World Dairy Expo

99TH NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Entries Due: September 10
Listed below are the top individual and top team past winners of the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.

### Top Individual

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This contest has been designated by the 4-H Youth Development ECOP Sub-Committee as the official National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. This contest is conducted in cooperation with World Dairy Expo, who assumes financial accountability.

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Assistant Superintendent.......................................................................................... Brenda Meyer, Land O’ Lakes, Valders, WI

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Host

University of Wisconsin - Madison
**- OFFICIAL NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST -**
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

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<th>Saturday, September 25</th>
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<td>All teams are invited to a free dinner at the Best Western Plus InnTowner Madison, Madison, WI to network, mingle, and enjoy an evening of camaraderie.</td>
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<td>One complimentary ticket per team. Please purchase additional tickets with entry.</td>
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<th>Monday, September 27</th>
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<td>Five complimentary breakfast tickets per team are included with your registration fee. Additional tickets may be purchased.</td>
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**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

Teams can register online through the World Dairy Expo website. Those completing the entry form will be asked to provide contact information for the state 4-H Program Authorized Leader. This State Leader will receive a confirmation email they must reply to, confirming team member information in order to complete the registration process. Teams are asked to pay with a credit card.

The State 4-H Program leader approving the team entry is also verifying that their delegation has accident and medical insurance, the adults have passed a background check and received risk management training, the youth and adults have accepted an appropriate code of conduct, the state accepts liability for their delegation, and all risk management issues are the responsibility of the Land Grant Institution the team represents. In addition, approval is granted to publish and copyright participants image (including audio, moving image or photography) for educational programs, websites and promotion of this Contest.

**- REGISTRATION DEADLINE & FEES -**

The entry fee is $100 per team on or before September 10. Teams may enter via the website for a late fee of $125 per team September 11 - 17.

One Coaches Meeting ticket is complimentary. Additional Coaches Meeting tickets are available for $25. Five tickets will be provided for the breakfast the morning of the contest. Additional tickets are $15 per person. Five complimentary Awards Banquet tickets are also provided per team. Additional tickets for the banquet will be $28 per person.

World Dairy Expo does not charge admission or parking fees the day of the contest. However, admission will be charged starting Tuesday, October 1. Additional entry tickets are available at a reduced rate of $8 per person per day until September 8. After that time, the full price of $12 per person per day is required to enter the grounds. A season event pass is available for $35.

**- RULES AND REGULATIONS -**

Contestants, coaches and leaders are not permitted in or near the New Holland Pavilions or Cattle Tent on the grounds prior to the contest except as announced by the Superintendent.

**- CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY -**

Please read carefully!

1. A 4-H member who celebrates their 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th or 19th birthday during the year of the contest is age eligible for this National 4-H competitive event.

2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H competitive event is held. An individual may participate in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest one time.

3. The contestants must be certified as complying with all eligibility rules and the team must be certified as the official state entry by electronic verification of the State 4-H Leader. The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Leader believes is appropriate.

4. A 4-H member who is participating in or has completed post-secondary course work in Dairy Cattle Judging or Dairy Cattle Evaluation is not eligible. A 4-H member who has participated in a post-secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest is not eligible. 4-H contest participants are
prohibited from participating in the post-secondary or intercollegiate contests, including practical and/or linear contests. Violations of the above will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognitions which have been won in the National 4-H Competitive event.

5. Each state may enter four members in the contest with the three top scores making up the state team. The contestant with the lowest overall score from each team will be designated as the alternate, but will be eligible for individual awards.
NOTE: Substitutions can be made and can occur no later than the Sunday coaches banquet. Substitutes must meet all eligibility requirements.

6. **Competing in both 4-H and FFA National Events**
   
   The National offices of 4-H and FFA have agreed on the following national policy in the interest of consistency between events and between organizations in eligibility for national competition: Participation by the same individual in both a National 4-H and a National FFA competitive event in the same year may occur only when the following is accomplished:

   **For 4-H**: Participation in a National 4-H competitive event will require that all youth participating be a "bona fide" current 4-H participant and must qualify for the national event through an approved state competition or selection process conducted or sanctioned by the representative organization.

   **For FFA**: Participation in a National FFA Career Development event will require that all youth participating be a "bona fide" member of an FFA Chapter and must qualify for the national event through an approved state competition conducted or sanctioned by the representative organization.

