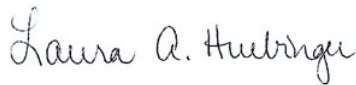


January 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents with Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Teams
Coaches of Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Team entries
Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Participants

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SUBJECT: 2012 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST INFORMATION
INVITATIONAL & QUALIFYING CONTESTS

Once again this year, an **Invitational** Dairy Judging Contest will be offered along with the **Qualifying** Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Contest! The contest is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Tarleton State University Agriculture Center and Southwest Regional Dairy Center in Stephenville, Texas. A map can be found at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/Texas4-HDairyJudging>

Tarleton State University has offered their support and will host us by providing a quality, educational judging experience for each of our 4-H members. To help each of our County Extension Agents, coaches, and participants prepare for the contest, please review the attached contest guidelines and schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Texas 4-H Office through the events e-mail at 4hevents@ag.tamu.edu. We are looking forward to seeing each of you on April 19th in Stephenville! Good luck to each of your 4-H members!

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TEXAS 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Guidelines & Procedures

1. **Qualifying and Invitational Contests.** There will be two 4-H contests offered: Qualifying and Invitational.
 - a. The Qualifying Contest is open to those senior 4-H members who qualified at their respective District 4-H Dairy Judging Contest by being one of the top three (3) scoring teams and/or individuals. See the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for more details.
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>
 - b. The Invitational Contest is open to any currently active Intermediate or Senior 4-H Texas 4-H member.
 - c. Youth may only compete in either the Qualifying or Invitational Contest, but not both.
 - d. Invitational teams may be a "mixed" team of Intermediate and/or Senior members.
 - e. The Qualifying and Invitational Contests will be held concurrently.

2. **Texas FFA Dairy Judging Contest.** This contest will be held immediately following the Texas FFA Dairy Judging Contest.
 - a. Participants **will be** allowed to judge in **both** the 4-H and FFA contest, if they qualify for both. The cattle will be different for each contest, so no youth participating in both will have an advantage. However, please remember this will make for a long day, so be sure contestants are prepared for this situation.

3. **Thank You Notes.** All contestants need to bring thank you notes for the contest donors to turn in at contest check-in on the day of the contest. Do not mail ahead of time.
 - a. Thank you notes should be handwritten in a sealed, stamped envelope addressed to the donor.
 - b. The donors are as follows:

Southwest Dairy Farmers

c/o Mrs. Carolyn McKinney
PO Box 936
Sulphur Springs, TX 75483

Donation for lunch and awards

Dairy MAX

c/o Mr. Marty McKinzie
PO Box 1246
Stephenville, TX 76401

Donation for lunch and awards

Tarleton State University

Dr. Barry Lambert
Department of Animal Science
Box T-0070

Stephenville, TX 76402
Hosting the contest

4. **Contest Registration.** Qualifying and Invitational teams must enter on 4-H Connect between the dates of Monday, March 5 and Friday, April 6, 2012. There will be a \$10 registration fee per contestant.
 - a. Every county that enters must also submit the name of a volunteer or agent that will be willing and able to serve as a group leader. These names will be entered on 4-H Connect.
 - b. On-site registration will be available for Invitational Contest teams only. However, teams are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to register during the 4-H Connect registration period. There will be a \$15 registration fee per contestant for those teams registering on-site. Teams must pay with a check or money order payable to Texas 4-H Foundation. No cash and no credit cards will be accepted on-site. 4-H enrollment status will be verified for each contestant prior to accepting on-site registration.





