

## **Dairy Recognition Application Forms** **Three Awards in One Application**

The State 4-H Dairy Recognition Form is the application form for the following awards: State 4-H Performance Contest, State Breed Promotion Awards, and National 4-H Dairy Conference. This is one application for all three awards. This application is due to the State 4-H Office by July 1. Awards will be presented at the Iowa State Fair.

Each of the three awards is described below.

### **Dairy Performance Award**

The 4-H Production Contest encourages 4-H dairy project members to develop good record keeping habits and to use those records to make profitable management decisions. Awards are given for each breed and an overall winner is also selected. All 4-Hers with milking project animals are encouraged to apply for this award. This award is based on the 4-H'ers management choices and project involvement, in addition to an individual cow's performance. (4-H'ers should complete pages 2, 3, 4, & 5 of the application)

### **State Breed Promotion Awards**

Each year, the six dairy breed associations may select and recognize 4-H member who has had an outstanding 4-H dairy career and has contributed to promotion of the breed in some way. What do you do to promote your specific breed? How do you promote your breed to the general public, or to those individuals who are not currently associated with your breed? If you have been active in your breed in showing, judging, committee assignments, or other community activities that promote your specific breed, then you should consider completing the application for the breed promotion award. You need not have registered cattle or be a member of a breed association to be considered for this award. (4-H'ers should complete pages 2, 3, & 7 of the application)

### **National 4-H Dairy Conference**

Attending the National 4-H Dairy Conference is an exciting opportunity for those looking towards a future in the dairy industry. One of the Iowa State 4-H Dairy Recognition Awards is selection as one of the Iowa delegates to the National 4-H Dairy Conference. Those who have attended the National 4-H Dairy Conference often rank it as one of their favorite 4-H experiences.

Conference delegates must be 15 but no more than 18 years of age before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

Conference delegates have the opportunity to visit NASCO, Hoard's Dairyman Farm and publishing offices, the Dairy Shrine Museum, and World Dairy Expo. In addition to meeting delegates from all over the United States and Canada, those attending hear many key dairy leaders speak. If you plan to be part of the future of the dairy industry, this is an excellent opportunity!

The National 4-H dairy Conference is traditionally held during the last week of September. (4-H'ers should complete pages 2, 3, & 6 of the application)



# Iowa State 4-H Dairy Recognition Application Form

**Due:** July 1  
**To:** Dairy Recognition  
Extension & 4-H Bldg,  
ISU  
Ames, IA 50011-3630

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Years involved in 4-H program \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State IA Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade as of January 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of your local Dairy Co-op \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark the following applications you completed and are submitting:**

- State 4-H Dairy Performance Contest Complete pages 2-5
  - National 4-H Dairy Conference Complete pages 2, 3, 6
  - State 4-H Dairy Breed Promotion Awards Complete pages 2, 3, 7
- Copies of: Records \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. Sheet \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Please submit only one (1) copy of pages 1 & 2, regardless of how many applications you are submitting. Attach additional pages, if needed.**

**Dairy Project Summary:**

Years in Dairy Project	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Number Dairy Project Animals									

Indicate by the number of years in the appropriate blank your participation in the following:  
Shows and Fairs:

Local \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Judging Contests:

Local \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Dairy Presentations, Demonstrations, Talks

Local \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Dairy Showmanship:

Local \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Quiz Bowl:

State \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**The following questions relate to your 4-H dairy project. Please provide well thought out, descriptive and detailed responses: (Attach additional pages, if needed.)**

1. List the 4-H Dairy activities that have been most meaningful to you and tell why:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe the knowledge and skills you have developed through your 4-H dairy project:

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3. How has your involvement with your home dairy farm changed as a result of what you have learned from 4-H?

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4. What goals have you set for yourself to accomplish during the next two years?: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following questions relate to other 4-H, school and community activities.**

1. Outline major 4-H events and activities in which you have participated (club, country, area, and state):

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2. Summarize your 4-H leadership and citizenship responsibilities (junior leadership, etc.):

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3. List community activities (school, church, etc.):

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Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Parent/Guardian

County Extension Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of county Extension staff member indicates approval of this application)

# State 4-H Dairy Performance Contest Supplement

(Attach this page to application form, pages 2-3)

Scoring will consist of 50% cow production, 25% management/involvement, and 25% activities.

Animals must be on current 4-H Animal Identification Report.

- Scoring will consist of 50% cow production, 25% management/involvement, and 25% activities.

- Animals in this contest must be a 4-H project animal in the 4-H'ers possession/ownership prior to the initiation of the record being submitted and throughout the entire lactation.

- Evidence of Identification/ownership of a 4-H project animal would include any of the following: 4-H Identification sheets, sale bill, transfer papers.

- Please submit a copy of the 4-H Identification sheets for each year of ownership, along with the application form and DHI 203 records.

I. Please complete Section I. Attach a current copy of the "Pedigree and Performance Evaluation" (DHI 203) for each animal you would like to enter in the State 4-H Production Contest (must accompany this application form).

Animal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Animal's PTA \_\_\_\_\_

Sire's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sire's PTA \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dam's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dam's PTA \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date you first owned this animal \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H I.D. form included \_\_\_\_\_

DHI 203 forms included \_\_\_\_\_

II. General Cow Information (add sheet for additional cows)

What sire was your cow bred to and why was this sire chosen?

\_\_\_\_\_

Regarding the type of your cow, what are her strong points?

\_\_\_\_\_

What are her weak points?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your cow's most recent SCC?

\_\_\_\_\_

Has your cow had any disease or ailment during her lactation? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

III. General Herd Information

Describe your current responsibilities as they relate to your/family dairy enterprise.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How are cows fed and managed during the dry period? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How are the cows and calves cared for at calving time? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain the milking procedures (milking barns, cleaning of cows and equipment, etc.)  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What improvements would you make in your family's dairy operation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Income and expenses

1. What was the cost of the ration that the cow consumed yesterday (indicate the amount and cost of each ingredient in the ration)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the value of the milk that the cow produced thus far in her current lactation?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **National 4-H Dairy Conference Delegate Application Supplement**

(Attach this page to application form, page 2-3; attach additional pages, if needed.)

Note: You will be interviewed by telephone as part of the selection process.

Please address the following questions (on a separate sheet):

1. Why would you like to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference? What do you expect to gain from attending the conference? What specific knowledge are you hoping to gain - careers, milking systems, etc.
2. Name one challenge facing the dairy industry and discuss possible solutions.
3. What role do you see yourself playing in the future of the dairy industry?
4. Explain how and with whom you will plan to use the information gained from the conference.

## **State 4-H Dairy Breed Promotion Award Application Supplement**

(Attach this page to application form, pages 2-3; attach additional pages, if needed.)

Note: You will be interviewed by telephone as part of the selection process.  
You need not belong to a breed association to be considered for this award.  
An individual can win this award only once for any given breed.  
Individual can only apply for one breed promotion award in a given year.

1. Circle the breed(only one breed) in which you would like to be considered:

Ayrshire

Guernsey

Jersey

Brown Swiss

Holstein

Milking Shorthorn

Please address the following questions (on a separate sheet):

2. How did you become interested in this breed?
3. How have you helped promote your breed and the dairy industry to others?
4. Describe or list activities in which you have participated that promoted your breed or the dairy industry as a whole.
5. Explain briefly your thoughts on the future of the breed you checked.
6. Describe an idea you have to further promote your breed, or how you plan to get further involved in promoting the dairy industry.