

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DAIRY JUDGING PROGRAM *2014 Year in Review*

Michigan 4-H dairy judging team takes top honors at World Dairy Expo

Win earns invitation to participate in the 2015 International Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest in Scotland

The Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team won top honors at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo Sept. 29 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.

As a result of their success, the team members - Bryce Frahm of Frankenmuth; Kayla Holsten of Saline; Suzanna Hull of North Adams; and Lucas Moser of Dansville - have been invited to compete at the 2015 International Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest in Scotland. The 2014 team is the second Michigan 4-H team in the past three years to be invited to this international contest.

In addition to bringing home the overall high team awards, the team also finished first in the Brown Swiss category and second in the Jersey breed. Several team members also received high individual rankings, with Moser ranking second in the top 10 individual competition, Holsten

ranking sixth and Frahm ranking 10th. These three also scored in the top 10 for individual reasons, with Holsten coming in second, Moser third and Frahm fifth.

Youth competed for a place on the national team through a rigorous statewide selection process. Team members first had to place in the top 25 at the Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days judging competition in July. After that, they were required to attend at least four additional judging practices at dairy farms across the state to qualify for an intensive judging workout weekend at the Maryland State Fair. On the basis of participation in these events and their performance during the Maryland workout, Frahm, Holsten, Hull and Moser were selected from the initial 25 as top individuals for the team. An additional eight youth were selected to participate on two other dairy judging teams that competed at national contests held in Harrisburg, Penn., and Louisville, Ky.

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The Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team placed first overall and in oral reasons at the 2014 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisc. Pictured from left are: Suzanna Hull, Kayla Holsten, Lucas Moser, Bryce Frahm, and coaches Sarah Black and Dr. Joe Domecq. (Photo provided by Agri-Graphics, Ltd.)

Collegiate Division

The 2014 Michigan State University (MSU) collegiate dairy cattle judging team members were: Savannah Katulski, animal science senior from Goodrich; Samantha Mamarow, animal science senior from Saline; Andrea Meade, animal science senior from Livonia; and Bridget Moore, animal science senior from Sears. The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq.

The team competed in three national competitions: the 46th annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Penn.; the 94th annual World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wis.; and the 41st annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Members of the 2014 MSU collegiate dairy cattle judging team were (pictured left to right): Bridget Moore, Samantha Mamarow, Savannah Katulski, Andrea Meade, and coaches Sarah Black and Dr. Joe Domecq. (Photo provided by Agri-Graphics, Ltd.)



INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

SAVANNAH KATULSKI

- » 7th high individual total placings, Madison
- » 10th high individual, Holstein breed, Madison
- » 10th high individual, Jersey breed, Harrisburg
- » 11th high individual, oral reasons, Harrisburg
- » 15th high individual, Ayrshire breed, Madison
- » 22nd high individual, Guernsey breed, Harrisburg
- » 24th high individual overall, Madison
- » 25th high individual, Ayrshire breed, Louisville

SAMANTHA MAMAROW

- » 19th high individual, Ayrshire breed, Louisville
- » 21st high individual, Jersey breed, Madison

ANDREA MEADE

- » 4th high individual, Holstein breed, Louisville
- » 16th high individual, Ayrshire breed, Harrisburg
- » 16th high individual, Holstein breed, Madison
- » 22nd high individual, Jersey breed, Louisville

BRIDGET MOORE

- » 3rd high individual, Jersey breed, Harrisburg
- » 4th high individual, Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 7th high individual, Ayrshire breed, Harrisburg
- » 15th high individual, Guernsey breed, Harrisburg
- » 18th high individual, oral reasons, Harrisburg
- » 22nd high individual overall, Louisville
- » 23rd high individual, Ayrshire breed, Madison
- » 24th high individual overall, Harrisburg
- » 25th high individual, oral reasons, Louisville

TEAM PLACINGS

HARRISBURG, PA. (14 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 5th high team, Jersey breed
- » 8th high team, Guernsey breed
- » 10th high team, oral reasons
- » 11th high team, overall
- » 12th high team, Holstein breed
- » 13th high team, Brown Swiss Breed

MADISON, WIS. (21 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 6th team, Holstein breed
- » 11th breed, Red and White breed
- » 12th high team, Guernsey breed
- » 12th high team, overall
- » 13th team, Ayrshire breed
- » 15th team, Jersey breed

LOUISVILLE, KY. (19 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 4th team, Holstein breed
- » 9th breed, Jersey breed
- » 12th team, oral reasons
- » 15th team, Guernsey breed

Ag Tech Division

Four second-year MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy production management program students competed in the 2014 International Postsecondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., and the 41st 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: Allie Elzinga, Hopkins; Jenna Martin, Westphalia; Allison Pung, Portland; and Rebecca Swartzendruber, Bay Port.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

