

4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 12

- 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Registration - Swine Barn Show Rings
- 1:15 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Dairy Judging Contest

Thursday, August 13

- 4:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Awards Program - Cattle Barn Penningroth Sale Ring

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 25 to State 4-H Office

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Contest entry must be made to the State 4-H Office on or before July 25. Substitutions are allowed at the time of registration at the contest. Additional county entries will not be accepted at the time of registration for the contest.
3. Registration for the contest will be from 12:30-1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12. Coaches will be given additional instructions at that time. All contestants must be present at 1:15 p.m. for additional instructions, so that the contest can begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.
4. There will be a Junior and a Senior age division. Seniors are those contestants who must have passed their 14th birthday and must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the contest year. Junior contestants must have completed 5th grade and not be 14 years old by January 1 of contest year. Juniors will be competing for ribbons only. Former participants in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest in Madison, WI, but who have not competed in the NAILE Youth Judging Contest in Louisville, KY, are eligible to compete in this contest; but only as individuals.
5. Team entries are limited to a maximum of four members. The overall team score shall be determined by totaling all scores of the three highest scoring team members, with the fourth member (if present) designated as the alternate when calculating all team scores for breed, reasons and placing awards. Individuals and alternates are eligible for individual awards. Counties can enter more than one team in both the Junior and Senior Divisions of the contest. Individuals from different counties can compete as a team provided permission is obtained from the contest superintendent prior to July 15 and provided that their county does not have sufficient numbers to enter a county team.
6. Contestants will be allowed to visit the Dairy Cattle Barn, but they will not be allowed to get classes out for judging practice prior to the contest.
7. Contestants will not be allowed to take books, pamphlets notes or writing paper into the contest except such material provided by the Superintendent of the contest.
8. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no communication among the contestants or between the contestants and anyone else except as directed by the superintendent. No cell phones will be allowed. If individuals communicate during the contest, their cards will be pulled.
9. A class shall consist of four animals designated by numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) on the holders of the animals. The animals will be lined up consecutively: 1, 2, 3, 4 right to left as viewed from the rear. Contestants are responsible to see that their placing conforms to the animal's correct number.
10. Four classes of cows and four classes of heifers shall make up the contest. **Dependent on available animals**, there shall be at least one and not more than two classes taken from each of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn.
11. Contestants in the Senior Division of the contest will be required to give oral reasons on three classes of cows and one class of heifers. Contestants in the Junior Division of the contest will be required to give oral reasons on two classes of cows.
12. Contestants will be allowed two minutes for giving oral reasons on each class. Contestants in the Senior Division of the contest will not be allowed to use notes when presenting their oral reasons to the judges.
13. All contestants will be allowed 12 minutes for each placing class and 15 minutes for each reasons class. The time will be allocated as follows:

Minutes

Activity	Placing Class	Reasons Class
Circle animals clockwise	2	3
Stand head-to-tail	3	3
Circle animals counter-clockwise	2	3
Stand side-by-side	3	3
Circle animals clockwise	2	3

14. The scoring will be based on 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of oral reasons.
15. To determine the high individual for all breeds, the contestant's total points for all placings and reasons scores for the six breeds will be combined and the totals arranged in order from highest to lowest. The contestant receiving the highest total is given first place for all breeds. Team ranks are determined in the same manner. Ties will be broken in the following order:
  - For breed awards:
    1. Reasons score for the breed (if reasons were given)
    2. Total reasons score for all breeds
    3. Total score for all breeds (placings and reasons)
  - For overall reasons:
    1. Total score for all breeds (placings and reasons)
  - For total score for all breeds:
    1. Total reasons score for all breeds
16. Coaches, parents and chaperones of judging teams will be asked to assist with the operation of the contest and are expected to report to the superintendent at the time of registration for the contest.
17. No name or county affiliation visible on front or back of clothing.
18. Awards for this contest will be presented at the 4-H Dairy Awards Program which will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13 in the Penningroth Sale Center (Cattle Barn).

**CLASS**

- Dairy Judging Contest

Ribbons to members of first five teams, first place team awards and trip to National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. Ribbons to 10 high scoring individuals.

**4-H DAIRY JUDGING SPECIALS**

The team of three members placing first in judging all breeds will be known as the State Champion 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Team of Iowa. This team earns the right to enter the 2024 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.

The top four individuals that are not on the champion team will be eligible to represent Iowa at the regional contest in Kentucky.

The **Dairy Science Club at Iowa State University** sponsors trophies for the High Senior Individual in reasons, as well as the High Senior Team in reasons.

The **Iowa Ayrshire Breeders Association** sponsors awards for High Individual in judging Ayrshire and High Team in judging Ayrshire.

The **Iowa Brown Swiss Association** sponsors awards for High Individual in judging Brown Swiss and High Team in judging Brown Swiss.

The **Iowa Guernsey Breeders Association** sponsors awards for High Individual in judging Guernsey and High Team in judging Guernsey.

The **Iowa Holstein Association** sponsors awards for High Individual in judging Holstein and High Team in judging Holstein.

The **Iowa Jersey Cattle Club** will provide awards for High Individual in judging Jersey and High Senior Team in judging Jersey.

The **Iowa Milking Shorthorn Society** sponsors awards for High Individual in judging Milking Shorthorn and High Team in judging Milking Shorthorn.

The **Iowa Purebred Dairy Cattle Council** sponsors trophies for the Top Overall Senior Individual, as well as the Top Overall Senior Team members and coaches.