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2017 STATE 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTESTANT PACKET SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR, 4-H DIVISION

September 3, 2017 @ South Dakota State Fairgrounds
Registration at 12:30 pm

Registration deadline: August 20, 2017

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Rules & Regulations

Entry

The 2017 South Dakota State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest entry deadline is August 20, 2017.

Registration for the South Dakota State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest should be completed in Fair Entry. A video and help sheet can be found on iGrow that will assist you with the registration process. Video URL: <https://youtu.be/v5kND0WaSxg> Help Sheet: <http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4021-2015.pdf>. Teams will be registered by your County 4-H Youth Program Advisor. Please inform your County Office of your online registration to ensure you are included on a county team. Individuals not registered by August 20th will not be allowed to compete.

Each county may enter as many teams as they wish per age division. County teams consist of three (3) no more than four (4) members. The three members with the highest total scores will make up the county total. The contestant with the lowest score is eligible for individual awards.

- The members of a county team must be identified by the registration deadline.
- If a county does not have enough members to fill a team within an age division, those 1 or 2 individuals are still eligible to judge and compete for individual awards.
- If a county team cannot be fulfilled, a county may join with any other county that cannot fulfil a team to make a joint county team.

Contestants and Eligibility

Contestants must be a bona-fide South Dakota 4-H member approved by their respective County 4-H Youth Program Advisor.

- It is preferred that the eligibility of team members and individuals to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest be determined through some means of a County 4-H selection process. It is recommended that written selection procedures are made available to all interested parties and participants.
- Age Divisions for the South Dakota 4-H program:
 - BEGINNERS: Age eight, nine, or 10 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year
 - JUNIOR: Age 11, 12, or 13 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year
 - SENIORS: Age 14, 15, 16, 17, or 18 on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year and not have turned 19 on or before January of the current year.
- Contestants must not have participated in or enrolled official post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) competitive judging events, including judging courses within animal science or dairy science.

The South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program should be accessible to the wide diversity of youth who live in our state, regardless of their backgrounds and characteristics — including physical, mental or emotional abilities or limitations. Please make requests for any necessary accommodations for youth participating in the 2017 State Dairy Judging Contest to the contest Superintendent prior to Thursday, August 24, 2017. See the Guidelines for Accommodation of Children with Disabilities within this document.

METHOD OF CONDUCT

- Contestants, parents, and coaches are to avoid the Open Class Dairy Complex while the contest is in progress. In addition contestant, parents, coaches, and volunteers must conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship and act as positive role models.
 - Youth participating in the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will be required to respect others' property and privacy rights, apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property as well as accept personal responsibility for their behavior.
 - Illegal behaviors including the possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs and tobacco products; stolen goods; weapons and fireworks, sexual, physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

Law enforcement may be called and illegal behaviors may result in citations or arrest. Consequences may include removal from participation in the event; restitution or repayment of damages; sanctions and/or participation in future local, state, regional or national 4-H events; loss of status as a 4-H member in good standing, etc.

- Contestants should wear neat, clean, suitable clothing to uphold the image of the 4-H organization. No contestant shall wear any clothing, pins, or badges that will in any way reveal his/her identify or the county that he/she represents. No hats are to be worn during the contest.
- All electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, PDAs, calculators, etc.) are prohibited. Contestants are advised to remove these devices prior to the start of the contest. If a competing contestant's phone should ring or if they are discovered using such electronic devices during the contest, the contestant and their team will be disqualified.
- Contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with their assigned group throughout the contest. While the contest is in progress, there is no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by the Contest Superintendent or his/her representative. Offending contestants may be disqualified.
- The SENIOR contest will be comprised of five (5) classes.
 - All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3-4.
 - Reasons will be given on three (3) classes. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons.
 - The use of notes will result in 10 pts being deducted from the oral reasons score in the Senior division.
 - A Skills Problem Quiz will be given. It will consist of questions about dairy cattle conformation and the dairy cow unified scorecard.
- The JUNIOR contest will be comprised of four (4) classes.
 - All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3-4.
 - Reasons will be given on two (2) classes. Contestants are strongly discouraged to not use notes while giving oral reasons.
 - A Skills Problem Quiz will be given. It will consist of questions about dairy cattle conformation and dairy cow unified scorecard.
- The BEGINNER contest will be comprised of two (2) classes.
 - All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3-4.
 - Questions will be given on each class. Contestants are permitted to use notes while completing questions.
 - A Skills Problem Quiz will be given. It will consist of questions about dairy cattle conformation and breed attribute information.
- Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons for those classes indicated as oral reason classes.
- Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes per class to make their observations, take notes, and fill-out their placing card.
- Cattle will NOT be handled. Judging of dairy cattle classes will be done from a distance of 10-15 feet. Close inspections may be allowed. This will be determined after selection of classes.

DETERMINATION OF RATINGS

- Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect mark for placing classes and 50 points a perfect mark on oral reasons or questions.
- If tied for overall individual or team awards, the contestant or team having the highest total reasons (for Beginners, questions score used) score shall be listed first.
- If tied for total reasons, the contestant or team having the higher total points for the skills problem shall be listed first.
- The officials' placing and class critique will be given immediately following the conclusion of the contest once all placing and reasons cards have been submitted to the scoring committee.
- Official results will be tabulated and reviewed by an assigned committee prior to publicly announcing.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 20, 2017 Pre-Registration Deadline

Sunday, September 3, 2017 SD State Fairgrounds, Open Class Dairy Complex, Huron, SD

12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. – Registration & Orientation

12:45 p.m. – Senior Judging contestants complete skills problems

1:00 p.m. – Contest Begins

Contest will conclude at approximately 3:00 p.m., with official placings and awards to follow.

AWARDS

- Top 5 contestants in each age division (Beginner, Junior, and Senior) will be recognized for Overall Individual awards.
- Top 3 teams in each age division (Beginner, Junior, and Senior) will be recognized for Overall Team awards.

NATIONAL 4-H COMPETITIVE EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- Contestants must not have reached their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the 4-H program year in which the national 4-H competitive event is held.
- Individuals must not have competed in a National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI, previously.
- 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.
- The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as the official state entry by the State 4-H Leader or by a person designated by the State 4-H Leader. The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Leader deems appropriate. Individual team members must be a minimum of 14 years old at the time of the qualifying event.
- Contestants, their county 4-H Youth Program Advisor and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form: "This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the national 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national 4-H competition." NOTE: Violation of the above will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition that has been won in the national 4-H competitive event.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Superintendent: Hilary Rossow, SDSU Extension State 4-H Animal Projects Coordinator

4-H Advisor Co-chair: Kim McGraw, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Clark & Spink

4-H Advisor Co-chair: Ronald Frederick, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Rosebud

4-H Advisor Co-chair: Chuck Martinell, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Minnehaha

Livestock Procurement Assistants: Tracey Erickson, SDSU Extension Dairy Field Specialist

Scoring & Tabulation Co-chair: John Keimig, SDSU Extension 4-H Associate

Scoring & Tabulation Co-chair: Alicia Petersen, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, McCook

Contest Officials: To Be Announced



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