7. **National Policy on Medical/Accident Insurance**
   
   Each state or territory will provide medical/accident coverage for all its 4-H teams participating in all 4-H event as well as medical/accident coverage during travel to and from the events.

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**- SUPERINTENDENT -**

1. It is the duty of the superintendent and the assistant superintendents of the contest, in cooperation with the contest management committee, to see that all rules and regulations governing the contest are duly carried out. They shall decide all questions which arise in connection with interpretation of rules governing the contest.

2. The Superintendent shall provide a sufficient number of clerks and assistants to help in conducting the contest.

3. The Superintendent shall hold a meeting of the club leaders and coaches in advance of the contest. At this meeting the coaches may discuss any points on the rules or conduct of the contest.

4. The Superintendent shall hold a meeting of the contestants immediately preceding the contest; at which time he/she shall assign the contestants to groups and give such other directions as deemed necessary.

5. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents shall not take part in the rating of the contestants.

6. The Superintendent shall have charge of all records and shall have all ratings tabulated, totaled and distributed.

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**- CLERKS AND ASSISTANTS -**

1. The clerks, assistants and attendants shall be under the direction of the Superintendent and shall carry out orders. None of them shall confer with the contestants unless directed by the Superintendent.

2. One assistant (squad leader) shall have charge of each group of Contestants, and shall see to it that each contestant in his/her group remains in his/her presence during the entire time the contest is in progress, except in cases of emergency and then as directed by the Superintendent.

3. One ring leader will be assigned to each ring to direct moving of cattle and collect cards.

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**- CONTESTANTS -**

1. No contestant shall be allowed to take any books, notes, or writing paper into the contest except those items provided by the Superintendent. No contestant shall wear pins, badges, or other marks of identification which may reveal his or her identity or that of the state represented. Clipboards will be provided for each contestant by the Superintendent.

2. Contestants will utilize ringside iPads to submit each class placing. These iPads replace the traditional paper cards submitted at the conclusion of each class. Contestants will have a unique barcode attached to their contestant number. When the contestant has completed judging a class, he/she will scan their barcode at an iPad and will then select the breed and class, and input his/her placing. Each contestant will have a back-up paper he/she will use to record his/her placings and submit at the conclusion of the contest.

3. Contestants are not allowed to bring in or use any cell phone or other electronic devices for communications during the contest. The Superintendent will gather phone numbers for each team coach in case of any emergencies.

4. While the contest is in progress there will be no communications among the contestants, or between a contestant and anyone else, except the squad leader. Coaches around the ringside are requested to hold discussions to a minimum.

5. Any contestant violating any rule shall be barred from the contest.

6. No handling of the animals will be permitted by the contestants.

7. Animals will be judged on breed type.
- JUDGES -

1. The classes will be selected by a selection committee other than the official judges.

2. The judges shall place the rings while the contestants are working in the arena. The judges shall enter their placings on a card and file that card with the Superintendent.

3. A computer-calculated 50 point scoring system shall be used to grade each placing combination for each ring.

- TIMES AND REASONS -

4. Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes to place each class, including both reasons and non-reasons classes. Placings shall be entered into provided electronic tablets during and up to the end of the allocated time period for each class.

5. Ruled notebook paper will be furnished for oral reasons notes.

6. Oral reasons will be given following lunch.

7. Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons to judges. No exceptions. The contestants’ placings will not be returned nor will they be allowed the use of notes during oral reasons.

- RINGS OF ANIMALS -

1. The various rings to be judged shall be selected by competent judges and approved by the Superintendent of the contest.

2. Four animals shall constitute a ring.

3. Five cow classes and five heifer classes shall be selected from the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey.

4. The cattle shall be designated by numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) on the holders of the animals.

5. The animals shall be held in a careful manner, so that all Contestants may have a fair chance to view them. The animals shall be lined up consecutively: 1, 2, 3, 4, right to left, as viewed from the rear. However, it is the responsibility of each contestant to see that his/her placing conforms to the numbers of the animals in any event. The Superintendent shall make every effort to have the animals held in the same positions by the same holders, and in the same relative position for the Judges as for the Contestants.

