TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

February 4, 2021

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: 2021 ALL TEXAS DAIRY HOSTING JUDGING CONTEST

With the cancellation of the February 6, 2021 Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Contest which was to be held in Sulphur Springs, the All Texas Dairy Show has offered to serve as a host for the District 4-H contests for 4, 8, 10 and 11 along with our Texas 4-H National Qualifier event. The event will be on Thursday, March 11 in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo.

**Note** Should this event be cancelled for any reason, the Texas 4-H will host a virtual Dairy Judging Contest on April 13, 2021.

All entries will be completed on 4HOnline at https://texas.4honline.com/.
Opens: Monday, February 8, 2021 --- Closes: Friday, February 19, 2021

County offices need to approve registrations on 4HOnline by Monday, February 22, 2021.

Cost is $10 per contestant. If you are competing in BOTH the State contest and one of the District’s being offered, entry fee is still just $10. You will just need to check the box on the 4HOnline registration indicating you also want to be considered for State level awards. You will compete in just one contest and scores will be compared, respectively for placings for both State and District.

If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entry materials are due.

COVID-19 Protocol All contestants, volunteers, and extension personnel will adhere to all guidelines and protocols as set forth by the State of Texas, County Officials, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. This could include social distancing protocols, the wearing of PPE, etc.

If you have any questions about the State level contest, please feel free to contact the Texas 4-H Office at jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu. Contact your District 4-H Specialist for questions related to your District’s Contest.
ALL TEXAS DAIRY SHOW - DAIRY JUDGING

Tentative Schedule

12:00 pm  Registration
12:45 pm  Participant Orientation
1:00 pm   Contest to begin
4:30 pm   Awards Presentation (subject to change)

Taylor County Expo
Center 1700 TX-36
Abilene, TX 79602
https://www.taylorcountyexpocenter.com/

General Rules

1. Rules and Guidelines
   The contest will be conducted by the rules printed in the respective District’s General Rules and Guidelines and in the 2021 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide.

2. Membership
   Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

3. Age Divisions
   There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in all contests.

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<td>Junior</td>
<td>3*, 4, or 5</td>
<td>*Must be at least 8 years old</td>
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<td>Senior</td>
<td>9, 10, 11, or 12*</td>
<td>*Must not be older than 18 years old</td>
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   Only Senior aged members may qualify for national contests.

4. National Opportunities
   The highest placing Senior 4-H team at the All Texas Dairy Show Dairy 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 2021.

   The second highest placing Senior 4-H team at the All Texas Dairy Show Dairy 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 2021.

   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.

   See the 2021 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide and the specific national contest guidelines for additional rules.
5. Participation/Entries
   4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent and District Specialist to participate at any state 4-H vent.

6. Team per county
   There is no limit to the number of teams a county may enter in the district contest.

7. Members per team
   These are team events; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

   Note: A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry

   All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may be moved up to an Intermediate team, if necessary. However, Intermediates may NOT move up to a Senior team. NO individual may move down to a younger age division.

8. Academic Eligibility of Participants
   According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:
   - Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”
   OR
   - Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

   If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

9. Entry Fee
   There is a $10 entry fee per member. All entries must be submitted through 4HOnline by the entry due date.

10. Late Fees
    Late entries will be permitted with an additional $20 late fee per 4-H member 60 hours after the regular contest deadline. $50 late fee per member after 60 hours and up to the time of the check-in on-site at the event.

11. Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations
    If 4-H members that are participating in this event requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please notify the State Office at the time entry materials are due.
Contest Information

1. Objectives of the contest
   - To increase knowledge of livestock evaluation and selection techniques
   - To employ decision making skills
   - To create a sense of teamwork
   - To learn to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements.

2. Contest.
   - 10 classes of Dairy cattle will be placed.
   - While the contest is in progress, there will be no communication among the contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except the group leader.
   - Contestants will be given a 2-minute warning before time is up in each class.
   - No handling of the livestock will be permitted by the contestants.
   - The contestants will not be permitted to use their notes when giving oral reasons before the judge. Contestants will be allowed 2 minutes to present their oral reasons.

3. Reasons
   | Juniors   | No reasons                      |
   | Intermediates | 1 set: *(classes to be determined)* |
   | Seniors     | 2 sets: *(classes to be determined)* |

4. Contest Resources
   [https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/projects/dairy/dairy-judging-resources](https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/projects/dairy/dairy-judging-resources)

5. Awards & Contestant Ranking
   - The top two (2) teams and the top ten (10) individuals in each age division in the State contest will receive awards. Additional awards may be presented depending upon donor support.
   - The final rank for each contestant in each breed will be determined by totaling their grades on placings and reasons for that breed. The individual rank for all breeds shall be determined by adding their grades for each of the breeds judged.
   - The team ranking for each breed will be determined by totaling the grades on placings and reasons for each of the three (3) highest team members in each breed. Likewise, the team ranking for all breeds shall be determined by combining the scores of the three (3) highest team members.
   - In the case of a tie, the individual or team making the highest score in reasons for the breed concerned will be awarded the prize in question. If a tie remains, the person or team ranking highest for all reasons will be awarded the prize in question. In case of a tie on the overall reasons score, the tie will be broken based on the individual’s or team’s overall score. Individuals tied in both reasons and placing scores will be ranked using their respective overall team placing.