



# MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Dairy Youth Newsletter

## Clinton County 4-H group travels to national exhibition in Kentucky

Twenty-nine Clinton County 4-H dairy youth members and 18 adults traveled to the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 4-7.

While there, the Clinton County senior quiz bowl team competed in the NAILE national quiz bowl competition. The team earned an invitation to participate in the contest by winning first place at 4-H Dairy Days held in July at MSU.

Team members traveling to Louisville were Kristine Batora, Kayle Jakus, Janelle McClelland and Allison Pung. Katie Thelen traveled with the team, but was unable to compete since she competed at the national level previously.

Seventeen teams competed in the national quiz bowl championship.

Clinton County lost its first round to Wisconsin, the eventual winner overall. The team won its next two rounds before being narrowly defeated in the third round by Illinois.

In addition to taking part in the quiz bowl contest, participants had a chance to watch the national Jersey Jug futurity held at the NAILE and tour Churchill Downs.

The Clinton County Dairy Council sponsored the trip. Council members agreed it was a good opportunity for 4-H youth and their parents to experience a national competition and international dairy event.

Funds used to sponsor educational opportunities such as the trip to the NAILE are raised through the sale of a gallon of milk from the champion dairy animal at the annual county fair livestock auction.

More than 100 donors contribute to the fund. This year's gallon of milk sold for \$18,350.



Pictured back row, left to right: Kayle Jakus, Janelle McClelland, Kristine Batora, Katie Thelen.

Pictured front row, left to right: Rodney Pennock, Luann Learner, Allison Pung.

Photo courtesy of Rodney Pennock.

*"The trip was an excellent opportunity to get to know and bond with fellow Clinton County 4-H members and meet peers with similar interests and aspirations... (In competition) we learned a lot and gained confidence from forming educated guesses based on previous knowledge and experiences. It was definitely a worthwhile experience!"*

-Allison Pung, Clinton Co. 4-H member



*"I thought it was a great experience! It will surely help us prepare for future competitions and it was a ton of fun!"*

-Allison Schafer, Clinton Co. 4-H member

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# MICHIGAN'S DAIRY JUDGING PROGRAM:

## Collegiate Division

The 2011 MSU collegiate team members were Katie Arndt, advertising senior from St. Johns; Lauren Bush, animal science junior from Swartz Creek; Tera Koebel, MSU agribusiness junior from Three Oaks; and Eric Sneller, animal science senior from Sebewaing.

The team competed in three competitions: the 43rd annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest, Harrisburg, Pa.; the 91st annual World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, Madison, Wis.; and the 38th annual North American International Live-stock Exhibition (NAILE), Louisville, Ky.



Pictured from left to right: Lauren Bush, Tera Koebel, Eric Sneller, Katie Arndt, Joe Domecq. Photo courtesy of Agri-Graphics, Ltd.

*The highlight of the judging season for Lauren Bush, Swartz Creek, was receiving a perfect "50" score in the Brown Swiss oral reasons class at the NAILE, held in Louisville, Ky., in November.*



### LAUREN BUSH

- » 2nd high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- » 2nd high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Louisville
- » 7th high individual, Holstein breed; Madison
- » 10th high individual, oral reasons; Madison
- » 11th high individual, oral reasons; Louisville
- » 12th high individual, Guernsey breed; Harrisburg
- » 14th high individual, overall; Harrisburg

### TERA KOEBEL

- » 2nd high individual, Guernsey breed; Harrisburg
- » 3rd high individual, oral reasons; Madison
- » 3rd high individual, Brown Swiss; Louisville
- » 4th high individual, oral reasons; Harrisburg
- » 4th high individual, Holstein breed; Madison
- » 5th high individual, overall; Harrisburg
- » 5th high Individual, overall; Louisville
- » 5th high individual, oral reasons; Louisville
- » 6th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Harrisburg
- » 6th high Individual, Holstein breed; Harrisburg
- » 7th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison
- » 7th high Individual, Jersey breed; Louisville

### TEAM PLACINGS

#### HARRISBURG (14 teams competed)

- » 2nd high team, overall
- » 2nd high team, Ayrshire breed
- » 2nd high team, Guernsey breed
- » 4th high team, Holstein breed
- » 7th high team, oral reasons
- » 8th high team, Brown Swiss

#### MADISON (21 teams competed)

- » High team, oral reasons
- » High team, Holstein breed
- » 2nd high team, Guernsey breed
- » 3rd high team, Jersey breed
- » 6th high team, overall
- » 9th high team, Milking Shorthorn breed

