

New Jersey 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
Saturday, April 29, 2023
Registration 8:30 and First Class promptly at 9 AM.
Cedar Lane Farm
87 Homestead Lane, Oldwick, NJ

Registration for Judging Contest - 8:30 AM
Judge 4 classes of Cattle - 9:00 - 10:00 AM
Oral Reasons - approximately 10:00 AM or 10 minutes after the last class has finished.
Cloverbud class review and judging tips
Comments from Judge- Directly following Reasons Ending
Presentation of Awards - Directly following Judges Comments

Directions:

From South: Take 295 north/95 South around Trenton to Route 31 N
Follow Route 31 North through Pennington and Flemington to Route 78 in Clinton.

Take Route 78 East to Exit 24 (Route 517 North).

Follow Route 517 through the town of Oldwick.

Take the first Right on to Homestead Road.

The Farm is # 87 on the Right side of the road.

Cedar Lane Farm sign is on the end of the lane.

From the North:

Take Route 517 South through Hackettstown, over Schooleys Mountain.

Continue on 517 through the intersection of 24.

Homestead Road is on your left before you get into Oldwick, #87 is on the right.

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Rules for New Jersey 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

1. All youth must be registered as 4-H members in good standing in their respective counties as of January 1. **County 4-H Staff must sign registration to verify this!**
2. This event will be used to select individuals to represent New Jersey 4-H at Regional and National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging contests. State team members must meet age requirements for regional and national events.
3. Entries must be received by **APRIL 15**. Send all entries to Tracy Smith – 115 Jackson Valley Road, Oxford, NJ – 07863. You may also e-mail entries to bdtsmith@gmail.com. No day of event entries will be accepted.
4. Youth grades 4 – 8 will be in the Junior division, and only required to give oral reasons for one class.
5. Youth grades 9 – 13 may compete in the Senior division. To be eligible for the State Team, youth need to be 14 by January 1 of the current year and must not have had their 19th birthday by that same date. These are the National 4-H contest rules.
6. **NEW THIS YEAR** – Cloverbud Grades K-3 will judge 2 classes of cows. They will be given their score cards back with the score of each class. During time of Reasons we will have a volunteer take the cloverbuds back in the barn and talk about how the score is done and talk about those two classes with them and what they should look for.
7. All 4-H Members in good standing currently in the Dairy project as of September 2022 will be eligible for the New Jersey 4-H Dairy Judging Contest,
8. Members of the Previous year's judging team that attended Madison Wisconsin will have the option to continue practicing for the next year and have the opportunity to participate at the National Youth Dairy Judging Contest held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY the following year.
9. Any member who has judged at a level higher than the state contest (Regional, National, International) OR is taking a college Dairy Science Course or is a member of a Collegiate Dairy Judging Team will not be able to qualify as a member of the NJ State 4-H Dairy Judging Team.
10. Contestants shall not be allowed to take any books or notes to the contest. Only clip boards and notepaper will be accepted.
11. Class placings are to be designated on the official dairy cattle judging cards by the contestant and turned in when requested.
12. A timekeeper will be designated; there will be a total of 12 minutes to place each class. For those classes which are oral reasons, an additional 8 minutes will be allowed for taking notes on the class.
13. For the contest 4 classes will be judged. Seniors will be required to give oral reasons on the two cow classes. Juniors will be required to give one set of reasons.
11. All contestants must wear rubber boots which can be disinfected or plastic boot covers.
12. **ALL CONTESTANTS/COACHES/PARENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO THE CURRENT CDC/NJ 4-H GUIDELINES WHICH MAY BE IN AFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE CONTEST.**

**N.J. 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST
ENTRY FORM**

Coach Name: _____

County: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

*C-Cloverbud; J- Junior; S-Senior

* C/J/S	Name	Grade	Birthdate	Phone number

I certify that the 4-H members listed above meet the "member in good standing" policy (attended 70% of their club meetings or activities, have an up to date record book and have given a public presentation and have participated in a community service project in the past year).

Leader Signature _____

County 4-H Agent/Program Associate _____

Return form by **April 15th** to: Tracy Smith – e-mail bdtsmith@gmail.com or you can mail to Tracy Smith – 115 Jackson Valley Road., Oxford, NJ 07863 - 908-887-2630