ALLIE ELZINGA

- » 2nd high individual, Ayrshire breed, Louisville
- » 2nd high individual, Milking Shorthorn breed, Madison
- » 8th high individual, Brown Swiss breed, Madison
- » 10th high individual, Jersey breed, Louisville
- » 10th high individual overall, Madison
- » 10th high individual, total placings, Madison
- » 11th high individual overall, Louisville
- » 13th high individual, Holstein breed, Louisville
- » 15th high individual, oral reasons, Louisville
- » 18th high individual, Brown Swiss breed, Louisville
- » 18th high individual, Guernsey breed, Louisville
- » 19th high individual, oral reasons, Madison

JENNA MARTIN

- » 4th high individual, Guernsey breed, Louisville
- » 13th high individual, Jersey breed, Louisville
- » 16th high individual, oral reasons, Louisville
- » 18th high individual overall, Louisville
- » 19th high individual, Holstein breed, Louisville
- » 20th high individual, Brown Swiss breed, Louisville
- » 20th high individual, oral reasons, Madison
- » 21st high individual, Ayrshire breed, Louisville

ALLISON PUNG

- » 4th high individual, Jersey breed, Madison
- » 5th high individual, Ayrshire breed, Louisville
- » 5th high individual, Holstein breed, Louisville
- » 5th high individual, oral reasons, Madison
- » 8th high individual, oral reasons, Louisville
- » 8th high individual overall, Louisville
- » 11th high individual, Brown Swiss breed, Louisville
- » 14th high individual, Jersey breed, Louisville
- » 17th high individual, Guernsey breed, Louisville

REBECCA SWARTZENDRUBER

- » 7th high individual, Brown Swiss breed, Louisville
- » 8th high individual, Ayrshire breed, Louisville
- » 14th high individual, Holstein breed, Louisville
- » 22nd high individual, Jersey breed, Louisville
- » 22nd high individual, oral reasons, Louisville
- » 22nd high individual overall, Louisville
- » 23rd high individual, Guernsey breed, Louisville
- » 25th high individual, oral reasons, Madison



Members of the 2014 MSU Ag Tech dairy cattle judging team were (pictured left to right): Allison Pung, Jenna Martin, Allie Elzinga, Rebecca Swartzendruber, and coaches Sarah Black and Dr. Joe Domecq. (Photo provided by Agri-Graphics, Ltd.)

TEAM PLACINGS

MADISON, WIS. (13 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » High team, Milking Shorthorn breed
- » 3rd high team, Jersey breed
- » 4th high team, Ayrshire breed
- » 4th high team, oral reasons
- » 5th high team overall

LOUISVILLE, KY. (6 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 2nd high team, Ayrshire breed
- » 4th high team, Holstein breed
- » 4th high team, oral reasons
- » 4th high team, overall
- » 5th high team, Guernsey breed
- » 5th high team, Jersey breed

4-H Division

46TH ANNUAL ALL-AMERICAN INVITATIONAL YOUTH DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

HARRISBURG, PA. (13 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » High team, Jersey breed
- » 3rd high team, Brown Swiss breed
- » 3rd high team, oral reasons
- » 7th high team overall
- » 10th high team, Ayrshire breed
- » 11th high team, Holstein breed

CAMERON COOK

- » 2nd high individual, Jersey breed
- » 2nd high individual, oral reasons
- » 7th high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 11th high individual, Ayrshire breed
- » 15th high individual, overall

RACHEL EKKEL

- » 2nd high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 3rd high individual, Jersey breed
- » 3rd high individual, oral reasons
- » 18th high individual overall

BRYCE FRAHM

- » 15th high individual, Ayrshire breed
- » 25th high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 25th high individual, Jersey

ALLISON SCHAFER

- » 5th high individual, Jersey breed
- » 14th high individual, Holstein breed
- » 24th high individual overall
- » 26th high individual, oral reasons



Four youth represented Michigan in the 4-H dairy cattle judging contest at the All-American in Harrisburg, Pa. Pictured left to right are: Bryce Frahm, Cameron Cook, Rachel Ekkel, Allison Schafer and Coach Joe Domecq

93RD NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

MADISON, WIS. (26 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » High team, Brown Swiss breed
- » High team oral reasons
- » High team overall
- » 2nd high team, Jersey breed
- » 3rd high team, Ayrshire breed
- » 3rd high team, Holstein breed
- » 9th high team, Guernsey breed

BRYCE FRAHM

- » 5th high individual, oral reasons
- » 9th high individual, Holstein breed
- » 10th high individual overall
- » 11th high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 13th high individual, Jersey breed
- » 14th high individual, Ayrshire breed

KAYLA HOLSTEN

- » 2nd high individual, Holstein breed
- » 2nd high individual, oral reasons
- » 5th high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 6th high individual overall
- » 12th high individual, Jersey breed
- » 15th high individual, Ayrshire breed

