



Iowa 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

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Wednesday, August 12, beginning at 3:00 p.m. State fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA.

Entries due July 17, 2009

Each county may enter multiple teams in both junior and senior divisions. Individuals from different counties can compete as a team provided permission is obtained from Lee Kilmer, 515-294-6021, prior to entry and provided that their county does not have sufficient numbers to enter a county team. Counties may enter an unlimited number of individuals provided they meet the contest guidelines.

Registration

1. Complete the registration form. Send one copy to the Dairy Judging Contest, Extension & 4-H Bldg., ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630, and keep one for the coach and one for county records. All entries must be signed by the appropriate person in the county extension office.
2. Refunds will be made for counties that cancel by August 1. No refunds will be made after August 1. To cancel, please notify at the State 4-H Office in writing or by phone (515-294-8617), fax (515-294-4443).
3. Contestant numbers and squad assignments will be made at this time. Contestants must plan to have their own pencil with them.
4. In accordance with national contest guidelines, senior contestants must be at least 14 and not yet 19 by January 1 of the contest year. Junior contestants must have completed the 5th grade but were not yet 14 by January 1 of the contest year.
5. Refer to contest rules in the 2009 Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book at: www.iowastatefair.org
6. No name or county affiliation visible on front or back of clothing.

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Contest Rules

1. See general rules and regulations.
2. Contest entry must be made to the State 4-H Office (Extension & 4-H Building, ISU). Registration of teams and individuals will be made by mail as instructed by a letter sent to each county office in advance of the contest. Team members must be identified on the entry. Substitutions are allowed at the time of registration at the contest. Additional county entries will **not** be accepted at the time of registration for the contest.
3. Registration for the contest will be held one hour prior to contest. Coaches will be given additional instructions at that time. All contestants must be present at starting time for additional instructions, so that the contest can begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.
4. There will be a junior and senior age division. Seniors are those contestants who must have passed their 14th birthday and must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the contest year. Junior contestants must have completed 5th grade of the current school year. Juniors will be competing for ribbons only. Former participants in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest in Madison, WI, but who have not competed in the NAILE Youth Judging Contest are eligible to compete in this contest, but only as individuals.
5. Team entries are limited to a maximum of four (4) members. The overall team score shall be determined by totaling all scores of the three (3) highest scoring team members, with the fourth member (if present) designated as the alternate when calculating all team scores for breed, reasons, and placing awards. Individuals and alternates are eligible for individual awards. Counties can enter more than one team in both the junior and senior divisions of the contest. Individuals from different counties can compete as a team provided permission is obtained from the contest superintendent **prior** to entry deadline and provided that their county does not have sufficient numbers to enter a county team.
6. Contestants will be allowed to visit the Dairy Cattle Barn, but they will not be allowed to get classes out for judging practice prior to the contest.
7. Contestants will not be allowed to take books, pamphlets, notes or writing paper into the contest except such materials provided by the superintendent of the contest.
8. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no communication among the contestants or between the contestants and anyone else except as directed by the superintendent of the contest.
9. A class shall consist of four (4) animals designated by numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) on the holders of the animals. The animals will be lined up consecutively: 1, 2, 3, 4, right to left as viewed from the rear. Contestants are responsible to see that their placing conforms to the animals correct number.
10. Four classes of cows and four classes of heifers shall make up the contest. There shall be at least one and not more than two classes taken from each of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn.
11. Contestants in the senior division of the contest will be required to give oral reasons on three classes of cows and one class of heifers. Contestants in the junior division of the contest will be required to give oral reasons on two classes of cows.

12. Contestants will be allowed two minutes for giving oral reasons on each class. Contestants in the senior division of the contest will not be allowed to use notes when presenting their oral reasons to the judges.

13. All contestants will be allowed 12 minutes for each placing class and 15 minutes for each reasons class. The time will be allocated as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	
	<u>Placing Class</u>	<u>Reasons Class</u>
Circle animals clockwise	2	3
Stand head-to-tail	3	3
Circle animals counter clockwise	2	3
Stand side-by-side	3	3
Circle animals clockwise	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Total time allocated	12	15

14. The scoring will be based on 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of oral reasons.

15. To determine the high individual for all breeds, the contestant's total points for all placings and reasons scores for the six breeds will be combined and the totals arranged in order from highest to lowest. The contestant receiving the highest total is given first place for all breeds. Team rankings will be determined in the same manner. Ties will be broken in the following order:

For breed awards:

1. Reasons score for the breed (if reasons were given)
2. Total reasons score for all breeds.
3. Total score for all breeds (placings and reasons)

For overall reasons:

1. Total score for all breeds (placings and reasons)

For total score for all breeds:

1. Total reasons for all breeds

16. Coaches, parents, and chaperones of the judging teams will be asked to assist with the operation of the contest and are expected to report to the superintendent at the time of registration for the contest. Spectators will be allowed in the junior ring only.

17. No name or county affiliation visible on front or back of clothing.

18. Awards for this contest will be presented at the 4-H Dairy Awards program which will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, in the Cattle Barn Media Center.

Eligibility Policy for National Events

All national eligibility requirements must be followed. The first place county team will have the opportunity to represent Iowa at the national contest. Teams must consist of 3 to 4 members.

The All Star team will represent Iowa at the national contest at the NAILE at Louisville, KY. The All Star team will consist of the four top scoring individuals who are not members of the top team and who have not already participated in the national event.

An individual 4-H member may only compete in one of the following three contests in a given calendar year: National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, and the North American International Livestock Exposition Dairy Judging Contest.

If teams from the same county earn the opportunity to represent Iowa at both the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in the same calendar year, they may do so provided the 4-H'ers and any alternates on those teams are all different individuals. For example, four 4-H'ers from county XYZ could win the state dairy judging contest and go to the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and a different group of six 4-H'ers (including two alternates) could go to the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl contest that same calendar year.