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: 2018 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST INFORMATION

The Texas 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. For Senior 4-H teams, this contest will serve as the national 4-H qualifying event. However, there will NOT be a separately scored contest or awards presented by Texas 4-H. The team and individual rankings will be based upon the Fort Worth contest. The same team structure a county designates for the Fort Worth contest will be the same structure used in determining 4-H team qualifications for nationals.

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo allows one team per age division per club, for as many clubs as you have in the county. When entering teams with the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, use a unique CLUB name for each team, not county name.

FOR EXAMPLE:

YES, enter your teams this way:
- [x] Dairy 4-H Club
- [x] Green Country 4-H Club
- [x] Working Hard 4-H Club

DO NOT enter your teams this way:
- [x] Clover County 4-H Team A
- [x] Clover County 4-H Team B
- [x] Clover County 4-H Team C

Any interested teams should plan to enter the 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at Fort Worth by the appropriate deadline. The contest is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Cattle Arena.

The highest placing Senior 4-H team at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Dairy Cattle Judging 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.

The second highest placing Senior 4-H team at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Dairy Cattle Judging 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.
Only these two teams will be identified immediately following the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo results.

Be aware that the national contest registration process and fees as well as cost of travel will be the responsibility of the county and/or individual 4-H members that qualify.

In order for the teams to be eligible for the national 4-H contest, all team members must be enrolled on 4-H Connect with an “Active” membership profile PRIOR to the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. However, they will not need to register in an event on 4-H Connect in order to participate in the Fort Worth Contest.

See the information in the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Premium List related to registration and entry process. Additional contest information can be found in the premium book once it has been updated for the new year. This information is available at the following link: https://fwssr.com/livestock-premium-list/ page 252 (page 254 digitally)

Fort Worth will ask you to submit contestant names and birthdates the morning of the contest.

See the current year’s Texas 4-H Roundup Guide and the specific national contest guidelines for additional rules. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Texas 4-H Office through the events e-mail at jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

Good luck to each of your 4-H members in Fort Worth on January 14th!

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