2017 4-H Dairy Year End Report
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4-H Achievement Awards
52 4-H Dairy Youth received the Dairy Achievement Awards in 2017. The Gold Achievement winners for 2016 were: Sara Wolf, Adam Wolf, Denice Wolf, Lindsay L’Amoreaux, Lauren L’Amoreaux, Rachel Sherman, Kate Sherman, Lauren Almasy and Billy Smith. Congrats to all the recipients.

4-H Dairy Judging Clinic
The dairy judging clinic was held Saturday, March 18th at the Animal Science Building in Columbus. 30 4-Hers judged 2 Jersey cow classes and had the opportunity to try their hand at oral reasons. We also had the roll out of our Ohio 4-H Dairy Reasons video featuring 4-H Alumni, Billy Smith. This clinic is great practice for the state contest held in April.

4-H Dairy Judging State Contest
Columbus, Ohio – The 2017 Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Contest took place during the Spring Dairy expo on Saturday, April 1st at the Voinovich arena. 130 youth from the state of Ohio and surrounding states, competed in three 4-H divisions and one open division, placing six classes of cattle and giving two sets of oral reasons. There were also over 275 FFA contestants that competed in the contest this year.

Micah Phillips from Knox County won the Junior division, edging out team mate, Ella Bouton. The intermediate division winner was Madelyn Topp from Auglaize County and taking top honors in the Senior Division was Sarah Lehner, from Delaware County. Topping the open competition was Max Dippel from Spencer County Kentucky.

Thanks to all those who volunteer their talents to make this competition run smoothly and congratulations to the winners listed below.

Junior: High Individual Overall
1st Micah Phillips, Knox; 2nd Ella Bouton, Knox; 3rd Joan Lamb, Lorain;
4th Wyatt Schlauch, Wayne/Holmes; 5th Jacoby Gilbert, Wayne/Holmes
Junior: High Team
1st Knox; 2nd Trumbull, 3rd Wayne/Holmes, 4th Auglaize/Shelby, and 5th Stark

Intermediate: High Individual Overall
1st Madelyn Topp, Auglaize; 2nd Luke Jackson, Champaign; 3rd Cole Pond, Champaign;
4th Mary Richardson, Auglaize; and 5th McKenze Hoewischer, Champaign

Intermediate: High Individual in Reasons
1st Luke Jackson, Champaign; 2nd Cole Pond, Champaign; 3rd Madelyn Topp, Auglaize;
4th McKenze Hoewischer, Champaign; and 5th Colby Turon, Trumbull
Intermediate: High Team Overall
1st Auglaize/Shelby; 2nd Champaign; 3rd Fairfield; 4th Union and 5th Stark

Intermediate: High Team in Reasons
1st Champaign, 2nd Auglaize/Shelby, 3rd Stark 4th Fairfield and 5th Union

Senior: High Individual Overall
1st Sarah Lehner, Delaware; 2nd Clayton Lamb, Lorain; 3rd Brennan Topp, Auglaize/Champaign
4th Ian Lokai, Champaign; 5th Aaron Carle, Stark

Senior: High Individual in Reasons
1st Sarah Lehner, Delaware; 2nd Ian Lokai, Champaign; Lauren Almasy, Trumbull
4th Derek Burns, Fairfield, and 5th Sarah Rhoades, Darke

Senior: High Team Overall
1st Champaign 1, 2nd Stark 1, 3rd Auglaize/Shelby 1, 4th Trumbull 1 and 5th Columbiana

Senior: High Team in Reasons
1st Champaign 1, 2nd Stark 1, 3rd Auglaize/Shelby 1, 4th Trumbull 1, and 5th Columbiana

For complete results go to the Spring Dairy Expo website (www.springdairyexpo.com) and look under 4-H Judging contest or find on our website: ohio4h.org and look under the date on the Dairy Calendar.

State Dairy Judging Team

Madison /Harrisburg Team Highlights- Team members this year were Lauren Almasy from Trumbull County, Ian Lokai, Champaign County, Sarah Lehner, Delaware County and Brennan Topp, Auglaize County. Another great group of young people to represent the Buckeye State!

Lauren Almasy brought home top honors placing 2nd overall individual and 2nd in Ayrshires in the 2017 All American Contest in Harrisburg. The team finished 4th place. Other highlights include: Sarah Lehner 4th in Jerseys and the team finishing 1st in Ayrshires and 3rd in both Guernseys and Jerseys.

The team finish 7th overall and 7th in reasons at the World Dairy Expo contest in Madison, Wisconsin, out of 25 teams. The team took home top honors in the Holstein breed led by Ian Lokai, who finished 1st individual overall in the Holstein breed with Brennan Topp finishing 4th and Lauren Almasy 10th. Brennan was also 4th in Swiss and 10th in Jerseys and finished 12 overall. Sarah was 6th in Jerseys and 25th overall. The team was also 7th in Jerseys. Many thanks goes to Rachel Topp for her expert assistance.

