

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DAIRY JUDGING PROGRAM *2015 Year in Review*

## 2014 Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team travels to Europe

*Team members earn invitation to participate in the 2015 International Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest in Scotland after winning national contest*

Members of the 2014 Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team traveled to Europe this past summer to participate in the 2015 International Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest in Scotland. The team earned the invitation after winning top honors at the 2014 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. The team finished as the No. 1 team overall and high team in oral reasons, ahead of 26 teams from across the country.

The team members - Bryce Frahm, of Frankenmuth; Kayla Holsten, of

Saline; Suzanna Hull, of North Adams; and Lucas Moser, of Dansville - traveled with assistant coach Sarah Black and her husband George for two weeks in June 2015. The 2014 team joins the ranks of the 2012 team as the second national champion 4-H team from Michigan to be invited in three years to this international contest.

Visit the Michigan 4-H Dairy Youth Program Facebook page to see photos from their trip. Additional coverage of the Europe trip is featured elsewhere in this newsletter.



Members of the 2014 Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team pose during one of their many travel stops. The group, who placed first overall and in oral reasons at the 2014 national contest, traveled to Europe in June 2015 after earning an invitation to participate in the 2015 International Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest in Scotland. Pictured left to right are: Lucas Moser, Suzanna Hull, Kayla Holsten and Bryce Frahm.

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# Collegiate Division

The 2015 Michigan State University (MSU) collegiate dairy cattle judging team members were: Allison Pung, Laura Lubeski, Kelly Raterink and Louise Vanderploeg. The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq.

The team competed in three national competitions: the 47th annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Penn.; the 95th annual World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wis.; and the 42nd annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

## TEAM PLACINGS

### HARRISBURG, PA.

#### (14 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 5th Guernseys
- » 6th Brown Swiss
- » 9th overall
- » 10th Ayrshires
- » 10th oral reasons
- » 11th Holsteins
- » 12th Jerseys

### MADISON, WIS.

#### (18 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 4th Jerseys
- » 7th overall
- » 7th placings only
- » 7th Red & White
- » 8th Brown Swiss
- » 9th oral reasons
- » 10th Holsteins
- » 11th Ayrshires
- » 12th Guernseys
- » 15th Milking Shorthorn

### LOUISVILLE, KY.

#### (17 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st Guernseys
- » 4th Holsteins
- » 5th overall
- » 6th oral reasons
- » 8th Brown Swiss
- » 8th Jerseys
- » 9th Ayrshires

### FORT WORTH, TEX.

#### (15 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 2nd Holsteins
- » 3rd oral reasons
- » 7th overall
- » 8th Brown Swiss
- » 11th Jerseys



Members of the 2015 MSU collegiate dairy cattle judging team were (pictured left to right): Dr. Joe Domecq; Allison Pung, of Portland; Laura Lubeski, of Bad Axe; Kelly Raterink, of Zeeland; Louise Vanderploeg, of Ithaca; and assistant coach Sarah Black. (Photo provided by Agri-Graphics, Ltd.)

## INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

### LAURA LUBESKI

- » 6th Jerseys, Louisville
- » 7th placings only, Madison
- » 9th Jerseys, Madison
- » 9th Red & White, Madison
- » 13th Holsteins, Louisville
- » 17th overall, Madison
- » 18th Ayrshires, Louisville
- » 18th Brown Swiss, Harrisburg
- » 19th Guernseys, Harrisburg
- » 24th Brown Swiss, Madison

### LOUISE VANDERPLOEG

- » 5th Ayrshires, Harrisburg
- » 5th Jerseys, Fort Worth
- » 6th Guernseys, Louisville
- » 11th overall, Fort Worth
- » 12th oral reasons, Fort Worth
- » 14th oral reasons, Louisville
- » 15th Red & White, Madison
- » 20th Holsteins, Fort Worth
- » 21st Holsteins, Louisville
- » 25th Guernseys, Harrisburg
- » 25th oral reasons, Madison
- » 26th overall, Harrisburg

### ALLISON PUNG

- » 10th Holsteins, Fort Worth
- » 14th Jerseys, Madison
- » 15th Guernseys, Louisville
- » 18th Holsteins, Harrisburg
- » 18th Holsteins, Madison
- » 20th oral reasons, Fort Worth
- » 23rd overall, Louisville
- » 25th Brown Swiss, Louisville

