



# 2025 4-H Dairy Year End Report

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## 4-H Achievement Awards

Thirty seven 4-H Dairy Youth received the Dairy Achievement Awards for 2024. The Gold Achievement winners for 2023 were: Julianne Headings, Anna Christy Headings, Stephenie Headings, Wyatt Schlauch, Rylee Willrath, Hailey Willrath, Danika Anderson, Julianna Baker, Carli Binckley, Emory Close, Cam Cope, Cora Cope, Levi Coppersmith, Lydia Creighton, Grace Ewing, Pearl Herron, Ruby Herron, Kylie Holmes, Maxwell Holmes, Zachary Norris, Hannah Uplinger, Emma Hahn, Mackenzie Topp

Congrats to all the recipients.

## Spring Dairy Judging Contest

Columbus, Ohio - The Ohio 4-H and Ohio FFA Dairy Judging Contest was held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in conjunction with Spring Dairy Expo. The contestants placed six classes with two sets of reasons for Intermediate and Senior Divisions. There were 460 FFA Contestants and 152 4-H and Open contestants.

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

### Junior High Individuals - 25 Contestants

**OVERALL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bentley Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mya Siegrist, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rylee Willrath, 4<sup>th</sup> Julianna Baker, 5<sup>th</sup> Cooper Call

**TEAM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Clark/Madison/Champaign, 2<sup>nd</sup> Champaign 3<sup>rd</sup> Columbiana/Mahoning

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### Intermediate: High Individual - 36 Contestants

**OVERALL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Brady Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Lahmers 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane Francis, 4<sup>th</sup> Korbin Kaverman, 5<sup>th</sup> Kylie Holmes

**REASONS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Natasha Grube, 2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Lahmers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Danika Anderson

**TEAM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Defiance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Darke/Mercer

**TEAM REASONS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Columbiana/Mahoning

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### Senior: High Individual- 27 Contestants

**OVERALL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Justin Landes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Walker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cayden Bursiek, 4<sup>th</sup> Emory Close, 5<sup>th</sup> Hannah Griffith

**REASONS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cayden Bursiek, 2<sup>nd</sup> Justin Landes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Faith Ford, 4<sup>th</sup> Ben Herstine, 5<sup>th</sup> Andrew Walker

**TEAM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Stark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Columbiana/Mahoning, 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumbull

**TEAM REASONS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Stark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mercer/Auglaize/Champaign

Special thanks to donors that contributed so that we could hold the contest in the Coliseum. Borden, Michigan Milk Producers Association, Guggisberg Cheese, Reiter Dairy, and United Dairy. Also, many thanks to Scott

**Higgins and American Dairy Association Mideast for helping with donations and sponsoring the amazing milk break for the contestants. You are so appreciated!**

## **DAIRY JUDGING CAMPOUT**

The fourth annual dairy judging reasons campout took place in early July in Champaign County. Many thanks to Stan Mar Dale and Express Holsteins and Woodruff Farm for hosting, offering some outstanding classes. Special thanks to Woodruff Jerseys for the additional hospitality for lunch allowing us to hang out to give reasons. We couldn't have done it without you!

We also had an additional campout on the eastern side of the State. Many thanks to Becky Coppersmith for supplying some meals and setting up the stops at Den-Be Farm, Popadak Milking Shorthorns, Maple Valley Farm and Coppersmith's Jerseys. It was a fun outing and great opportunity to see some good cows!

## **Quiz Bowl/Dairy Jeopardy**

We held a dairy jeopardy contest at the Ohio State Fair for both breed rotations for the second year. There was a junior and senior contest for both weeks. Fourteen juniors and thirteen seniors participated in both the first and second rotations. Results are listed below.

Top 3 Juniors for Week 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Dwight Hartschuh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Hartschuh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Natasha Grube

Top 3 Seniors for Week 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Weiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephenie Headings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aubree Topp

Top 3 Juniors for Week 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan Hartschuh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heidi Grube 3<sup>rd</sup> Callum Francis

Top 3 Seniors for Week2: 1<sup>st</sup> Aubree Topp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiden Topp, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alaina Topp

Special thanks to our donors: Mideast ADA, Borden Dairy, Ohio Brown Swiss Association, Ohio Guernsey Junior Association, Ohio Holstein Association, Ohio Jersey Association and Ohio Jersey Junior Association for their contributions towards the junior Jeopardy awards and pizza parties! Thank you also to our many volunteers who helped with planning, setting up, facilitating and scoring: Lisa Gress, Eileen Gress, Sheri Nuttle, Susan Mykrantz, Sarah Thomas, Bonnie Ayars and Dr. Eastridge.

