

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **4-H Dairy Members Attend the NH 4-H Dairy Qualifying Show**

Fifty-one New Hampshire 4-H youth in the dairy project recently attended the New Hampshire 4-H Dairy Qualifying Event held in Lancaster, New Hampshire. This show was held in conjunction with the New Hampshire PDCA Holstein, Milking Shorthorn and Brown Swiss Breed Shows. 4-H members spent two days at this event demonstrating their knowledge of the dairy industry in hopes of qualifying for Eastern State Exposition with their dairy project. Members competed in Fitting and Showing, took a quiz, and competed in a type class where the animal was judged on conformation.

Top honors in Fitting and Showing went to: Samantha Cohen, Lottie Page, Ashley Cate, and Stephanie Morris, all from Grafton County; as well as Tristan Phillips, of Cheshire County. High overall quiz scores for each division went to Maddie Beaudry, Megan Adams, and Christine Abdelnour, all from Cheshire County; Lindsey Clark, of Sullivan County, and Alexandra Patch, of Grafton County.

4-H members who were chosen to compete with their animal at Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts include Brooke Clark and Lindsey Clark of Sullivan County; Lottie Page, Heath Page, Jasper Page, Helen Mae Metcalf, Kathleen Metcalf, Rachel Cohen, Stephanie Morris, Leah Cate and Will Patch of Grafton County; Olivia Conway, Lucas DeBlois and Kelly Mason of Coos County; Megan Adams, Nicholas Doolittle, Christine Abdelnour, Kirsten Beaudry, Chelsea Kruse, Jacob Blake, Audrey Allen, Tristan Phillips and Amy Drogue of Cheshire County; and Naomi Fifield, Molly Dole, Evan Hauptman, Ashley Fenimore, Ben Marston, Robby Sykes, Aiden O'Brien, Karleigh O'Brien, Michelle Porter, Rebecca Porter, Josiah Robertson and Nathan Robertson of Merrimack County.

Rachel Davis, of Cheshire County, and Courtney DeBlois, of Coos County, were selected as herdsperson for this event. Alternates selected include MacKenzie Nichols, Rylie Nichols and Hayley Martell, all from Cheshire County. Support to the show was provided by the 4-H Foundation of NH through a donation from Stonyfield Organics of Londonderry, New Hampshire.