### KELLY RATERINK

- » 2nd Jerseys, Harrisburg
- » 5th Ayrshires, Madison
- » 5th Guernseys, Louisville
- » 6th overall, Louisville
- » 7th Holsteins, Louisville
- » 7th oral reasons, Fort Worth
- » 11th Guernseys, Harrisburg
- » 13th Holsteins, Fort Worth
- » 14th Jerseys, Louisville
- » 15th overall, Fort Worth
- » 17th Brown Swiss, Fort Worth
- » 17th Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 18th Milking Shorthorn, Madison
- » 19th oral reasons, Harrisburg
- » 19th Red & White, Madison
- » 20th oral reasons, Louisville
- » 21st overall, Harrisburg
- » 21st placings only, Madison
- » 24th Ayrshires, Louisville
- » 24th oral reasons, Madison
- » 24th overall, Madison



# Ag Tech Division

Four second-year MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy production management program students competed in the 2015 International Postsecondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., and the 42nd annual North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Ky. The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq.

The four MSU sophomores competing on the team were: Amber Iden, Kayla Holsten, Nicole Chase and Dane Anter.



Members of the 2015 MSU Ag Tech dairy cattle judging team were (pictured left to right): Amber Iden, of Bad Axe; Kayla Holsten, of Saline; Nicole Chase, of Conklin; Dane Anter, of Marlette; assistant coaches Carmen Zwemmer and Sarah Black; and Dr. Joe Domecq. (Photo provided by Agri-Graphics, Ltd.)

## TEAM PLACINGS

### MADISON, WIS.

(10 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 2nd Holsteins
- » 3rd Ayrshires
- » 3rd Brown Swiss
- » 3rd Milking Shorthorns
- » 3rd oral reasons
- » 3rd overall

### LOUISVILLE, KY.

(4 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st Guernseys
- » 2nd Jerseys
- » 2nd oral reasons
- » 3rd Brown Swiss
- » 3rd overall
- » 4th Ayrshires
- » 4th Holsteins

## INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

### DANE ANTER

- » 4th Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 4th Guernseys, Louisville
- » 4th Milking Shorthorn, Madison
- » 5th Holsteins, Madison
- » 11th Holsteins, Louisville
- » 11th oral reasons, Louisville
- » 12th overall, Louisville
- » 13th Jerseys, Louisville
- » 16th Ayrshires, Louisville
- » 22nd overall, Madison

### NICOLE CHASE

- » 1st Holsteins, Madison
- » 5th overall, Madison
- » 6th Ayrshires, Madison
- » 6th Guernseys, Louisville
- » 6th Jerseys, Madison
- » 10th Holsteins, Louisville
- » 11th Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 12th overall, Madison
- » 13th oral reasons, Louisville
- » 14th Jerseys, Louisville
- » 14th overall, Louisville
- » 15th Ayrshires, Louisville

### KAYLA HOLSTEN

- » 2nd Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 2nd Jerseys, Louisville
- » 2nd oral reasons, Louisville
- » 3rd Guernseys, Louisville
- » 3rd overall, Louisville
- » 4th Ayrshires, Madison
- » 4th Ayrshires, Louisville
- » 4th placings only, Madison
- » 5th Jerseys, Madison
- » 7th Holsteins, Louisville
- » 11th oral reasons, Madison
- » 12th overall, Madison

### AMBER IDEN

- » 5th Guernseys, Louisville
- » 7th Jerseys, Louisville
- » 10th oral reasons, Louisville
- » 11th overall, Louisville
- » 12th Ayrshires, Louisville
- » 12th Holsteins, Louisville
- » 16th Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 16th oral reasons, Madison

# 4-H Division

## 47TH ANNUAL ALL-AMERICAN INVITATIONAL YOUTH DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

HARRISBURG, PA.

(13 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 4th Guernseys
- » 8th Brown Swiss
- » 10th oral reasons
- » 11th Jerseys
- » 12th Ayrshires
- » 13th Holsteins
- » 13th overall

### LANCE FRAHM

- » 5th Guernseys
- » 16th Ayrshires
- » 17th oral reasons
- » 24th overall

### LAUREN HEBERLING

- » 17th Jerseys

### JOSHUA MARKEL

- » 13th Brown Swiss

## 94TH NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

MADISON, WIS.