#### LOUISVILLE (16 teams competed)

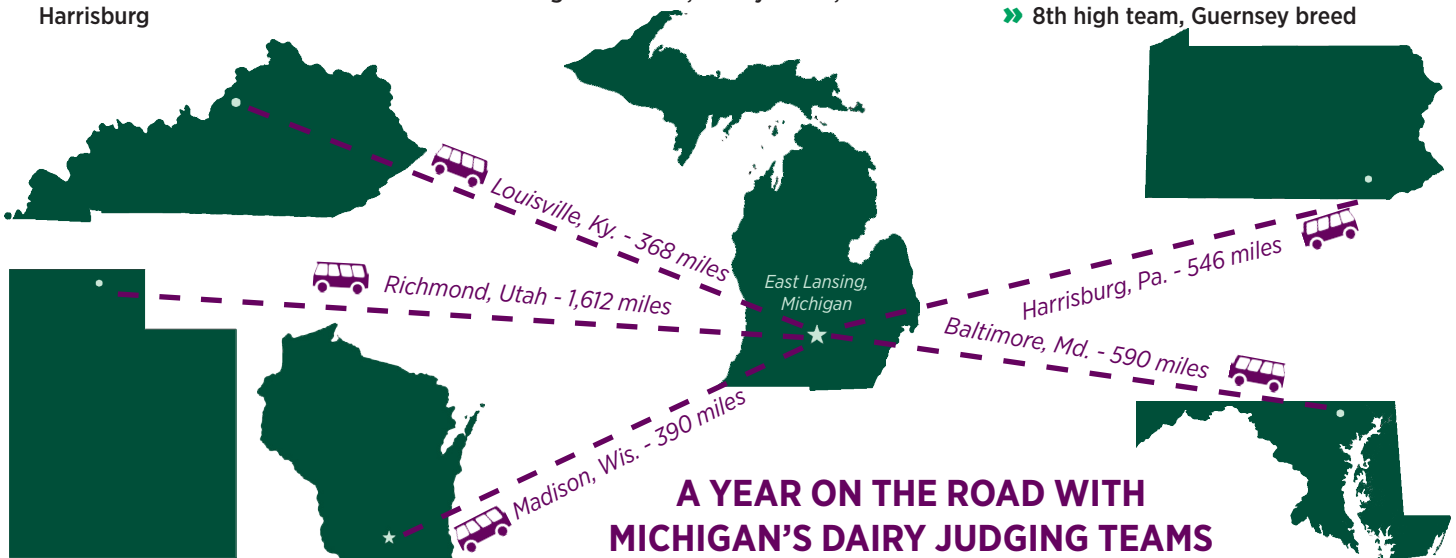
- » 5th high team, oral reasons
- » 5th high team, Jersey breed
- » 7th high team, overall
- » 7th high team, Brown Swiss breed
- » 8th high team, Ayrshire breed
- » 8th high team, Guernsey breed

### KATIE ARNDT

- » 4th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Louisville
- » 6th high individual, overall; Madison
- » 7th high individual, Guernsey breed; Harrisburg
- » 8th high individual, placing scores; Madison
- » 9th high individual, oral reasons; Madison

### ERIC SNELLER

- » 11th high individual, overall; Harrisburg
- » 12th high individual, Holstein breed; Harrisburg



**A YEAR ON THE ROAD WITH MICHIGAN'S DAIRY JUDGING TEAMS**

# TALKING ITS WAY TO THE TOP

## 4-H Division

### 43rd annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest

Harrisburg, Pa. (15 teams competed)

» 12th high team, overall



Pictured from left to right: Emily Butcher, assistant coach; Natalie Horning, Manchester (Washtenaw Co.); Katelyn Horning, Manchester (Washtenaw Co.); Samantha Mamarow, Saline (Washtenaw Co.); Joe Domecq.

Photo courtesy of Joe Domecq.

## Ag Tech Division

Four second-year Michigan State University (MSU) Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy production management program students competed in the 2011 International Postsecondary Dairy Judging Contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis.

The team placed seventh out of the 12 teams competing in Madison. The team also traveled to the 38th annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Team members were Shawn Baker, Sterling; Deidre Bowen, Cass City; Jade Cox, Coldwater; and Ryan Silvernail, Fremont.



Pictured from left to right: Sarah Black, assistant coach; Shawn Baker, Deidre Bowen, Jade Cox, Ryan Silvernail, Joe Domecq. Photo courtesy of Agri-Graphics, Ltd.

