



N.H. STATE 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST
May 3 and 4, 2014
Judge: TBA

SPONSORED BY: 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire, Inc., UNH Cooperative Extension, and cooperating farms in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

4-H members 12-18 (divisions for juniors and seniors) are invited to be a part of this event. This event provides an opportunity for 4-H members to further develop their judging skills, as well as compete for placement on the State 4-H Dairy Judging Team.

Youth 15 and older are eligible to compete for the state team that travels to Eastern States Exposition. In addition, the team may travel to Louisville KY or Madison WI to compete in a Regional or National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. **Seniors must give two sets of oral reasons.** Juniors will have to give one set of oral reasons.

4-H junior members and 4-H senior members are invited to the two-day tour with an overnight stay. A typical schedule includes two or three farms on Saturday and two more on Sunday for a total of four or five dairy operations in the region. Four or five dairy breeds will be judged – typically two or three classes of each breed. Hotel arrangements are made for youth and there will be a limited amount of free/social time on Saturday evening.

UNH Cooperative Extension will not provide transportation from farm to farm for participants. It is the responsibility of each family to make arrangements for travel. 4-H members (with valid driver's licenses) who plan to drive themselves may do so with parental permission, but will not be allowed to transport other 4-H members (unless they are siblings).

This is the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. New Hampshire's 4-H Dairy Judging Team will be selected at this event. The four high scoring individuals, age 15 or over as of January 1st, will be the New Hampshire State 4-H Dairy Judging Team with the fifth high scoring individual serving as an alternate. Those individuals selected as top eight will be expected to attend practice sessions and submit homework in preparation for Eastern States. The top four may be selected to attend a national contest. A \$100 deposit will be collected and returned during the trip to the national contest. Older members who will be entering college in the fall of the national contest are eligible unless they will be taking college-level classes in dairy or livestock selection. National rules prevent participation of youth taking college courses that relate to a contest.

ENTRY FEE REQUIRED: See entry form.

4-H'ers Must Bring:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clipboard and pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Bag lunch for Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Items needed for overnight stay | <input type="checkbox"/> Code of Conduct Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiasm | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Medical Form if parent/guardian not attending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money for dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday (and possibly breakfast on Sunday) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing Suit | |

☆All youth who qualify for NH state teams may be asked to pay a portion of their trip expenses.

Schedule - Saturday, May 3, 2014

- 9:30 a.m. Registration**
Echo Farm
The Hodge Family
573 Chesterfield Road, Hinsdale, NH 03451
(603) 336-7706
- 10:00 a.m. Judge at Echo Farm** –Milking Shorthorns - 3 Classes, Jerseys - 2 Classes
- 12:30 p.m. Leave for Cook Farm**
The Cook Family
125 South Maple Street
Hadley, MA 01035
413-586-8785
- Lunch on the way (bag lunch you brought)**
- 1:30 p.m. Arrive at Cook Farm** –Holsteins-3 Classes
- 3:00 p.m. Leave for: Comfort Inn**
71 Hall Street
Concord NH 03301
603-226-0012
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive at Comfort Inn**
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner** (Make your own Grill Cheese. Everything will be provided.)
- 6:30 p.m. Oral Reasons followed by free time**
- 10:30 p.m. In rooms for the Night**

Schedule – Sunday, May 4, 2014

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast** (Continental Breakfast supplied by the hotel.)
- 9:00 a.m. Leave for Morrill Farm**
The Morrill Family
33 Penacook Street
Penacook NH 03303
(603) 753-4849
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Morrill Farm** –Red and Whites- 3 Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Leave for Topline Farm**
The Fischer Family
1479 Upper City Road
Pittsfield NH 03263
(603) 731-3541
- 11:30 Arrive at Topline Farm** – Ayrshires – 2 Classes, Jerseys – 3 Classes, Guernseys – 1 Class
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. Awards**
- 2:00 p.m. Safe Trip Home**
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Rules:

1. This contest is an individual competition and there are no county or team awards. Entrants should report to the first farm by 10:00 a.m. At that time, they will receive their placing cards and instructions.
2. While judging classes, there will be no talking between the contestants, or between contestants and anyone else except as directed by the judge or contest officials. **Talking or other communication between contestants or between contestants and coaches may result in a zero score for the class in progress at the time; repeated violation will result in dismissal from the contest.**
3. Twelve to sixteen classes will be judged. Breeds will be chosen based on availability of suitable dairy cattle and may include: Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Guernsey, Ayrshire, or Brown Swiss. Various age heifer and cow classes will be judged.
4. The cattle will be designated 1-2-3-4.
5. Oral reason classes will be designated within one minute of start of class.

