



Virtual 4-H

CONTEST INVITATIONAL

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Virtual Dairy Judging Contest Superintendents

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Objectives:

- A. Stimulate learning in a subject matter area;
- B. Reward 4-H and FFA members for knowledge gained in a subject matter area;
- C. Provide a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail;
- D. Develop teamwork, self-confidence and decision-making skills.
- E. Promote computational and critical thinking skills

Reference: https://worlddairyexpo.com/file_open.php?id=281

Eligibility: this contest is not tied to any National contests and will not affect eligibility of teams or participants. State program leaders will determine the criteria for their state representatives.

Team:

A team will consist of four members with the top three scores counting towards the overall team score.

Contest Procedure:

Contestants should bring a clean notebook or pad of paper free of notes and their own writing utensil. Notes will not be permitted during oral reasons and will result in a major point reduction.

All contestants should keep record of their placings for each class in case of discrepancy.

Contestants will not be allowed to confer with other participants, coaches, or adult volunteers once they have been assigned to their groups and judging has started.

Judging classes will be timed for 15 minutes in which contestants will make their observations, take notes, and submit their digital placing. Reasons classes will be given an additional two minutes.

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Placing Classes:

The contest will include 6 classes, worth a total of 50 points each. Half the classes will be heifers and the other half will be cows. Classes will be selected from the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.

All classes will include 4 animals that will either be clearly marked 1, 2, 3, 4, or tied in position with the left most animal being 1, the next 2, and so forth.

Oral Reasons

Participants will give three sets of reasons, worth 50 points each. Reasons classes will be determined by the contest officials and announced prior to the start of the contest.

Contestants will have no more than 2 minutes per set to give reasons to the official judges.

Contest Officials

A committee of contest officials will place all classes and hear and score all reasons.

Officials will evaluate the classes just before participants start judging, or once the contest has begun. The judges will each place the class individually, then confer as a committee to finalize the placing and put cuts on the class.

Officials will score contestants after they have finished giving their reasons.

Time permitting, the contest officials will give a critique on the classes after reasons have been completed by all participants.

Scoring Cards

For information on scoring cards, visit: <https://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/pdf/q2092.pdf>