

**INTERCOLLEGIATE, POST SECONDARY AND 4-H
DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST**
EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION, (413) 205-5011
September 16, 2023
Superintendent – Andrew Samuelson (860) 534-0556

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

DIVISIONS- This contest will consist of three divisions:

1. **Intercollegiate** - Open to all Agricultural Colleges in the United States and Canada offering Bachelor degrees for a regular course in Agriculture.
2. **Post-Secondary** - Open to schools offering a two-year certificate and/or Associate Degree programs in Agriculture.
3. **4-H** - Open to 4-H teams from each New England State.

ELIGIBILITY Each team is to consist of four members.

- a. Each team may submit four members to participate in the contest with the low scoring member being designated as an alternate.
- b. Once the low scoring contestant has been designated as the alternate for the team, the contestant will be eligible for individual awards for the individual breeds, for reasons or for team rankings.
- c. The contest shall count as one of the three contests in the eligibility of the low-scoring contestant.
- d. If a coach would like to protect the eligibility of a contestant, they may do so by designating the alternate prior to the contest. (Therefore, the coach has selected the three-person team with a designated alternate.)
- e. No contestant shall have officiated at a show or fair before this contest.

Intercollegiate – Each contestant must be a regularly enrolled four-year student and have completed one year of college work in the institution at which they represent. Anyone who has at any time served as a teacher of animal husbandry or dairy husbandry in an agricultural college or secondary school is not eligible for entry in this contest.

Contestants may enter the dairy judging contest more than one year unless the following apply:

- a) They were previously high individual
- b) They were a member (including alternate) of the high team in previous contest
- c) They were previously a member of a team that went to another National contest. Having been a designated alternate on a team of a previous year shall not debar a contestant from taking part in this contest.

A contestant may have been a participant in another Eastern States Exposition Contest (4-H, FFA, or Post-Secondary) in previous years, but cannot compete in two contests at the same time. Maximum of two teams per school.

Post-Secondary – Each contestant in the Post-Secondary contest must be a regularly enrolled two-year student and have completed one year of college work in the institution, at which they represent. Anyone who has at any time served, as a teacher of animal husbandry or dairy husbandry in an agricultural college or secondary school is not eligible for entry in this contest.

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- a) They were previously high individual
- b) They were a member (including alternate) of the high team in a previous contest
- c) They were previously a member of a team that went to another National contest.

Having been a designated alternate on a team of a previous year shall not debar a contestant from taking part in this contest. A contestant may have been a participant in another Eastern States Exposition Contest

(4-H or FFA) in previous years but cannot compete in two contests at the same time. Maximum of two teams per school.

4-H - Participants from colleges may not enter the contest as a 4-H contestant after having judged as a collegiate contestant. If a 4-H member is the high individual in this contest they may judge again provided they were not a member of a team that competed at the National 4-H Judging Contest in Madison, Wisc.. Having been a designated alternate on a team of a previous year shall not debar a contestant from taking part in this contest. Maximum of two teams per state.

ENTRIES- All entries for this contest **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Eastern States Exposition's Department of Agriculture & Education by **September 1, 2023**. Contestants' names must be included in the entry form. A fee of \$5 per contestant must accompany the entry. If an alternate is being designated prior to the start of the competition, this needs to be submitted in writing by **September 10, 2023**. Any changes submitted after this date are at the discretion of the Superintendent or their designee.

COACHES MEETING- There will be a meeting for all coaches at **6pm Friday, September 15**, in the Mallary East Wing. (Near the milking parlor.)

CONTEST- The contest will start promptly at 7am EST, **Saturday, September 16, 2023**. Each contestant will be provided contest materials and assigned a number. Breakfast will be provided starting at 6:15am EST.

While the contest is in progress there shall be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or their designee. Intercollegiate and Post-Secondary Contestants and coaches are not allowed to enter the dairy cattle barns prior to the contest. Officials for the contest shall confer only with each other during the contest. For the duration of the contest, Coaches will be required to sit in a designated area and no one will be allowed on the railing of the ring for any reason.

