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COLUMBUS, OH – It requires dedication, endurance, and commitment to compete as members of the Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging team. Four young ladies from around the state of Ohio just completed their 4-H careers with much success at the Pennsylvania All American Contest and also the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held at Madison during World Dairy Expo. The young ladies were Laura Bond of Trumbull County, Emily Dudash of Champaign County, Hillary (Jackson) Hayman of Logan County, and Meghan Thurston of Delaware County. Each has spent years judging locally and at the state contest.

Following are the remarkable results of their journey!
At the All American contest in Pennsylvania, they finished in first place. Excellent performance brought them this success as all four young ladies were in the top 10 individually. Emily was 2nd overall (and 2nd in reasons), Hillary 4th, Laura 5th, and Meghan 8th. Also they finished in 3rd as a team with their oral reasons. In the separate breeds, they were 1st in Guernseys, 2nd in Ayrshires, 5th in Brown Swiss, 2nd in Holsteins, and 3rd in Jerseys. More results can be located on the PA All American website.

The National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest was one of the largest in recent years with 32 teams competing. The same young ladies ended up 6th high team with Meghan in a Top 25 finish and Laura 12th to receive the distinctive title of “All American.” Laura was also 9th in oral reasons. Hillary received recognition as 3rd high in Holsteins and the team also garnished the 3rd place award. In Guernseys, they were 5th and Emily was 7th high individual in Ayrshires. WDE also has all the results on their website.

The trips to these contests also provide many farm visits for practices as well as tours of the Hoard’s Dairyman farm, Nasco, and National Dairy Shrine.

Many thanks for all the support from the dairy industry, the volunteers, and parents for making this possible.