5. **Contest Location.** The contest will be held at the Tarleton State University Agriculture Center located on College Farm Road (County Road 518) off of FM 8 (Lingleville Road) and the Southwest Regional Dairy Center in Stephenville, Texas. A map can viewed at the following link:

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- a. Registration will take place in the Teaching Pavilion.
 - b. The judging will take place in the Equine Center.
 - c. Qualifying contestants will talk reasons in the Southwest Regional Dairy Center immediately following the judging of classes.
 - d. Invitational contestants will answer questions in the Equine Center immediately following the judging of classes.
6. **Contest Schedule.**
- a. Registration will be from 1:00-1:30 pm in the Teaching Pavilion. (See attached schedule.)
 - b. Contestant Orientation will begin at 1:30 pm.
 - c. The contest will begin at 2:00 pm.
7. **Number of classes.** Contestants will judge six (6) classes of four (4) animals each – most likely it will be three (3) cow classes, and three (3) heifer classes. Classes will be in a pen and not on a halter. Classes will not be handled.
8. **Time per class.** Contestants will have twelve (12) minutes per class.
9. **Qualifying Contest Specifics (Reasons).**
- a. Participants will present oral reasons on three (3) classes.
 - b. Contestants will be notified of the classes requiring reasons before placing that class.
 - c. Contestants will have at least 15 minutes to prepare each set of reasons.
 - d. Each set of reasons should be no longer than two (2) minutes.
 - e. Immediately after the judging classes are concluded, Qualifying participants will be transported with their group leaders (not in county groups) to the Southwest Regional Dairy Center for oral reasons.



10. **Invitational Contest Specifics (Questions).**

- a. There will be two (2) questions classes, consisting of five (5) questions each.
- b. Contestants will be notified of the classes requiring questions before placing that class.
- c. Contestants will have five (5) minutes to study notes and ten (10) minutes to answer questions.
- d. Questions will be worth 5 points each, for a total of 50 points total for Questions.
- e. Invitational participants will remain in the Equine Center for questions immediately after judging classes.

11. **Scoring.**

- a. The contest will be scored using the Scantron recording system. The Universal Form – A scan sheet will be used. Scan sheets will be provided by the contest; contestants do not need to bring their own scan sheets.
- b. Each placing class will be worth 50 points and each set of oral reasons will be worth 50 points. Each question will be worth 5 point each, for a total of 50 points.
- c. Teams will be made up of three (3) or four (4) members. The lowest scoring individual of a 4-member team will be declared the alternate. Alternates are eligible for individual awards.
- d. Ties will be broken on highest reason score.

12. **Coaches viewing classes.** Immediately after the questions are concluded for the Invitational Contest, coaches are allowed to enter the Equine Center to hear official placings and cuts and will pick up the Invitational Contestants at that time.



13. **Tour.** A tour of the Southwest Regional Dairy Center will be provided following reasons before the awards are presented.



14. **Results.** Results will be presented at the Southwest Regional Dairy Center. Invitational Contest results will be presented at approximately 6:30pm and Qualifying Contest results at approximately 7:00 pm or as soon as tabulation is complete.

15. **Recognition at Texas 4-H Roundup.** The three high point teams and individuals from both the Qualifying and Invitational Contests will be allowed to attend Texas 4-H Roundup and be recognized at the Wednesday night General Assembly. Participants will be responsible for the Texas 4-H Roundup registration fee and process, as well as any other costs.

16. **Qualifying for National Competition.**

a. The first place team at the state contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin in October.



b. The second place team at the state contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

c. Please inquire with the Texas 4-H & Youth Development office to determine if funds are available to assist with travel expenses to the national contest. Be aware that the cost of travel will be the responsibility of the county and/or individual 4-H members.

d. See the current year's Texas 4-H Roundup Guide and the specific national contest guidelines for additional rules.

2012 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST
Thursday, April 19, 2012
Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas
Schedule

1:00-1:30pm	Contest Registration	TSU Teaching Pavilion
1:30pm	Contestant Orientation	TSU Teaching Pavilion
2:00pm	Contest Begins	TSU Equine Center
3:15pm	Qualifying Contestants move for Reasons	Southwest Regional Dairy Center
	Invitational Contestants remain for Questions	TSU Equine Center
4:00pm	Round 1 Reasons Start	
4:45pm	Round 2 Reasons Start	
5:30pm	Round 3 Reasons Start	
6:15pm	Finish Reasons	
6:30pm	Awards Program – Invitational Contest	Southwest Regional Dairy Center
7:00pm	Awards Program – Qualifying Contest	Southwest Regional Dairy Center

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