

Invitational Senior College Dairy Judging and Two-Year Junior College Dairy Judging Contests

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Schedule

Friday, November 3, 2023

6:00 PM: Coaches Social, VIP Suite, Kentucky Exposition Center

7:00 PM: Coaches Banquet, VIP Suite, Kentucky Exposition Center

Saturday, November 4, 2023

7:30 AM: Contestants and Coaches report to Freedom Hall, Kentucky Exposition Center

Sunday, November 5, 2023

7:00-7:45 AM: Breakfast Buffet, Kentucky Exposition Center

8:00 AM: Presentation of Results and Awards, Kentucky Exposition Center

Teams and Entries

1. Each agricultural college (two year and four year) is invited to enter one collegiate dairy cattle judging team. The team shall consist of four members representing the agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled. The lowest scoring member will be declared the alternate. Alternates will be eligible for individual awards.
2. A fee of \$150.00 per team must accompany the entry form. The fee is to be used to help defray the expenses of the contest.
3. Payment may be completed online or mailed to: Expositions Director, North American International Livestock Exposition, P. O. Box 36367, Louisville, KY 40233, by October 10. The names of contestants must be submitted to Larissa Tucker by October 10. Changes and substitutions may be made at the coaches meeting on Friday, November 3.

Eligibility of Contestants

1. Each contestant must be a student in good standing of a college or university in the United States or in the Dominion of Canada offering a full degree curriculum in Agriculture, whose

application has been accepted by the management of the North American International Livestock Exposition.

2. The 4-year student must be enrolled in a four-year or longer course of study and have completed not less than 36 weeks of college work. Any student who has acted as an official judge of a dairy cattle at a fair or show; has at any time served as a teacher of dairy cattle judging in an agricultural college or any secondary school; has completed a four-year course of study in college; or has competed in the intercollegiate division of this contest is not eligible for entry.
3. The 2-year student must be enrolled in a 2-year certificate or associate degree program. Any student who has acted as an official judge of dairy cattle at a fair or show; has at any time served as a teacher of dairy cattle judging in an agricultural college or any secondary school; has completed a two-year course of study in college; or has competed in the post-secondary division of this contest is not eligible for entry.
4. If the eligibility of any student is protested, such protest may be made in writing at the arena side the day of the contest, before the contest begins. The protest must be accompanied by a check for \$25.00, which will be returned if the protest is sustained. In case the protest is not sustained, the \$25.00 shall be forfeited.

Contest Superintendents

1. The superintendents of the contest, in cooperation with the Exposition management and the contest committee, will be in charge of the contest and conduct it in compliance with these rules and regulations. They shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.
2. The superintendents shall have a sufficient number of assistants to conduct the contest and tabulate the results.

Judging System

1. 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 superintendents.

Method of Conduct

1. 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 North American International Livestock Exposition previous to the contest, unless they have written permission from the superintendents.
2. All contestants and coaches will report to the superintendent in Freedom Hall at 7:30 AM on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Final instructions will be given and questions answered at this time.
3. The superintendents shall supply contestants with placing cards and any other necessary forms. No contestant shall be allowed to take any books, notes or writing paper into the ring or reasons preparation area except materials furnished by the superintendents. This includes all electronic communication devices.
4. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for placing all classes.
5. Oral reasons, to be given on the afternoon of the day of the contest, should not exceed two minutes in length. Contestants will not be allowed to use notes during oral reasons.

6. Reasons classes will be designated prior to the contest.
7. Senior College and Junior College contestants shall give oral reasons on five classes.
8. 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 superintendents or their assistants.
9. Designated cards with the contestants desired placing marked clearly will be collected at the end of each class and filed with the Superintendent of tabulation.

Classes

1. Classes will be selected, by a competent committee, from animals entered in the North American International Livestock Exposition.
2. Ten classes of four individuals each shall be judged. A cow class and a heifer class (yearling or calves) will be selected from the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey.
3. Animals will be designated by numbers on the showmen of the animals and lines up consecutively 1, 2, 3, and 4 from right to left as viewed from the rear. It will be the responsibility of each contestant to see that their placing conforms to the animal's correct number.
4. 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 shall not, at any time, place their hands on any animal.

Ring Activity	Minutes
Circle the ring clockwise	2
Head to tail	3
Circle the ring counterclockwise	2
Side by Side	3
Circle the ring clockwise	1
Head to tail	4
Total Time	15

Determination of Ratings

1. Ratings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons.
2. The final rank for each contestant in each breed shall be determined by totaling scores on placings and reasons (if any) for that breed. The overall individual ranking shall be determined by adding scores for each of the five breeds.
3. The overall team ranking shall be determined by totaling all scores of the three highest scoring team members. The team ranking for each breed shall be determined by totaling the scores and reasons (if any) for each of the three highest scoring members.
4. The procedures used to break tied scores are listed below.
 - Breed ties
 - A. Higher Total reasons in breed.

- B. High total reasons.
- C. Higher total overall.
 - Reasons Ties
 - A. Lower total placings in reasons classes.
 - B. Higher total overall

Overall Ties

- A. Higher total reasons
 - B. Lower total placings in reasons classes.
5. The superintendents announcement of all individual and team placings will be final.

Awards

The Louis Mclane Merryman Memorial Watch Award will be presented to the Top Guernsey Judge. The George Heersche, Jr. Award will be awarded to the High Individual Overall in each division. Those winners will have their names engraved on a perpetual plaque.

We want to thank the following breed associations and organizations for their support and contribution to the contest.

- North American International Livestock Exposition
- U. S. Ayrshire Breeders Association
- The Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association of the USA
- The American Guernsey Association
- Holstein Association USA, Inc.
- American Jersey Cattle Association
- Farm Credit Mid America