## National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

Madison, Wis. (29 teams competed)

- » High team, Ayrshire breed
- » 3rd high team, oral reasons
- » 5th high team, overall
- » 7th high team, Jersey breed
- » 9th high team, Guernsey breed
- » 11th high team, Brown Swiss

### KATELYN HORNING

- » High individual, oral reasons
- » 2nd high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 7th high individual, Ayrshire breed
- » 10th high individual, overall

### GARRETT SLAVIK

- » 2nd high individual, Ayrshire breed
- » 16th high individual, oral reasons
- » 17th high individual, overall

### CARMEN ZWEMMER

- » 6th high individual, Ayrshire breed

## 38th annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE)

Louisville, Ky. (21 teams competed)

- » High team, oral reasons
- » High team, Guernsey breed
- » High team, Holstein breed
- » 2nd high team, overall
- » 3rd high team, Brown Swiss breed
- » 3rd high team, Jersey breed
- » 10th high team, Ayrshire breed

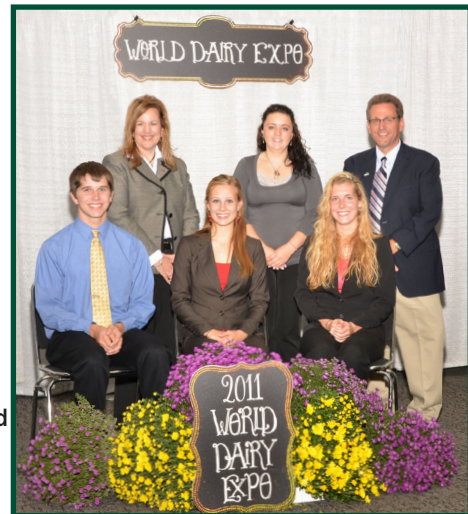
### MEGAN BUSH

- » High individual, Ayrshire breed
- » High individual, Holstein breed
- » 2nd high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 3rd high individual, oral reasons
- » 5th high individual, overall



Pictured left to right: Megan Filhart, Rosebush (Isabella Co.); Kelly Raterink, Allendale (Ottawa Co.); Hayleigh Geurink, Allendale (Ottawa Co.); Megan Bush, Swartz Creek (Genesee Co.); Joe Domecq

Photo courtesy of North American International Livestock Exposition.



Pictured back row, left to right: Sarah Black, assistant coach; Casei Hart, Grass Lake (Jackson Co.); Joe Domecq

Pictured front row, left to right: Garrett Slavik, Ashley (Gratiot Co.); Katelyn Horning, Manchester (Washtenaw Co.); Carmen Zwemmer, Elkton (Huron Co.)

Photo courtesy of Agri-Graphics, Ltd.

### MEGAN FILHART

- » 3rd high individual, Holstein breed
- » 4th high individual, overall
- » 5th high individual, Jersey breed
- » 5th high individual, oral reasons
- » 8th high individual, Guernsey breed

### HAYLEIGH GEURINK

- » 4th high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 5th high individual, Holstein breed
- » 6th high individual, oral reasons
- » 6th high individual, overall

### KELLY RATERINK

- » 6th high individual, Holstein breed
- » 11th high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 16th high individual, overall

Sponsors for the 2011 MSU and Michigan 4-H dairy judging programs are ABS Global, Inc.; NorthStar Cooperative; the Michigan Holstein Association; the Michigan District 1 and District 6 Holstein Associations; the Michigan Jersey Cattle Club; the United Dairy Industry of Michigan; the Michigan Milk Producers Association and the Michigan Dairy Memorial Foundation. Thank you for your support.

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## MICHIGAN 4-H DAIRY YOUTH PROGRAMS

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# MICHIGAN 4-H DAIRY YOUTH 2012 Calendar of Events

- Feb. 9-11:** 10th annual Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference,  
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Conference Center, Mount Pleasant
- March 23:** Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale, Michigan State University Pavilion, East Lansing
- April 13-15:** Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- June 20-22:** 4-H Exploration Days, Michigan State University, East Lansing
- June 27-28:** 4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour, Novi
- July 16-19:** Michigan Dairy Expo and Dairy Days, Michigan State University Pavilion, East Lansing
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2:** National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison, Wis.
- Oct. 2-6:** World Dairy Expo, Madison, Wis.

To see a list of all upcoming animal-related youth events, visit: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/youth\\_extension\\_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/youth_extension_programs)

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