



Dairy Cattle Judging



State O-Rama –Senior 4-H'ers Only
Animal Science

OBJECTIVES

Targeted Life Skills: Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Teamwork

Opportunities will be provided for faculty to share information about related college degree programs in Animal Science and career options in dairy and marketing.

Dairy cattle judging offers farm youth the opportunity for an excellent educational experience. Since all life is competitive, many of the values derived from judging contests apply to our daily lives and work. Knowledge, ideals, confidence, attention to details, keen observation, good sportsmanship, the ability to weigh evidence for and against a decision, and the ability to express judgment in a concise and forceful manner are but a few of the values. Of course, the primary objective is to learn to evaluate superior animals. This knowledge is used daily by all who have anything to do with livestock.

ACTIVITY

The state contest will consist of the following classes – 50 points each:

(1 – 2)	Two classes of heifers	100 points
(3 – 6)	Four classes of lactating cows	200 points
(7 – 9)	Oral reasons on three cow classes	150 points
TOTAL		450 points

Reason classes will be scored on:

1. Accuracy
2. Correctness of emphasis
3. Use of appropriate terms
4. Completeness
5. Presentation

ELIGIBILITY

A team of three or four 4-H club members is eligible to participate. The three high scores of the team members will be considered the team score, and the fourth member will be declared the alternate. (Only one team per county.)

Each team member must be a bona fide 4-H club member between the ages of 14 and 19 as of January 1 of the current year. The 4-H club member must have conducted a recognized 4-H club dairy project. 4-H training for the judging activity will be considered a recognized dairy project. Any 4-H club member who has previously been on a first-place team in this contest is ineligible.

AWARDS

The high-scoring team at the contest will be eligible to attend the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at Madison, Wis. Out-of-state trip expenses will be covered if funding is available. The individual members of the winning team will each receive a trophy. The high-scoring individual will receive a trophy. If funding is available, the second place team will be eligible to attend the Regional 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the Mid-South Fair in Tunica, Miss.

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