Hello All,

Hope everyone is well and surviving the cold! I wanted to catch everyone up on what is going on with the State 4-H Dairy programs and thought I would pass this along with the annual year-end report, the 2018 calendar and Dairy Youth Achievement forms.

It has been awhile since we have had an advisory committee meeting. The last several have not been well attended, so I am searching for a new way to get more of you involved. I can plan another meeting, do a teleconference meeting or just send you the topics that need to be discussed and have you weigh in via email or phone call. Please give me your thoughts on what you like best. These programs are for our youth and I value your feedback to make them the best that we possibly can!

AGENDA

1. Dairy Achievement Awards - they are due in February. Please give me your feedback on how best to recognize these kids. I know they can use this on their resumes for other scholarships and they are listed on the 4-H Dairy website. We have given out pins and certificates in the past but there is a cost involved and I am not sure how much the kids value these as awards. Any thoughts or suggestions?

2. Dairy Judging Clinics - dates in March. I will plan to reserve the 17th. I think this will conflict with Holstein annual meeting and possibly some FFA activities. If you would like to see this held earlier in the season, let me know.

3. State Dairy Judging contest. The State contest will be in conjunction with Spring Dairy Expo again this year the last week in March. We will be trying something new this year and moving the date of the contest from Saturday to Wednesday. The reasons for this are as follows:
   a. It will give us better classes since we will be able to select from sale cattle and have a Holstein cow class. It also makes it easier to pick colored breed classes since they will all still be on the grounds. Challenge may be that they won’t all be clipped but I think we can work around this.
   b. We may be able to have questions made up ahead of time and printed out so the kids won’t have to write them down or read them from board or wall.
   c. We can start a little later in the morning and give everyone time to chores or travel.
   d. We may be able to have more than 6 classes since time is not an issue.
   e. Seniors can give 3 sets (or 4 😊) of reasons because they will not have to show.
   f. We can have a special time to give out awards – Friday around or during Showmanship or Saturday prior to Supreme champion. If we can actually put this on
the schedule as an awards presentation, the kids will get much better recognition and exposure.
g. They can judge the contest before they are sleep deprived 😊
h. It will give us an opportunity to bring FFA in for the contest even when SDE is over Easter weekend.
i. It also helps the SDE scheduling since they can move the Holstein show to earlier in the day and wrap up sooner

These are a few of my thoughts....I know there are other reasons for and also against this move. Please give me your feed back.

4. Dairy Palooza committee will be meeting separately
5. Dairy Quiz Bowl
   It has been a struggle to find the right time to have QB. It has been suggested to move it to early June and I am working on reserving the date. Any thoughts on how we can improve the timing and or attendance of this event is appreciated. This is a VERY great event for the kids that participate. They learn and have a great time with the competition. Please encourage your dairy youth to come.

6. State Fair will be as last year with both weeks having Judging clinic and Skillathon.
7. Dairy Incentive program will continue. We are still searching for ideas on how to fund this in the future.

8. Fund Raising ideas for Quiz bowl/Dairy Judging or other activities

Please share your thoughts on these activities or anything else that is on your mind. Again, I would be happy to set up a meeting or teleconference if there is interest in that. Hope to hear from you.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

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