Louisville Team Highlights- Louisville team members were: Sarah Quallen from Clinton County, Sarah Rhoades, Darke county, Marissa Topp, Auglaize county and Alex Weiss from Darke county. Some individual highlights from the NAILE contest were: Sarah Quallen was 8th in Ayrshires and also led the team in Holsteins with a 6th place finish. The team was 3rd in Holsteins, 7th in Guernseys and 8th in Jerseys. Solid finish and good first-outing for all.
Ohio State Fair Clinic

In week one of the judging clinic, there were 33 Juniors and 31 Seniors that placed 3 classes of cattle. Week two participation numbers were 35 juniors and 25 seniors resulting in an outstanding overall competition. The top five from each division from the combined two week scores are as follows:

Senior Division
1. Sarah Lehner
2. Brennan Topp
3. Lane Greiwe
4. Lauren Almas
5. Kinley Topp

Junior Division
1. Blake Greiwe
2. Madelyn Topp
3. Jacob Borchers
4. Colby Turon
5. Kelly Hawvermale

Quiz Bowl

7 Juniors and 10 Seniors participated in this year’s Dairy Quiz Bowl held at the 4-H Center on July 12th.

Winning the Junior team competition was the Wayne county team of Adam Wolf, Laney Hunsberger and Olivia Daley. Delaware County was 2nd with team members, Jonah VanGundy, Jack VanGundy, Sara Steck and Jordan Walters. Most valuable junior player honors went to Adam Wolf, from Wayne county and High test score went to Jonah VanGundy.

Delaware County took the top prize in the Senior Division with a team of Sarah Lehner, Rachel Sherman and Stacey Walters. Second in the Senior division was the Wayne county team of Todd Gordon, David Miley, Marissa Topp, and Michaela Elliot. High test score and most valuable player was Sarah Lehner.

Skillathon at the Ohio State Fair

Two sessions of Dairy Skillathon were held during the State Fair. 166 kids completed four stations covering different dairy-related topics. This year there were awards given out for both week’s winners. The top 3 in each age division for week 1 are as follows:

Age 9
1. Madicyn Rupp, Wayne
2. Wyatt Osborn, Highland
3. Charlie Weiss, Darke

Age 10
1. Kaleb Pond, Champaign
2. Wyatt Schlauch, Holmes
3. Aubree Topp, Shelby

Age 11
1. Ava Budny, Henry
2. Cayla Daugherty, Delawar
3. Elain Lahmers, Union

Age 12
1. Lauren L’Amoreaux, Stark
2. Olivia Finke, Madison
3. Erika Grum, Licking

Age 13
1. Dawson Osborn, Highland
2. Hailee Rehmert, Darke
3. Nataley Remmer, Mahoning

Age 14
1. Michaela Elliott, Ashland
2. Cole Pond, Champaign
3. Tim Gunkleman, Wayne

Age 15
1. Maylon Conrad, Pickaway
2. Thomas Gress, Wayne
3. Alex Richardson, Auglaize

Age 16
1. David Miley, Wayne
2. Sienna Quillin, Tuscarawas
3. Lindsey L’Amoreaux, Stark

Age 17
1. Sara Wolf, Wayne
2. Keaton Topp, Shelby
3. Alex Weiss, Darke

Age 18
1. Macrae Conrad, Pickaway
2. Eliza Days, Carroll
3. Brennan Topp, Auglaize

Congratulations to the overall winner of Week 1, David Miley!
Week 2 Skillathon results are as follows:

Age 9
1. Alexis Watkins, Wyandot  
2. Lydia Kaverman, Clark  
3. Joan Lamb, Lorain

Age 11
1. Logan Dehan, Darke  
2. Riley Shockey, Wayne  
3. Julianne Headings, Union

Age 10
1. Kelly Hawvermale, Wayne  
2. Madison Hesler, Adams  
3. Julianne Headings, Union

Age 12
1. Glenn Lamb, Lorain  
2. Amy Hughes, Holmes  
3. Austin Yoder, Clark

Age 13
1. Carrie Rhoades, Darke  
2. Mary Richardson, Auglaize  
3. Megan Hancock, Defiance

Age 16
1. Kirsten Plocher, Mahoning  
2. Rachael Herring, Wyandot  
3. Donald Smith, Delaware

Age 14
1. Rachel Sherman, Delaware  
2. Samantha Plocher, Mahoning  
3. Sage Miller, Holmes

Age 17
1. Sarah Lehner, Delaware  
2. Zac Ortman, Perry  
3. Audrey Ferguson, Highland

Age 15
1. Clayton Lamb, Lorain  
2. Ashley Hawvermale, Wayne  
3. Webb Kress, Darke

Age 18
1. William Hughes  
2. Rebecca Appelmann, Brown

Congrats to Sarah Lehner for taking the all around honors for week 2!

Special note

Many thanks to John and Bonnie Ayars for beginning and sponsoring the second year of the Dairy Incentive Program at the Ohio State Fair. This program was directly responsible for encouraging the participation of all dairy youth in showmanship, skillathon and dairy judging at the state fair. The program will continue next year and we look for even greater things on down the road.

CHECK IT OUT- coming soon

Watch our website: ohio4h.org, for a new dairy judging reasons video. It will be under Dairy Cattle Publications and Resources on the dairy page.