(26 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 3rd Holsteins
- » 3rd oral reasons
- » 5th overall
- » 6th Ayrshires
- » 6th Guernseys

### RACHEL EKKEL

- » 1st Holsteins
- » 7th overall

### LANCE FRAHM

- » 20th overall

## 41ST ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION

LOUISVILLE, KY.

(26 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st Brown Swiss
- » 1st Jerseys
- » 1st oral reasons
- » 1st overall
- » 2nd Guernseys
- » 8th Ayrshires
- » 9th Holsteins

### SKYLAR BUELL

- » 24th Jerseys

### CAMERON COOK

- » 7th Ayrshires
- » 7th Jerseys
- » 8th Brown Swiss
- » 8th oral reasons
- » 10th overall
- » 23rd Guernseys

### MADELINE MEYER

- » 1st Holsteins
- » 1st Jerseys
- » 2nd oral reasons
- » 2nd overall
- » 3rd Brown Swiss
- » 5th Guernseys

### ALLISON SCHAFER

- » 1st Brown Swiss
- » 3rd Jerseys
- » 4th overall
- » 6th Guernseys
- » 12th oral reasons
- » 19th Ayrshires



Members of the Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team who competed in the 2015 Annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Penn., were (pictured left to right): Lance Frahm, of Frankenmuth; Josh Markel, of St. Johns; Lauren Heberling, of Carsonville; Evelyn Okkema, of Blanchard; and Dr. Joe Domecq.



Members of the Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team who competed in the 2015 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., were (pictured from left): Dr. Joe Domecq; assistant coach Bridget Moore; Evelyn Okkema, of Blanchard; Rachel Ekkel, of Fremont; Shelby Berens, of Holland; Lance Frahm, of Frankenmuth; and assistant coach Sarah Black. (Photo provided by Agri-Graphics, Ltd.)



The Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team placed first overall and first in oral reasons at the 2015 North American International Livestock Exhibition dairy cattle judging contest in Louisville, Ky. Pictured left to right are: Allison Schafer, of Westphalia; Skylar Buell, of Ida; Cameron Cook, of Pewamo; Madeline Meyer, of Ionia; and Dr. Joe Domecq.



## New website provides history of MSU dairy cattle judging program

An online archive and networking site has been created for past, current and future members, coaches and supporters of the Michigan State University (MSU) dairy cattle judging program.

The new website can be found at: [www.MichiganDairyJudgingHistory.com](http://www.MichiganDairyJudgingHistory.com).

Are you a past or current member

of the program? Have you competed on a Michigan 4-H or MSU Ag Tech or collegiate dairy cattle judging team? Have you hosted a judging practice on your farm? We are seeking photos of past teams (official photos and candid shots), the names of dairy judging team members (especially those who participated before 1990), contest placings, and other relevant

historical and anecdotal details. Can you help? Please contact us at:

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## Reflections of Europe 2015

“I enjoyed attending the Royal Highland Show. To the people of Scotland, this show compares to a State Fair for us. The public shows up to go to the show. The people of Scotland are not as disconnected from agriculture because farms are integrated into the community, and they actually sometimes have good ideas for farmers to try out for improving their farms.”

- Suzanna Hull



“One of the more interesting parts of our trip for me was visiting different farms in Scotland and Ireland. At all the farms, the cows and beef cattle are mainly fed a grass diet because the growing season is not warm long enough to get a good corn crop. Farmers mainly chop fresh grass to feed their cows and put the rest up for haylage for the winter. Also, most farmers pasture their cows because of the availability of land surrounding the farm. It is also convenient so the farmers do not have to chop fresh green grass every day to feed their cows. The farmers usually supplement the grass diets with a variety of minerals, as well as some soy to build up protein levels.”

- Suzanna Hull

“Finishing up the trip with a visit to London was a rapid change of pace. We went from small rural towns and farm land to a city with 10 million people and constant chaos. We were able to figure out the subway well enough to make it to make different sites that many people only get to see in movies, like the Tower Bridge, the London eye, Parliament and the Olympic stadium, the site of the 2012 Olympic Games.”

- Bryce Frahm

