



New Jersey 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
Saturday, May 4, 2024
Registration 8:30 and First Class promptly at 9 AM.
Dark Horse Farm
Jim Harris and Family
1901 Branch Road, Perkasie, PA 18944

Contest Coordinator/Chair - Tracy Smith
(908)-887-2630 - bdtsmith@gmail.com

Return form by **April 19th** to: Melissa Bright, Somerset County 4-H Agent,
310 Milltown road, Bridgewater NJ 08844, (908)526-6644,
mb2173@njaes.rutgers.edu

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

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 19th** Send all entries to Melissa Bright- Somerset County 4-H Agent- 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08844 . 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. Cloverbud Grades K-3 will judge 2-4 classes of cows and will work with an 4-H Alumni to help them.

7. All 4-H Members in good standing currently in the Dairy project as of September 2023 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 but must compete in this contest to move forward.

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.**



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