



2019 Ohio State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

Registration for the State contest will begin March 1st. **MONEY IS NOT DUE UNTIL DAY OF CONTEST so please take advantage of the discount.** The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, March 18, 2019. You may email to smith.10072@osu.edu, fax to 614-292-1515, take a picture of completed form and text to 330-465-2376 or mail to 2029 Fyffe court, Columbus, Ohio 43210 Room 222B Attn: Sherry Smith or simply call me at 330-465-2376 and give me the names and number of students participating. I realize that our kids are very busy and sometimes schedules do change so you may also make substitutions or changes the day of the contest as needed.

To make this easier for you we eliminated the need for the County 4-H extension agent's signature prior to the contest. **We will be validating enrollment with the county agents following the contest (this is not for the Open division).** There are several reasons for this, the first being that the actual 4-H enrollment deadline for most counties is April 15th. Another reason is to improve accountability for multiple county teams, and lastly, it will save the coaches from having to collect signatures. **There will be a sack lunch provided for all contestants.**

Contest Details

- ❖ The contest is held annually during the Spring Dairy Expo at the Ohio State Expositions Center, Columbus, Ohio.
 - ❖ The date this year is **THURSDAY**, March 28th in the George C Voinovich Arena. Registration will be from 8:30-9:30 am with the contest beginning at 9:45. If you have pre-registered you will still need to pick up your packets at the registration table and make any changes to teams at this time.
 - ❖ The cost is **\$10.00 for each contestant** if pre-registered. Cost will be \$12.00 the day of the contest. **LUNCH is included in this fee.** Cash or Checks will be accepted. No credit cards. Checks can be made out to: The Ohio State University.
 - ❖ There will be Team photos in the Voinovich arena. Please allow time for these prior to the start of the contest.
 - ❖ This contest will be used to help in the selection of the State 4-H dairy judging team. Individuals who would like to try out for the State team are expected to compete in this contest.
 - ❖ There are 4 divisions. Seniors will be age 15-19, Intermediates 12-14, and Juniors 8-11. All age divisions are based on age as of January 1st. There is also an Open division for youth 8-19 that are not Ohio 4-H members. All divisions will place 4 animals in each class and answer three questions per class. Intermediates will give 2 sets of oral reasons and may use notes. Seniors will give **2 or 4** sets of oral reasons **without** notes. Two sets will count toward final score.
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- ❖ Teams will be comprised of a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 individuals. Top three individuals will count towards the overall team score.
- ❖ Counties may enter more than one team per division.
- ❖ Counties without enough members for a team may combine with other counties to form multi-county teams. NOTE: You must be approved by our office to have a multiple county team.
- ❖ You may enter as an individual if you do not have a team.
- ❖ If a team does not have enough members in a specific age division, you may move up an individual from a younger division. However, they are required to follow the rules for that age division. For example, a Junior could become a member of an Intermediate team, but they would need to present 2 sets of oral reasons with notes.
- ❖ There will be two rings with two classes of cattle in the arena at a time. Contestants will be divided into different rings on the day of the contest. Reasons order by contestant number, will be posted in the Mezzanine following completion of classes. There is NO talking among contestants allowed during the contest or oral reasons.
- ❖ All Intermediates and Seniors will be asked to stay in the Mezzanine level of the Voinovich building immediately following the last class until reasons are completed. **NO COACHES or Parents** are allowed in this area. This is one purpose of the sack lunch since it will allow us to keep the kids in one area. There are no chairs available so if you would like to sit while preparing for reasons you will need to bring your own chair.
- ❖ All Juniors are encouraged to attend a fun session on oral reasons to be held in the show ring in Voinovich immediately following the contest.
- ❖ Results will be available on our website at : www.springdairyexpo.com or <http://ohio4h.org>, by Tuesday, April 2nd and will be emailed to the coaches that provide email addresses. **All 4-H divisions (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) awards will be presented DURING Showmanship in Voinovich on Friday, March 29th.** Awards can be mailed if requested.
- ❖ If you have a participant with special needs, please contact us **PRIOR** to the contest.

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