North Dakota State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

**Where:** NDSU Dairy Barn, Fargo - Located one mile west of campus on 19 Ave N.  
Address: 3136 19th Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102

**When:** Tuesday, June 5, 2018

**Schedule:**  
- **Registration & Check-in:** begins at 8:20 am at the NDSU Dairy Barn  
- **Contest:** begins at 9:00 am - Live animal evaluation starts at approximately 9:00 a.m.  
- **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:** $10 per team, lunch on your own.

**Pre-registration:** 4-H Online – select State Dairy Judging

**Eligibility:** Open to all full time enrolled 4-H members 8-18 years old.  
Age categories: 
- Junior Division (age 8-13 as of December 31, 2017)  
- Senior Division (age 14-18 as of December 31, 2017)

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

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