will be given in the afternoon after all classes have been placed. Oral reasons should not be over two (2) minutes per class. Members will not be allowed to use notes while giving oral reasons.
3. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for judging each of the five (5) "placing only" classes. Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for judging each of the three (3) reason classes. Contestants can take notes during this time to prepare their oral reasons to be given in the afternoon.
4. Contestants will be divided into four (4) groups for judging the classes; one contestant from a county per group.

Scoring:

Scoring will be determined as follows:

1. Fifty (50) points will be given for correct placing in each class. The "cut system" will be used to determine scores. Official judges will place each class and determine the cuts for each class.
2. Oral reasons will be based on fifty (50) points for each class.
3. Individuals or teams tied will be ranked using reason scores to break ties.
4. An individual score is defined as the total of all scores from each part of the contest.
5. A team score is defined as the total of the three highest scoring individuals from a team of three or four individuals.

SUMMARY OF SCORING:

Junior Division:

Judging (8 classes @ 50 pts. ea.)	400 points
Reasons (1 set @ 50 pts.)	<u>50 points</u>
TOTAL MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL SCORE	450 POINTS
TOTAL MAXIMUM TEAM SCORE	1350 POINTS

Senior Division:

Judging (8 classes @ 50 pts. ea.)	400 points
Reasons (3 sets @ 50 pts. ea.)	<u>150 points</u>
TOTAL MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL SCORE	550 POINTS
TOTAL MAXIMUM TEAM SCORE	1650 POINTS

Awards:

1. The members of the high scoring team in each division will be awarded plaques.
2. The high scoring individual in each division will be awarded a plaque.
3. The top teams and top individuals will be announced at the Recognition Assembly during Penn State 4-H Achievement Days.
4. Team ribbons will be awarded to a maximum of ten (10) teams per division.
5. Merit ribbons will be awarded to individuals in each division (33 percent blue, 33 percent red, 33 percent white).

Opportunities:

1. The team to represent Pennsylvania at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and the 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show will be selected from the top individual placings in the senior division. Dairy Extension and the 4-H and Youth Development Office will determine the coach.
2. The top county team in the senior division will be allowed to represent the state at the North American Invitational 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, provided its members meet all eligibility requirements of the contest. County will determine coach.
3. Dairy judging members may not participate in both the North American Invitational 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest the same year if they qualify for both teams. If the first place county team has at least three, but not four, members who have not participated in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging contest, a fourth team member will be appointed by adding an appropriate alternate. If the winning team does not have at least three eligible members, the trip will be offered to the highest placing team that can field at least three eligible members.

NOTE: Contestants for the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, North American Invitational Dairy Judging Contest, and the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Judging Contest must have passed their 14th birthday by January 1 of the current year. You may want to consider this in selection of teams members. A winning team which has any members who do not meet this eligibility requirement will not be eligible to take advantage of these opportunities.

References:

1. Mimeo from Dairy Extension- Dairy Cattle Oral Reasons.
2. Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Dairy Cow Uniform Score Card.
3. Dairy Cattle Judging Techniques (3 ed.) by Trimberger and Etgen, Prentice-Hall, Inc. Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632
4. Mimeo from Dairy Extension- Instructions For Scoring Placings Using The Cut System.
5. Slide set of classes from Agri-Graphics, Ltd. Cary, Illinois 60013 (312-639-5723). The set has a tape of reasons on each class.