Pennsylvania is proud to host the All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. The 53rd annual edition of the event is to be held in conjunction with the All-American Dairy Show, the premier autumn dairy classic in North America, scheduled for September 18 through 22.

The competition provides top-notch dairy contestants with an opportunity to match skills in a wide-open forum with hopefuls from throughout the United States and Canada.

Entries for the 2021 show are now being accepted. The Directors of the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industries Association, along with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission, sponsor the event. As agricultural leaders, they are aware of the need for “hands-on” judging experience, which provides valuable education in evaluation, decision-making, and verbal expression.

If eligible, your team is invited to participate in this year’s competition. The enclosed entry form must be submitted and received by the September 11 deadline. We welcome your participation in this year’s show, which should prove to be an enjoyable and educational experience.

J. Harrison Frantz
Show Manager

A $500 scholarship will be awarded to each top individual and a $250 scholarship will be awarded to each top reason individual by David and Janet Hileman of Hilecrest Farms.

AWARDS $100 will be awarded to the first place team in each division.

Special awards will be presented to the high scoring teams and individuals by the following breed associations:
- The Ayrshire Breeder’s Association
- The Brown Swiss Breeder’s Association
- The American Guernsey Association
- Holstein Association USA, Inc.
- The American Jersey Cattle Club

The All-American Dairy Show will present medallions in each division for excellence in judging and will also present the following:
- The CUTHBERT NARIN TROPHY to the first-place Collegiate Team
- The JOE S. TAYLOR PLAQUE to the first-place 4-H Team
- The HAROLD R. MCCULLOCH PLAQUE to the first-place FFA Team
- The SUPERINTENDENTS’ AWARD to the high 4-H, FFA, Two-Year Junior College, and Collegiate Teams in Oral Reasons

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Collegiate and Two-Year Junior College – Each agricultural college is invited to enter one (1) dairy cattle judging team. The team shall consist of three (3) or four (4) members representing the agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled. 
   a. Each team may submit four members to participate in the contest, with the low-scoring member being designated as an alternate.
   b. The low-scoring contestant, designated as alternate for the team, will be eligible for individual breed and reason awards.

2. 4-H and FFA – Each state and province is invited to enter one 4-H dairy judging team and one FFA dairy judging team of three or four members. When four members are entered, the three members with the highest overall individual scores will make up the team to judge for breeds and overall awards. The fourth member will be the alternate and will be eligible for individual awards.

3. 4-H Team members shall be selected in a manner determined by the State or Provincial Extension Service in compliance with these rules.

4. FFA Team members must be from the same chapter.

5. ENTRIES MAY ONLY BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL, E-MAIL, OR FAX TO: JDYCIC, All-American Dairy Show, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9443, and received by September 11, 2021.

6. PROTEST If the eligibility of any student is protested, such protest must be made in writing and presented to the contest superintendent no later than the conclusion of the judging portion of the contest. The protest must be accompanied by a check for $25, which will be held if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the $25 shall be returned.

7. CONTEST SUPERINTENDENT

5. The superintendent of the contest, in cooperation with the show manager and the advisory committee, will be in charge of the contest and conduct it in compliance with these rules and regulations. She shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.

6. The superintendent shall have a sufficient number of assistants to conduct the contest and tabulate the results.

JUDGING SYSTEM

7. Competent judges shall place all classes while contestants are placing the classes. They shall hear and score all reasons. Judges will file their official placings and cuts with the Superintendent.
METHOD OF CONDUCT
8. No member of any team nor their coach shall be allowed in the cattle barns nor have the privilege of inspecting any cattle at the All-American Dairy Show previous to the contest.
9. All coaches are required to attend the coaches meeting at 8:00 AM, Sunday, September 19, in the Equine Arena at the Farm Show Complex.

RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont.)
10. All contestants and coaches will report to the superintendent in the Equine Arena at 8:00 AM on Sunday September 19. Final instructions will be given and questions answered at this time.
11. The superintendent shall supply contestants a placing sheet and any other necessary forms. No contestant shall be allowed to take any books, notes, or writing paper into the ring except materials furnished by the superintendent. No electronic devices permitted.
12. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for placing classes where no reasons are required. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for placing and taking notes for oral reason classes.
13. Oral reasons, to be given on the afternoon of the day of contest, should not exceed two minutes in length. Contestants will not be allowed to use notes during oral reasons.
14. Reasons classes will be designated prior to the contest. One or more reasons classes may be heifers. Collegiate contestants will give oral reasons on five classes; Two-Year Junior College & 4-H will give reasons on four classes; and FFA will give reasons on three classes.
15. Contestants shall not at any time place their hands on any animal.
16. While the classes are being placed and reasons are being studied and given, there SHALL BE NO COMMUNICATION among the contestants and anyone else except as directed by the superintendent or her assistants.
17. The contestants’ desired placing clearly marked on their placing sheet will be circled at the conclusion of each class. The placing sheet will be collected at the conclusion of the last placing class and filed with the superintendent for tabulation.

CLASSES
18. Classes will be selected from animals entered in the All-American Dairy Show.
19. Ten classes of four individuals each shall be judged. A cow class and a heifer class (yearling or calves), if available, will be selected from the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.
20. Animals will be designated by number on the showmen of the animals and lined up consecutively 1, 2, 3, and 4 from right to left as viewed from their rear. It will be the responsibility of each contestant to see that his placing conforms to the numbers on the animals.
21. Animals will be shown in a careful manner so that all contestants will have a fair chance to observe them. Animals will be paraded, held head to tail, and stood side by side. Contestants will view the animals at a distance. There will not be a close inspection of the animals.

DETERMINATION OF RATINGS
22. Ratings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons.
23. The final rank of each contestant in each breed shall be determined by totaling his/her scores on placing and reasons (if any) for that breed. The overall individual ranking shall be determined by adding his/her scores for each of the five breeds.
24. The overall team ranking shall be determined by totaling all the scores of the three team members. The team ranking for each breed shall be determined by totaling the scores and reasons (if any) for each of the three members.
25. All team and individual ties shall be broken using the following sequence where applicable:

BREED TIES
A. High (individual or team) reason scores for the breed.
B. High (individual or team) total score for all breeds.

OVERALL TIES
A. High (individual or team) reason scores for all breeds.
B. Individuals with the highest score on classes that were placed only.
C. Team with the highest scoring alternate.

TEAM REASON TIES
A. Alternate with the highest total reasons score.
B. High total team score for all breeds.
26. The results will be announced within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest. Any protests of the results must be made in writing within 12 hours of results being announced to the contest superintendent. After careful evaluation of the protest, the decision of the superintendent is final.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:
Judy Black, Tyrone, PA
Contest Superintendent
The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Tom Wolf, Governor

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Mark your calendar
2022 Contest Date
Monday, September 19, 2022