North Dakota
State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

Where: NDSU Dairy Barn, Fargo - Located one mile west of campus on 19 Ave N.

When: Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Schedule: Live animal evaluation starts at approximately 9:00 a.m. Registration check-in at the dairy barn between 8:30 a.m. and the start of contest. Exact schedule subject to change depending on FFA schedule.

Awards: 4-H awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. in Shepperd Arena (tentative schedule)

Cost: No registration fee, lunch on your own.

Pre-registration: email dean.aakre@ndsu.edu by Friday, June 2.

Eligibility: Open to all enrolled 4-H members 8-18 years old.

Age categories:
► Junior Division (age 8-13 as of December 31, 2016)
► Senior Division (age 14-18 as of December 31, 2016)

Senior division participants are eligible for the national 4-H dairy judging contest. Junior division participants are not eligible for the national contest.

FFA members judging in the FFA contest who are also 4-H members may participate in both contests. To do so, they must be pre-registered by their county extension agent and will fill out an additional card for each of the classes in the 4-H contest. The oral reasons scores will be used for both contests. Since there may be more than one FFA chapter in your county, it is possible your 4-H team may be a combination of members from different FFA chapters or a mixture of FFA members and non-members of the FFA, but must observe 4-H membership requirements.

4-H team scores will be determined from the top three individual scores from a county team. A county may enter any number of participants. Two counties may join to make a team provided that neither of the counties involved have more than two members in that age division and they pre-register together.

Members who have participated in a national 4-H dairy judging contest are not eligible.

Classes for dairy cattle judging: Tentatively, five classes are planned (two heifer classes and three cow classes). Participants will give oral reasons on two classes. Twelve minutes will be allowed for non-reasons classes and Fifteen minutes will be allowed for reasons classes. The FFA contest includes additional parts including an exam. 4-H only contestants will not judge additional classes included in the FFA contest.

Scoring: Each class will be a maximum of 50 points for the placing and 50 points for the oral reasons. In the case of a tie score, the following criteria is used to determine the winner.

1. Total reasons score
2. Total score of non-reasons classes

Awards: Ribbon awards are sponsored by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation with support from the Midwest Dairy Association and the Milk Producers Association of North Dakota.

Dress Code: 4-H participants also participating in the FFA contest should follow the official dress requirements of FFA. 4-H only participants should adhere to the 4-H dress code: “All members participating in North Dakota State 4-H competitive events will be neatly dressed and must wear a solid colored white, yellow, gray or green shirt/blouse with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed and securely fastened on the front.” A deduction of 10 points from the individual score will be made if dress code is not followed.

Assistance Needed: Coaches and volunteers are asked to help conduct the contest as needed.

Team Attending National Contest: The first place senior 4-H division team is eligible to represent North Dakota 4-H at the National 4-H dairy judging contest in Madison, Wisconsin.
Registration Form - 2017 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

County(s) ________________________________________________________________

Pre-register by email to dean.aakre@ndsu.edu with this form Friday, June 2.

**Senior Division:** (4-H members age 14 to 18 as of December 31, 2016)

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**Junior Division:** (4-H members age 8 to 13 as of December 31, 2016)

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*Separate registration required for FFA.

**Coaches:** (We may need your help. Please check the area you prefer to assist at the contest.)

Name _______________________________ Name _______________________________
__ squad leader __ card runner __ squad leader __ card runner
__ routing __ tabulating __ routing __ tabulating

I certify those listed above are eligible for this 4-H contest according to the above rules.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date_________________

County Extension Staff