6. Oral reasons will be given by contestants on two classes. Sixteen (16) minutes will be allowed for contestants to judge non-reasons classes, and eighteen (18) minutes will be given to contestants during reasons classes to make their observations, take notes, and fill out their placing cards.
7. All contestants will be asked to develop a set of written reasons on one class as well. Written reasons will be scored and used as a tie breaker score if necessary. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving reasons; however, their placing card will be offered to them upon entering the reasons room. Judges may ask questions of the contestants. Oral reasons must be delivered within a 2 minute time limit (same as national 4-H dairy judging rules).
8. Official placings will be given after each class, except reasons classes.

JUDGES:

1. Classes will be placed according to the guidelines of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association.
2. One official judge will place the classes and determine cuts. The official judge, along with another reasons judge will listen to and score oral reasons.

SCORING THE CONTEST:

1. 50 points constitutes a perfect score in all classes.

CUTS: Cuts are a numerical score given to show the difference between the pairs and are used in the calculation of the contestant's score. The New Hampshire 4-H Dairy Judging Contest has adopted the following recommended cut scale:

The total of all three cuts cannot exceed 15. If they total 15, the middle number cannot be larger than 5. If they total 14, the middle number cannot be larger than 8.

CONTEST RESULTS:

Contest results will be announced AS TENTATIVE, as soon as possible after the contest ends on Sunday. If scoring discrepancies are discovered, exhibitors must report them to the State 4-H office by the next business day (following the contest) by 5:00 p.m. At that time, results will be declared official. Placings will be announced for the following:

1. Top 10 individuals overall – all breeds & oral reasons
2. Top five individuals for each breed – placings only for classes of same breed
3. Top five individuals for oral reasons – total of two reasons scores

In the event of tied scores, ties will be broken as follows:

1. Overall Awards – Senior Contest - The contestant with the highest total oral reasons scores is placed higher. Junior Contest - Tied contestants will be asked questions by the judge, in a sudden-death manner until someone answers a question incorrectly to determine who places higher.
2. Breed Awards – If there is an oral reasons score within that breed, the contestant with the highest reasons scores (for that breed class only) is placed higher. If there is not an oral reasons score within that breed, tied contestants will be asked questions by the judge, in a sudden-death manner until one answers a question incorrectly to determine who places higher.

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ENTRY FORM



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May 3 and 4, 2014**

(Cooperating Farms in New Hampshire and Massachusetts)

ENTRY DUE APRIL 14, 2014

ENTRY FEE DUE: \$35 per individual - Make checks payable to 4-H FOUNDATION OF NH, INC.
(Limited number of scholarships available for those with an inability to pay.)

Name: _____ Junior - Senior -Adult Overnight: Yes No
circle one circle one

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to room with: _____

I have a disability and require an accommodation to participate in this event.

(Please call 603-352-4550 if you will require accommodation to participate in this event. Call on or before the entry deadline.)

We give permission for our child to participate in the New Hampshire 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at cooperating dairy farms. We understand the responsibilities, hazards, and dangers inherent in participation in this activity, including the unpredictability of live animals. We understand all transportation associated with this event is the responsibility of the family and that 4-H members who wish to drive themselves may do so, but will not be allowed to transport other 4-H members (unless they are siblings). We understand the Code of Conduct.

We hold harmless the participating dairy farms, their owners, family and employees involved, the 4-H Foundation of NH, Inc., the University of New Hampshire, their trustees, officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, demands, actions and causes of action for damage which may be sustained by my child or anyone else. This includes personal injury, death or property damage, whether or not the result of negligent acts or omissions.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

SEND TO: Andrea Sawyer
4-H Youth Development
UNHCE
800 Park Avenue, Keene, NH 03431
603-352-4550 cell: 603-762-0690