

2019 OHIO 4-H Dairy Judging Team



Marissa Topp is the daughter of Kurt & Rachel Topp of Toppglen Farms. Marissa resided in Auglaize County, Ohio where they milked 50 Holstein and Ayrshire cows. Her brothers continue to raise and care for show heifers in Wayne County and Marissa enjoys helping with feeding, washing, cleaning pens

and leading the heifers to prepare them for shows. She enjoys showing at the local, state and national levels with her family and has been very successful. One prized accomplishment was being named Grand Champion of the International Junior Ayrshire Show at the World Dairy expo in 2018. Another feat was winning Junior Champion of the Junior Holstein Show at the Ohio State fair in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Marissa also enjoyed much success in showmanship, competing at the county, district, state and national level.

Marissa is a 2019 graduate of New Bremen High School where she was active in sports and FFA. She placed in the top 6 individually all four years and won the state FFA contest in 2018 and 2019. Marissa also placed in the top 2 in the State 4-H contest multiple years and enjoyed being on the dairy quiz bowl team. She currently attends Kaskaskia university in Illinois, where she plays softball and is majoring in Dairy Science and Ag Business. She plans to be part of the Kaskaskia dairy judging team in 2020 and then continue on to finish her Bachelor's degree in Agriculture.

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Lindsay L'Amoreaux is the daughter of Nevin and Brenda L'Amoreaux and the granddaughter of Bill and Debbie Ramsey of Paradise Valley Farms. The L'Amoreauxs live on their family farm, Lindlaur Holsteins, in Louisville, Ohio. Lindsay was a 10 year member of 4-H and was

very active in dairy judging on the Stark County team and was a member of the Ohio 4-H Dairy judging team that placed second at the World Dairy Expo in 2019. She is also very involved in showing registered Holsteins on the county, district, state, and national levels.

Lindsay is currently a freshman at The Ohio State University studying Animal Biosciences with a focus in Preveterinary medicine. Lindsay hopes to attend Veterinary school to be a large and small animal Vet in order to give back to the Dairy industry and continue to work with the animals that she loves.



Derek Burns is from Baltimore, Ohio and is the son of Dan and Sheila Burns. He is a senior at Liberty Union High School and is taking classes at the Ohio University, Lancaster branch. Derek is planning to continue his education at the

University of Northwestern in Lima, Ohio, where his interest is Ag and Diesel Mechanics and Business. His plans are to be an Ag mechanic following college.

Derek is involved in many extracurricular activities. He is the vice president of his FFA chapter and competes in many FFA contests; job interview, parli-pro, meat evaluation, and dairy judging. Derek was in the top 4 in the state in sheep entrepreneurship and Dairy placement SAE's. Derek is also very active in 4-H where his projects include leadership, cooking, exploring the outdoors, rabbits, goats, sheep, hogs, dairy breeding, and dairy feeders. He is involved with his local church and has attended their work camp for the past 7 years. Derek works for Marodore farm, a local dairy, where he feeds calves and heifers and also milks. He enjoys showing Guernseys at the Ohio State fair, county fair and the North American Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY.



Heath Starkey is the son of Gene and Michelle Starkey and is from Champaign County, Ohio. Heath is the 4th generation of a family dairy where they are currently milking 100 jersey cows. Heath has been judging dairy cattle since he began 4-H at the age of 9 and has competed at the Ohio State 4-H and FFA

contests, Maryland State Fair, North American Livestock Expo, All American Dairy Show and World Dairy Expo, where he finished 3rd overall in the 2019 contest.

Heath is currently in his second year at Owen's Community College, majoring in Applied Science in diesel technology. Following college, he would like to continue to work in the field for John Deere as a diesel technician. Heath would also like to continue his dairy judging career as an official judge in future years.