CLASSES - The contest will include up to 12 classes of four animals each: one class of cows and one class of heifers (if possible) of each of the six dairy breeds - Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn will be judged. The superintendent will make every effort to have two classes of cows, however the number of classes or breeds may be changed if quality or number of animals are not available. Coaches will be informed of the classes at the coaches' meeting.

SHOWING ANIMALS - Twelve minutes will be allowed for placing each class (15 minutes for reason classes). The animals shall be held in a careful manner so that all contestants may have an equal opportunity to examine them. The animals for identification shall be numbered 1 to 4 inclusive. When the animals are aligned side by side, the numbers will be from right to left (1-4) as viewed from the rear. The Superintendent reserves the right to remove handlers and assign new ones at his/her discretion if the animal is being handled improperly, or if the animal is unruly and may cause harm.

REASONS - Contestants shall give oral reasons, two minutes in length, on two classes of animals. Before the contest starts, the Superintendent shall notify the contestants of the classes on which reasons will be required, so that contestants may take notes. Contestants should review their notes prior to the start of reasons. Contestants will be allowed at least 20 minutes prior to the start of reasons to prepare.

JUDGES - A committee of judges shall place all classes, and will listen to and score reasons.

DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS - Rankings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons. The final rank of each contestant shall be determined by totaling his score for placing and reasons. Up to four contestants may be entered for each team. For the purpose of any team scoring, the points for the top 3 ranking individuals will be used unless one of the contestants is designated as an alternate in which case the 3 non-designated members will count as the team score regardless of contestant rankings. Alternates will compete as individuals and will be listed in the individual scoring.

TIES - When there is a tie among individuals or teams, it shall be decided by the total of the reasons scores; if there is still a tie, it shall be decided by the total score on cow classes. Ties for breed or reasons totals shall be decided by the total contest ranking of the teams or individuals.

OFFICIAL PLACING AND SCORING - A competent committee will make the official placing and listen to oral reasons from the contestants. Scoring of placing classes shall be as described in Trimberger (1958). In grading the placing of the contestants, the individual cuts between the respective animals shall be supplied by the official judge. The total cuts shall not exceed 15 points. If, in the opinion of the official judge, total cuts should be less than 15 points due to closeness of placing within the entire class, such a lesser total may be used.

Coaches will have the opportunity to check placing cards for error at the Mallary Office immediately following the contest. Coaches may be asked to act as group leaders and aid with tabulation of the contest.

RESULTS AND AWARDS – Collegiate results and awards will be presented in a live stream event at 7pm on Saturday. Awards will be to the address provided by the coach. 4-H awards will be presented at the New England 4-H Dairy Show Awards Ceremony.

Reference:

Trimberger, G.W. 1958. Dairy Cattle Judging Techniques. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall. Page 269.

ENTRY BLANK FOR DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

Intercollegiate, Post Secondary and 4-H Categories

September 16, 2023
(413) 205-5011 aginfo@thebige.com
Eastern States Exposition
Agriculture and Education Office
1305 Memorial Avenue
West Springfield MA 01089

Please accept our entry in the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest to be held at Eastern States Exposition in the Coliseum, subject to all rules and regulations governing this contest as contained in the official announcement.

Intercollegiate _____ **Post Secondary** _____ **4-H** _____ **(check one)**

NAME OF CONTESTANT

(Designate alternate by: "ALT")

CITY AND STATE OF RESIDENCE

(For news items and photo cut lines)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please submit application by September 1, even if uncertainties on names exist, to allow gate passes to be in your hands prior to arrival; then send names when they are available [entry lists must be finalized by September 10].

Name of College/School _____

Name of 4-H Team _____

Address _____

Head of Department _____

Coach _____

CORRESPONDENCE AND GATE CREDENTIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Early hotel reservations are highly suggested. Please note the coaches' meeting times.

Office Use

Ticket Amount: _____ to _____

Parking: _____ Date Mailed: _____