## **Skillathon**

**Virtual Skillathon** opened in May for all those that wanted to practice for the in-person event held on July 29<sup>th</sup> during the State fair. Both virtual and in person skillathons, could be used to count toward Dairy incentive participation. In-person skillathon was held during the second rotation this year, with 70 youth competing for individual and overall awards.

**2025 Ohio State Fair Dairy Skillathon Age Division Champions**, 8 and 9 year old, SHILOH KOHLER, FAIRFIELD, 10 year old, HEIDI GRUBE, MADISON, 11 year old, JORDAN HARTSCHUH, CRAWFORD, 12 year old, CHASE CALL, CLARK, 13 year old, GRACIE WEBER, FAIRFIELD, 14 year old, AUDREY, LAHMER, UNION, 15 year old, LAUREN ALBRIGHT, HURON, 16 year old, WYATT GORDON, LOGAN, 17 year old, ISABELLE LAZAR, DELAWARE, 18 year old, JADE LAUX, SHELBY. 2025 Overall Dairy Skillathon Winner: GRACIE WEBER, FAIRFIELD COUNTY

### **2025 Ohio State Fair Judging Clinic- week 1**

**Senior Division:** Cayden Bursiek, River Havens, Charlie Weiss, Ben Herstine, Lane Francis (37 total)

**Junior Division:** Callum Francis, Korbin Kaverman, Brady Cole, Chase Call, Greyson Elsass (33 total)

### **2025 Ohio State Fair Judging Clinic – week 2**

**Senior Division:** Kelsie Britton, Jake Howman, Cayden Bursiek, Audrey Lahmers, Ella Conley (39 total)

**Junior Division:** Heidi Grube, Ryan Shockey, Korbin Kaverman, Noah Arp, Rylee Willrath (44 total)

**Overall Ohio State Fair JUNIOR:** Korbin Kaverman, Callum Francis, Heidi Grube, Chase Call, Natasha Grube

**Overall Ohio State Fair SENIOR:** Cayden Bursiek, Ella Conley, Faith Ford, Lane Francis, Ava Lahmers

### **2025 Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Team**

Our 2025 teams had another great year! This year's team of Kelsie Britton, Ella Conley, Faith Ford and Julie Headings began their contest travel with the All American contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Highlights were, Ella -10th overall in Ayrshires, Kelsie-10th overall in Guernsey's, Kelsie 8th in Holsteins with the team finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in Holsteins, 8<sup>th</sup> in overall team reasons and 9<sup>th</sup> overall. It was a tough day for consistency but solid contest for learning.

At World Dairy Expo the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in placings with Kelsie Britton winning the overall high placing individual award! Kelsie was also 8th overall in the contest. Faith Ford started us out with a 1st place in Ayrshires. Kelsie was 4th and Faith 7th in Swiss, with the team finishing 2nd in the Swiss breed. Faith and Ella were 7th and 9th in the Red & white Holstein breed to wrap up the top 10 finishes. Julie finished 23rd in placings and both Kelsie and Faith were 8th and 19th in the overall standings! They were 6th in overall team standings. I'm very proud of this team!

The Louisville team of Taylor Klopfenstein, Sidney Beiting, Maggie Rodenbacher and Charlie Weiss finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in team reasons out of 20 total teams, with a consistent group effort! Taylor Klopfenstein led the team to finish 6<sup>th</sup> overall and 6<sup>th</sup> in reasons. Sydney was high Individual in reasons! Taylor and Sydney were 5th and 6th in Brown Swiss with the team placing 2nd in the Swiss breed. Taylor was 7th in Holsteins and Sydney 4th in Jerseys. The team was also 5th in Ayrshires. I am very proud of their work and looking forward to next year! Tons of potential! Great first contest for Maggie and first reasons at a national contest for both Maggie and Charlie. Thank you to all that have offered opportunities for practice along the way and helped support our teams. We really couldn't do it without you!

**DAIRY INCENTIVE** -Many thanks to sponsors of our Dairy Incentive Program. This program was directly responsible for encouraging the participation of all dairy youth in showmanship, skillathon and dairy judging at the Ohio state fair.

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