

**2017 Georgia 4-H State Dairy Judging Contest
Online Registration Due-12 noon on March 17th
State Contest: UGA Livestock Arena-March 24th**

TO: All County Extension Agents

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Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire a better knowledge of dairy cattle and develop skills in identifying types and grades of livestock, while learning the basic principles of animal science.
- Learn to identify breeds and classes of dairy animals to help improve production on the farm and develop skills that contribute to profitable, efficient farming.
- Learn how to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements, which develops skills of decision making, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Develop leadership abilities, build character and assume citizenship responsibilities, and develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for lifelong use.

Essential Elements: Primary: Mastery and Independence; Secondary: Belonging and Generosity

Mission Mandates: Science, Engineering and Technology

If you would like to see the complete Base Programming Sheet for Georgia 4-H State Dairy Judging, please visit the following link: <http://www.georgia4h.org/baseprogramming/> and select Judging: Dairy.

Eligibility: Counties may bring up to a maximum of 20 senior team members and a maximum of 20 non-senior members (Cloverleaf's and Junior's). Cloverleaf and Junior members must be in the 4th grade and not have completed the 8th grade. Seniors must be 9th through 12th grade. Eligibility is determined by the grade level during the 2016-2017 school year.

Counties cannot mix age divisions to comprise a team. All members on the Junior team must meet the Junior age requirements and all members on the Senior team must meet the Senior age requirements.

A team must consist of three or four participants. Individuals may also participate. A county's team score will be the sum of the top three scores from that county.

Refer to the Award Guidebook pages for complete details.

Event Registration (Online Registration): All county agents must complete online registration no later than noon on March 17th. If you enter a team online after the March 17th deadline, a \$5 late fee will automatically be charged per contestant. Once you have completed the online registration process for Dairy

Judging, print out a copy of participants and provide it to your District 4-H Program Development Coordinator for travel authorization. This will insure your reimbursement for mileage. If you have changes that need to be made to your online registration (after the online registration deadline), you may forward the changes to Heather Shultz at: hkalino@uga.edu until Wednesday, March 22nd. Any changes after Wednesday will be taken care of at check in the day of the contest.

Each county will be required to register their county team and adult representatives online. All adults providing supervision of team members must be registered online and will not be charged a participation fee. Designated adults must have all screening requirements fulfilled online prior to the entry deadline of March 17th to serve in this capacity. Online registration is available on the Georgia 4-H website, Staff Only Section, 4-H Camp and Event Registration:

<https://secure.georgia4h.org/event/login/login.cfm>

Assigned Fee's For Participants: Each 4-H participant will be charged a \$10.00 Participation Fee at the time of online registration. Counties are responsible for full payment of those 4-H'ers that actually participate in the contest. Participation Fees are due the day of the contest at check-in.

Please make all checks payable to: ***Georgia 4-H Foundation.***

If you have any problems with on-line registration, please contact Steve Walker at: 706/484-2860 or stevew@uga.edu.

Contest Details:

- The State Dairy Judging Contest will be held Friday, March 24th at the Animal and Dairy Science Arena, 2600 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30602. It will be held in conjunction with the Annual Spring Dairy Show.
- Check in will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the contest itself beginning at 3:00 p.m. sharp. We hope to conclude by 8:00 pm.
- The State Dairy Judging Competition will be comprised of five (5) placing classes (Cows and Heifers of Dairy Breeds) for both Junior and Senior participants. Junior contestants will give one set of oral reasons and Senior contestants will give three sets of oral reasons.

Misc. Details:

- We will be scoring the contest electronically this year. The on-line practice site and sample placing sheets are available at the Georgia 4-H Staff Only website.
<https://secure.georgia4h.org/judging/practice/index.cfm>
- Meal: A meal will not be offered for this contest. Please have your youth prepared prior to attending the contest.
- Insurance for this state event is covered for your 4-H'ers and volunteer leaders.
- Those youth and coaches judging in the contest will not be allowed in the barn at any time prior to the contest. Those exhibitors showing animals are asked to have no contact or communications with other exhibitors or anyone associated with this activity, and remain out of the barn after 1:00 pm on Friday, March 24th, until the judging contest begins. There are no exceptions.

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Awards: All participants will receive an award card and pin. Ribbons and a plaque will be given to the top three winning Senior and Junior teams at the state contest.

The top four members of the first place county senior team will be declared the state winning team. This team and the coach will be invited to participate in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest in Madison, WI. . Members of the State Winning (First Place) Team are ineligible to compete as team members in future years. This applies whether or not they compete in the National Dairy Judging Contest. Team members may compete as individuals in State 4-H Dairy Judging Contests and may be recognized as State Winners as High Individuals. State Winning High Individuals who are not members of the State Winning (First Place) Team are permitted to compete in future years as either individuals or as team members.

We look forward to seeing you at the contest on March 24th!

Cc: Dr. Keith Bertrand
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Program Development Coordinators

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