2014 Ohio Dairy Judging Contest



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Columbus, Ohio - The setting is Spring Dairy expo on March 29, 2014 in a very crowded Voinovich arena. Both 4-H and FFA members from all parts of the state have come to compete in the Ohio Dairy Judging Contest. Someone's goal is about to become reality, while others will return home with an eye towards 2015.

While registration tables are busy, officials are already evaluating the six classes that will be presented. These key individuals also prepare questions for each class that must be answered by contestants. The contest begins with thorough instructions for each division and the animals begin their parade in the ring in both directions, head to tail, and side by side. The youngest contestants have many questions, but quickly feel the pressure of making a wise choice. Our moderator, Neal Smith of the American Jersey Cattle Association capably manages all movement of cattle. While FFA is high school students, 4-Hers compete in three age divisions; Junior, Intermediate, and Senor. There is even an open division that has attracted visitors from 4 neighboring states. Each year since 2006, this contest has grown in popularity. There are many siblings in the ring as well as individuals whose parent's experiences included judging!

While the contest takes place in the ring, the scoring room is busy (behind the scenes) entering everyone's names, teams, and scores. An event of this size requires all sorts of volunteers in an effort to keep everything moving efficiently and we are honored to have such impressive classes provided by those exhibitors who share quality cattle.

Reasons for 4-Hers keep those individuals focused till at least 1:30 and then the official placings and cuts are posted for all to see how much they agreed with the judges.

Following are those individuals who were at the top of the contest in each of their age divisions!

Junior: High Individual Overall

- 1st Jazmine Auble, Lorain; 2nd Jeremy Ziegler, Unon; 3rd Carson Wyatt, Auglaize/Shelby;
- 4th McKenze Hoewischer; 5th Lauren L'Amoreaux, Stark

Junior: High Individual in Placings

- 1st Logan Topp, Auglaize/Shelby; 2nd Jeremy Ziegler, Union; 3rd Sammi Plocher, Mahoning;
- 4th Jazmine Auble, Lorain; and 5th Lauren L'Amoreaux, Stark

Junior: High Team

1st: Auglaize/Shelby; 2nd Champaign, 3rd Lorain, 4th Union, and 5th Columbiana/Mahoning

Intermediate: High Individual Overall

- 1st Ian Lokai, Champaign; 2nd Lauren Almasy, Trumbull; 3nd Tori Deam, Tuscawaras;
- 4th J.D. Nelson, Champaign; and 5th Lindsay L'Amoreaux, Stark

Intermediate: High Individual in Placings

- 1st Heath Starkey, Champaign 2; 2nd Ian Lokai, Champaign 1; 3nd Tori Deam, Tuscawaras;
- 4th Justin Coppersmith, Columbiana/ Mahoning; and 5th Lauren Almasy, Trumbull

Intermediate: High Individual in Reasons

- 1st Ian Lokai Champaign 1; 2nd Sam Jackson, Champaign 1; 3rd Lauren Almasy, Trumbull;
- 4th Keaton Topp, Auglaize/Shelby; and 5th Tori Deam, Tuscawaras

Intermediate: High Team Overall

1st Champaign 1; 2nd Trumbull; 3rd Stark; 4th Auglaize/Shelby and 5th Tuscawaras

Intermediate: High Team in Placings

1st Champaign 1; 2nd Tuscawaras, 3nd Auglaize/Shelby 4th Holmes, 5th Champaign 2

Intermediate: High Team in Reasons

1st Champaign, 2nd Stark, 3rd, Auglaize/Shelby, 4th Trumbull and 5th Tuscawaras

Senior: High Individual Overall

- 1st Ella Jackson Champaign; 2^{std} Ethan Starkey, Champaign 2; 3^{std} Noah Anderson, Adams 1;
- 4th Kaleb Kliner, Wayne/Holmes; 5th Tanner Topp, Wayne/Holmes

Senior: High Individual in Placings

 1^{st} Morgan Eades, Champaign 2; 2^{nd} Ella Jackson, Champaign; 3^{rd} Ethan Starkey, Champaign 2; 4^{th} Noah Anderson, Adams 1; and 5^{th} Adam Cordy, Lorain

Senior: High Individual in Reasons

1st Ella Jackson, Champaign; 2nd Tanner Topp, Wayne/Holmes; Brennan Topp, Wayne/Holmes 4th Hannah Dye, Mahoning/Columbiana, and 5th Abby Bonnot, Stark

Senior: High Team Overall

1st Champaign, 2nd Wayne/Holmes, 3rd Adams 1, 4th Mahoning/Columbiana and 5th Trumbull 1

Senior: High Team in Placings

1st Champaign 2, 2nd Trumbull 1, 3rd Wayne/Holmes, 4th Adams 1, and 5th Auglaize/Shelby

Senior: High Team in Reasons

1st Wayne/Holmes, 2nd Mahoning/Columbiana, 3nd Champaign 2, 4th Adams 1, and 5th Stark 1

High Individual Overall (all divisions), Placings

 1^{st} Heath Starkey, Champaign; 2^{ud} Morgan Eades, Champaign, 3^{rd} Ian Lokai, 4^{th} Ella Jackson, 5^{th} Ethan Starkey, Champaign

High Individual Overall (all divisions), Placings and Reasons

- 1st Ella Jackson, Champaign; 2nd Ethan Starkey, Champaign; 3rd Noah Anderson, Adams 1;
- 4th Kaleb Kliner, Wayne/Holmes; and 5th Tanner Topp, Wayne/Holmes