6. The ring and classes will be shared with the collegiate and post-secondary contestants.

- DETERMINATION OF RATINGS -

1. Fifty points shall be given for placing in each of the ten rings.

2. Fifty points shall be given for reasons in each of the five oral reasons classes, usually cow classes.

3. Team breed ties will be broken on:
   A. Higher team, same breed, reasons score
   B. Higher team, overall reasons score
   C. Higher team, overall score
   D. Lower team, total placings score in reasons classes
   E. Team with the most perfect placing scores
   F. Coin flip

4. Individual breed ties will be broken on:
   A. Higher individual, same breed reasons score
   B. Higher individual, overall reasons scores
   C. Higher individual, overall score
   D. Lower individual, total placings score in reasons classes
   E. Individual with the most perfect placing scores
   F. Coin flip

5. Individual overall placing-only ties will be broken on:
   A. Higher individual, total reasons score
   B. Individual with the more perfect placing scores
   C. Coin flip

6. Individual overall reasons ties will be broken on:
   A. Higher individual, overall score
   B. Highest single breed reasons score, any breed
   C. Lower individual, total placings score in reasons classes
   D. Individual with the most perfect placings scores
   E. Coin Flip

7. Team overall reasons ties will be broken on;
   A. Higher team, overall score
   B. Lower team, total placings score in reasons classes
   C. Team with the most perfect placing scores
   D. Coin flip

8. Individual overall ties will be broken on:
   A. Higher individual, total reasons score
   B. Lower individual, total placing score in reasons classes
   C. Individual with the most perfect placing scores
   D. Coin flip

9. Team placing-only ties will be broken on:
   A. Higher team, total reasons score
   B. Team with most perfect placings score
   C. Coin Flip

10. Team overall ties will be broken on;
    A. Higher team, total reasons score
    B. Lower Team, total placing score in reasons classes
    C. Team with most perfect placings score
    D. Coin Flip

11. Records submitted to the superintendent, tabulated and announced shall be final.
- PRE-CONTEST PRACTICE SESSIONS AND TOURS -

Information regarding pre-contest practice sessions and tours will be sent with entry confirmation. The sessions will start on Friday, September 24 with two optional farms. The main session will begin Saturday, September 25 continuing through Sunday, September 26. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday’s lunch will be provided by the Agnew Family of Mapleton Valley Farm, while Sunday’s lunch is provided by Hoard’s Dairyman and Nasco. **Meal reservations are required. Please complete the reservation line on the entry form.** Please take time to send thank you’s to the tour hosts. Without their cooperation these tours would not be available.

- BIO-SECURITY -

1. **All contest members are required to bring enough plastic boots for each farm.**
2. Avoid farms, sale barns, stockyards, animal laboratories, packinghouses, zoos, fairs or other animal facilities for five days prior to leaving a foreign country.
3. Avoid contact with livestock or wildlife for five days after arrival in the United States from international travel.
4. Any individual who has been on a farm or in contact with an animal infected with Foot and Mouth Disease should have no contact with wild or domestic animals for 10 days before visiting the practice team herd facilities. Individuals must then thoroughly shower, shampoo, and change into new clothing before attending the practice sessions.

- HOUSING -

To make your trip to Madison easier, World Dairy Expo has a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western Plus InnTowner Madison for all youth judging team participants, coaches and parents. Rooms are just $179 per night for double queen rooms. Please call the InnTowner directly at 608-233-8778 by **September 9.** Specify you are with the WDE Youth Participants 2021, or use the group ID #1599-1. You can also book rooms directly online via the Inn Towner’s [WDE Youth Participants page](#).

If you wish to reserve different lodging accommodations for the national contest events, please refer to the Attendee Information and Hotel Information portion of the World Dairy Expo website, for updated lodging information.

- NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY -

Then National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest provides equal opportunities in its programming, including Title IX and ADA. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible (10 days is reasonable) preceding the scheduled program, service or activity. Call (608) 224-6455 to request an accommodation.
Top Individual Overall
Lawrence O. Colebank Guernsey Scholarship Award
A $500 scholarship or $500 towards a registered animal will be awarded to the top individual overall. The scholarship is to be used for undergraduate college study at an accredited college of the recipient’s choice. Payment to be made through the American Guernsey Association to an appropriate college or university at the beginning of the second semester or second quarter upon notification of the Dean of Agriculture that the recipient is a qualified student satisfactorily pursuing his/her course of study.
American Guernsey Youth Fund
Robin Alden - 1224 Alton Darby Creek Road, Suite G, Columbus, OH 43228