SUZANNA HULL

- » 2nd high individual, Ayrshire breed
- » 12th high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 19th high individual, oral reasons

LUCAS MOSER

- » 2nd high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 2nd high individual overall
- » 3rd high individual, oral reasons
- » 4th high individual, Jersey breed
- » 17th high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 18th high individual, Ayrshire breed



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40TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION

LOUISVILLE, KY. (26 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » High team, Holstein breed
- » 2nd high team, oral reasons
- » 3rd high team, Brown Swiss breed
- » 3rd high team overall
- » 6th high team, Guernsey breed
- » 7th high team, Jersey breed
- » 15th high team, Ayrshire breed

SHELBY BERENS

- » 7th high individual, Holstein breed
- » 15th high individual, oral reasons
- » 24th high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 25th high individual overall

RACHEL EKKEKEL

- » 4th high individual, oral reasons
- » 8th high individual overall
- » 9th high individual, Guernsey breed
- » 9th high individual, Holstein breed
- » 10th high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 14th high individual, Jersey breed

MASON LETTINGA

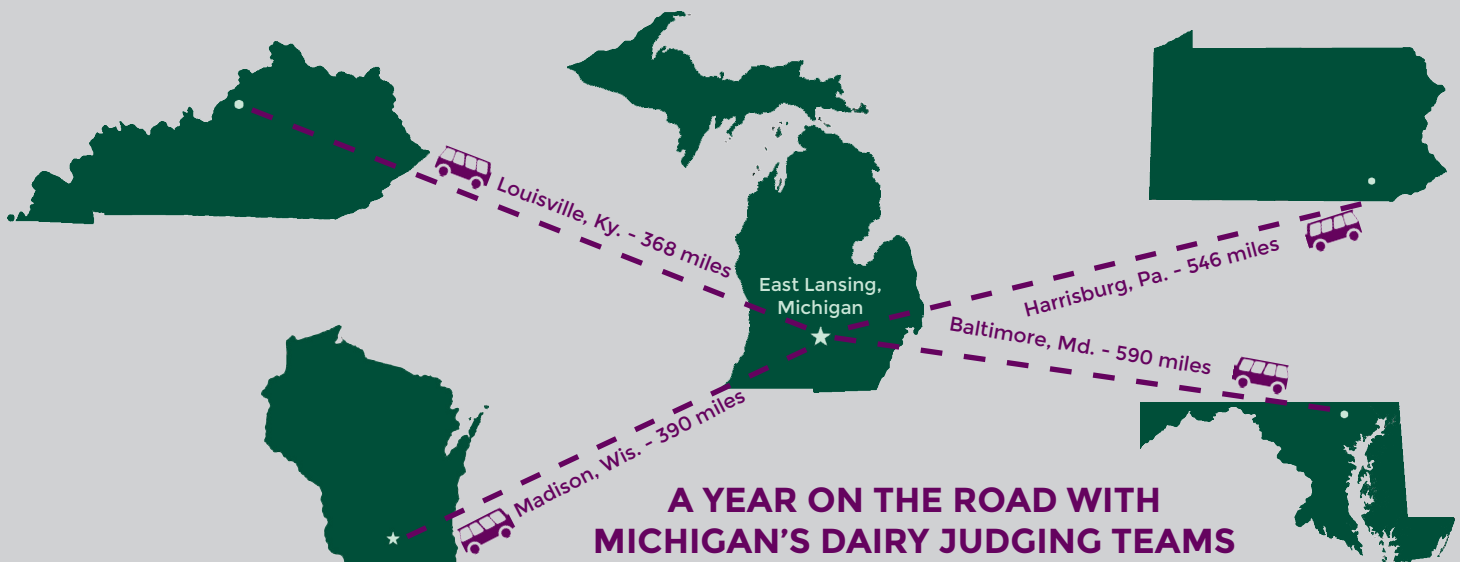
- » High individual, Holstein breed
- » 3rd high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- » 6th high individual overall
- » 8th high individual, oral reasons



Members of the 4-H team who competed in Louisville were (pictured left to right): Rachel Ekkel, Shelby Berens, Josh Markel, Mason Lettinga and Coach Joe Domecq.



Contestants evaluate a class during the dairy cattle judging class at the 2014 North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Ky., in November.



Are you a past member of the MSU dairy cattle judging team?

New website to be introduced in spring 2015

Work is underway to create an online archive and networking site for past, current and future members, coaches and supporters of the Michigan State University (MSU) dairy cattle judging program.

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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An email announcement will be shared with members of the 4-H dairy youth program newsletter mailing list when the site is launched. If you haven't signed up yet, do so by visiting the sign-up link at www.midairyouth.ans.msu.edu/newsletters.

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