

**INTERCOLLEGIATE, POST SECONDARY AND 4-H
DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST**
EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION, (800) 639-2908
September 13, 2008
Superintendent-- To Be Announced

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

This contest will consist of three divisions: **DIVISION A** - Open to all Agricultural Colleges in the United States and Canada offering Bachelor degrees for a regular course in Agriculture; **DIVISION B** - Open to schools offering a two-year certificate and/or Associate Degree programs in Agriculture; and **DIVISION C** - Open to 4-H teams from each New England State, with a maximum two teams per state.

All entries for this contest **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Eastern States Exposition's Department of Agriculture & Education by September 1, 2008 on the included entry form. A fee of \$5 per contestant must accompany the entry.

There will be a Coaches' meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 12, at the Sheraton Monarch Hotel in Springfield, Massachusetts. The specific meeting room will be posted in the lobby.

The members of each team shall report to the Superintendent in the Coliseum promptly at 7:00 a.m. EDT, Saturday, September 13, 2008. Each contestant will be assigned a number and given such instruction, as the Superintendent may deem necessary.

While the contest is in progress there shall be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his representative. Contestants and coaches are not allowed to enter the dairy cattle barns prior to the contest excluding 4-H, with the exception of 4-H members participating in the ESE 4-H Dairy Program. Officials for the contest shall confer only with each other during the contest.

ELIGIBILITY Each team is to consist of three members.

- a. Each team may submit four members to participate in the contest with the low scoring member being designated as an alternate.
- b. Once the low scoring contestant has been designated as the alternate for the team, the contestant will be eligible for individual awards for the individual breeds, for reasons or for team rankings.
- c. The contest shall count as one of the three contests in the eligibility of the low-scoring contestant.
- d. If a coach would like to protect the eligibility of a contestant, he may do so by designating the alternate prior to the contest. (Therefore, the coach has selected the three-person team with a designated alternate.)
- e. No contestant shall have officiated at a show or fair before this contest.

DIVISION A – Each contestant in Division A must be a regularly enrolled four-year student and have completed one year of college work in the institution, which he represents. Anyone who has at any time served, as a teacher of animal husbandry or dairy husbandry in an agricultural college or secondary school is not eligible for entry in this contest. Contestants may enter the dairy judging contest more than one year unless they were high individual, a member (including alternate) of the high team, or unless he was a member of a team, which went to another National contest. Having been a designated alternate on a team of a previous year shall not debar a student from taking part in this contest. A contestant may have been a participant in another Eastern States Exposition Contest (4-H, FFA, or 2-Year) in previous years, but not in two contests at the same time. ***Maximum of two teams per school.***

DIVISION B – Each contestant in Division B must be a regularly enrolled two-year student and have completed one year of college work in the institution, which he represents. Anyone who has at any time served, as a teacher of animal husbandry or dairy husbandry in an agricultural college or secondary school is not eligible for entry in this contest. Contestants may enter the dairy judging contest more than one year unless they were high individual, a member (including alternate) of the high team, or unless he was a member of a team, which went to another National contest. Having been a designated alternate on a team of a previous year shall not debar a student from taking part in this contest. A contestant may have been a participant in another Eastern States Exposition Contest (4-H or FFA) in previous years, but not in two contests at the same time. ***Maximum of two teams per school.***

DIVISION C - Participants from colleges may not enter the contest as a 4-H contestant after having judged as a collegiate contestant. 4-H members may enter dairy judging more than one year unless they were high individual, a member (including alternate) of the high team, or unless they were a member of a team which went to another National contest. Having been a designated alternate on a team of a previous year shall not debar a student from taking part in this contest. Awards for the 4-H Dairy portion will be handed out at the 4-H Dairy Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with that program. These awards will not be presented at the banquet. *Maximum of two teams per state.*

REASONS - Contestants shall give oral reasons, two minutes in length, on two classes of cows. Before the contest starts, the Superintendent shall notify the contestants the classes on which reasons will be required in order that contestants may take notes.

RING JUDGES - The contest will include 12 classes of four animals each one class of cows and one class of heifers of each of the six dairy breeds - Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn will be judged. Number of classes or breeds may be changed if quality animals are not available.

DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS – Rankings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons. The final rank of each contestant shall be determined by totaling his score for placing and reasons. Up to four contestants may be entered for each team. For the purpose of any team scoring, the points for the top 3 ranking individuals will be used unless one of the contestants is designated as an alternate in which case the 3 non-designated members will count as the team score regardless of contestant rankings. Alternates will compete as individuals and will be listed in the individual scoring.

TIES - When there is a tie among individuals or teams, it shall be decided by the total of the reasons scores; if there is still a tie, it shall be decided by the total score on cow classes. Ties for breed or reasons totals shall be decided by the total contest ranking of the teams or individuals.

SHOWING ANIMALS - Twelve minutes will be allowed for placing each class (15 minutes for reason classes). The animals shall be held in a careful manner so that all contestants may have an equal opportunity to examine them. The animals for identification shall be numbered 1 to 4 inclusive. When the animals are aligned side by side, the numbers will be from right to left (1-4) as viewed from the rear.

OFFICIAL PLACING AND GRADING - A competent committee will select the classes. Another competent committee will make the official placing and listen to oral reasons from the contestants. Scoring of placing classes shall be as described in Trimberger (1958). In grading the placing of the contestants, the individual cuts between the respective animals shall be supplied by the official judge. The total cuts shall not exceed 15 points. If, in the opinion of the official judge, total cuts should be less than 15 points due to closeness of placing within the entire class, such lesser total may be used.

COACHES - Coaches will be asked to assist the contest by bringing animals from the barns to the contest ring and return same to owner. Coaches will have the opportunity to check placing cards for error at the Dairy Cattle Office immediately following the contest. Coaches may be asked to act as group leaders and aid with tabulation of the contest.

RESULTS AND AWARDS - Will be presented to members and coaches at a sponsored banquet Saturday evening. The banquet will be held at the Storrowton Tavern located at Eastern States Exposition. Extra members are welcome to attend, if they make reservations with our office by September 1, 2008 at \$20 per person. The Exposition will make every effort to post accurate results by the time of the banquet, however, should an error occur, the Exposition shall attempt to make the necessary adjustments.

Reference:

Trimberger, G.W. 1958. Dairy Cattle Judging Techniques. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall. Page 269.

ENTRY BLANK FOR DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

Intercollegiate, Post Secondary and 4-H Categories

September 13, 2008
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Agriculture and Education Office
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West Springfield MA 01089

Please accept our entry in the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest to be held at Eastern States Exposition in the Coliseum, subject to all rules and regulations governing this contest as contained in the official announcement.

DIVISION A _____ DIVISION B _____ DIVISION C _____ (check one)

NAME OF ENTRANTS

(Designate alternate by: "ALT")

CITY AND STATE OF RESIDENCE

(For news items and photo cut lines)

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Please submit application by September 1, even if uncertainties on names exist, so that gate passes will be in your hands on time; then send names when they are available.

Name of College/School _____

Name of 4-H Team _____

Address _____

Head of Department _____

Coach _____

CORRESPONDENCE AND GATE CREDENTIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Early hotel reservations are highly suggested. The Coaches meeting will be held on Friday night September 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Monarch in Springfield, Mass. The specific meeting room will be posted in the lobby.

Office Use

Ticket Amount: _____ to _____

Parking: _____ Date Mailed: _____