1st - 5th Individuals Overall
Cash Award
National Dairy Shrine
Mike Opperman - PO Box 68, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Top 10 Individuals Overall
Neck Ribbons & Medallions
The Hartford Livestock Department
Jay Huntwork - 11602 West Center Road, Ste. 350, Omaha, NE 68144

Top 25 Individuals Overall
All-American Awards
St. Jacobs ABC
Brian Behnke - 11525 River Road, DeForest, WI 53532

Top Individual - In Each Breed
Ayrshire Breeders Association
Becky Payne - 1224 Alton Darby Creek Road, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43228

Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders’ Association
Leonard Johnson - 800 Pleasant St., Beloit, WI 53511-5456

American Guernsey Youth Fund
Robin Alden - 1224 Alton Darby Creek Road, Suite G, Columbus, OH 43228

Holstein Association USA, Inc.
Emily Annexstad - 1 Holstein Place, PO Box 808, Brattleboro, VT 05302

American Jersey Cattle Association
Kimberly Billman - 6486 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-2362

2nd Place Individual - In Each Breed
One year subscription, A “Foster Mothers of the Human Race” plaque, and Hoard Leadership & Hoard Legacy Books.
Hoard’s Dairyman
Corey Geiger - 28 Milwaukee Ave W, PO Box 801, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0801

Top 10 Individuals - In Each Breed
Ribbons
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative
Julie Sweney - 4001 Nakossa Trail, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53714

High Individual Oral Reasons - Brown Swiss
Plaque and cash award presented in memory of Dr. Lee Majeskie
Plaque presented by
Mrs. Judy Majeskie - 212 Overature Way, Centreville, MD 21617

Cash Award presented by
Maryland Brown Swiss Association
Emily Heffner - 10943 Mapleview Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21742

Top Individual - Oral Reasons
Award
St. Jacobs ABC
Brian Behnke - 11525 River Road, DeForest, WI 53532

2nd - 5th Individuals - Oral Reasons
Pen Sets
Bill & Kelly Hageman - W5117 King Rd, Rio, WI 53960

Top 10 Individuals - Oral Reasons
Ribbons
The Hartford Livestock Department
Jay Huntwork - 11602 West Center Road, Suite 350, Omaha, NE 68144

Top Individual - Placings
Painting
Ayars Family Farm
John & Bonnie Ayars - 12108 Rosedale Rd., Mechanicsburg, OH 43044

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Top Team Overall
Hoard’s Dairyman Traveling Trophy – Housed at National Dairy Shrine
An award to each team member and coach.
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative
Julie Sweney - 4001 Nakossa Trail, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53714

2nd Place Team Overall
Pen Sets
E-Zee Milking Equipment, LLC
Suzanne Hann - 4904 Triangle Street, Suite A, McFarland, WI 53558

3rd - 5th Place Teams Overall
Pen Sets

Top Five Teams Overall
Picture Plaques
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative
Julie Sweney - 4001 Nakossa Trail, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53714

Top Five Teams Overall
Neck Ribbons & Medallions
LaFollette Holsteins & Brick Road Genetics
The Judd & Breuch Families - 8978 County Road G, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572
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**Top 5 Teams - In Each Breed**
Ribbons
**Ribbons**

Fight Bac  
Geoff Westfall - 150 Hartford Rd, PO Box 142, Brooklyn, CT 06234

**Top Team - Oral Reasons** -  
Dr. J. Lee Majeske Traveling Award – Housed at National Dairy Shrine  
*In honor & memory of Dr. J. Lee Majeske from friends, family & industry.*

Award for each member and coach.  
Nasco  
Rachael Rodriguez - 901 Janesville Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

**Top 5 Teams - Oral Reasons**  
Ribbons  
The Hartford Livestock Department  
Jay Huntwork - 11602 West Center Road, Ste. 350, Omaha, NE 68144

**Top Team - Placings**  
Award  
Dr. Doug Waterman & Dr. George Heersche  
418 Plymouth Drive, Lexington, KY 40503

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**Award Contest Programs**  
Hoard’s Dairyman  
Corey Geiger - 28 Milwaukee Ave W, PO Box 801, Ft Atkinson, WI 53538

**All Contest Participants**  
A World Dairy Expo Souvenir Pin  
Clippboards  
International Protein Sires  
Ron Sersland - PO Box 157, Rock Springs, WI 53961

Contestant Barcode/Souvenir Tags  
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Emily Warnimont - 2938 380th Street, Sioux Center, IA 51250

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