



Michigan State University Dairy Cattle Judging Team

2022 Year in Review

Michigan 4-H team earns trip to Europe at World Dairy Expo

After a summer of practice and hard work, the Michigan 4-H team came out in force at the 2022 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisc. The team placed 1st in Brown Swiss, 2nd in Ayrshire, and 6th in Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey classes. Overall, the team placed 2nd among a field of 20 teams, 2nd in placings, and 3rd in oral reasons. By placing in the top three teams, the youth earned an invitation to a two-week dairy education program in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, and England in June 2023. The last time a Michigan 4-H team earned this educational opportunity was 2014. Eight teams in the last 22 years have placed in the top three during the contest at World Dairy Expo.

Looking back on the team's success, coach Dr. Joe Domecq said "I'm very proud of the work this team put in over the last few months. For some, Dairy Days was their first competitive judging experience. They grew a lot, listened and improved at every practice, and were a great group of young people to work with."

There will be opportunities this winter to support the team as they prepare and fundraise for the trip.



Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging members at World Dairy Expo. From left: Coach Sarah Black, Laken DuRussel, Grace Brown, Irie Moussiaux, Brianna Hill, and Coach Dr. Joe Domecq. Photo courtesy of Agri-Graphics.

MSU student Jessie Nash wins the All-American and World Dairy Expo collegiate judging contests



Jessie Nash received the Gene Meyer Award for placing 1st Overall individually at World Dairy Expo. Photo courtesy of Agri-Graphics.

Jessie Nash has been connected to the dairy industry from a young age, working on her family farm and as a member of the Clinton County 4-H Dairy Program. She was very involved in county, state, and national 4-H dairy events, with judging as one of the programs she has been involved in for over a decade. Jessie became a Spartan, starting in the Institute of Agricultural Technology (IAT) Dairy Management Certificate Program and later transferring into the Agribusiness Management Degree. As her time at MSU came to an end, she had one final season of dairy judging to make her mark. Years of practice, dedication, and hard work were rewarded with individually winning two collegiate judging contests this fall. Jessie brought home her biggest blue ribbons from the All-American Dairy Invitational in Harrisburg, Pa. and World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisc.

Reflecting on this past season and her years of cattle judging representing Michigan 4-H and MSU, she said: "I'm not quite sure I can find the words that would quantify the gratitude I have for this program and that we are here at MSU. This journey has been simply life changing, from all the trips taken to the memories created, I wouldn't trade it for a thing."

Collegiate Division



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The MSU Dairy Cattle Judging program had a busy 2022, participating in four contests. The season opened in the spring with the Western National Spring Show, followed by the All-American Dairy Invitational, World Dairy Expo, and the North American International Livestock Exposition in the fall. MSU was proud to be represented by MSU students Rachael Bosse (Dorr), Mikayla Bowen (Addison), Jessie Nash (Elsie), Drew Neyer (Mt. Pleasant), Kelsey Pasch (Beal City), Adalee Thelen (St. Johns), and Katie Wilson (Blanchard). The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq, Sarah Black, Sarah Michalek, and Kirby Krogstad.

All team members competed at the Western National Spring Show in Richmond, Utah, while Bowen, Nash, Pasch, and Wilson represented MSU at the 54th annual All-American Dairy Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pa. and the 101st annual National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. Bowen, Nash, and Wilson competed at the 49th annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Invitational Senior College Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Louisville, Ky.



From left, Rachael Bosse, Adalee Thelen, Mikayla Bowen, Drew Neyer, Kelsey Pasch, Jessie Nash, and Katie Wilson at the Western National Spring Show in Utah. Photo courtesy of Mikayla Bowen.

TEAM PLACINGS

Western National Spring Show. Richmond, Utah

White Team: 3rd overall, 3rd in reasons

Green Team: 3rd in placings

All-American Dairy Invitational. Harrisburg, Penn.

3rd in Jersey

4th in Ayrshire

5th Overall

5th in Brown Swiss

6th in Oral Reason

6th in Guernsey

7th in Holstein

World Dairy Expo. Madison, Wisc.

1st in Ayrshire

3rd in Red & White

5th in Brown Swiss

7th in Milking Shorthorn

7th in Oral Reasons

7th Overall

8th in Jersey

North American International Livestock

Exposition (NAILE). Louisville, Ky.

4th in Jersey

5th in Oral Reasons

6th in Brown Swiss

6th in Holstein

7th Overall

7th in Guernsey

9th in Ayrshire

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

Jessie Nash

1st Overall, Harrisburg

1st in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg

1st Overall, Madison

1st in Placings, Madison

1st in Guernsey, Louisville

1st in Jersey, Louisville

2nd in Ayrshire, Madison

4th in Ayrshire, Harrisburg

4th in Oral Reasons, Louisville

4th in Holstein, Louisville

5th in Guernsey, Harrisburg

5th in Placings, Richmond

5th Overall, Louisville

6th Overall, Richmond

8th in Oral Reasons, Harrisburg

8th in Jersey, Harrisburg

8th in Brown Swiss, Madison

9th in Guernsey, Madison

10th in Brown Swiss, Louisville

Drew Neyer

3rd Overall, Richmond

3rd in Oral Reasons, Richmond

Kelsey Pasch

4th in Oral Reasons, Richmond

10th in Red & White, Madison

Adalee Thelen

8th Overall, Richmond

Katie Wilson

1st in Ayrshire, Madison



Three second year MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology (IAT) students, all in the Dairy Management program, competed in the 32nd Post-Secondary International Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis.; and the 49th annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Invitational Two-Year Junior College Dairy Judging Contest in Louisville, Ky. The team was coached Dr. Joe Domecq, Sarah Black, Sarah Michalek, and Kirby Krogstad.

The three sophomores competing on the team were: Juanita Bulloch (Hartland), Collin Galbraith (Stanton), and Tyler Klopfenstein (Galien).



From left, 2022 IAT dairy judging team members – Coach Sarah Black, Collin Galbraith, Tyler Klopfenstein, Juanita Bulloch, and Coach Dr. Joe Domecq. Photo courtesy of Agri-Graphics.

TEAM PLACINGS

World Dairy Expo. Madison, Wisc.

- 3rd in Red & White
- 4th in Guernsey
- 4th in Jersey
- 4th in Milking Shorthorn
- 4th in Oral Reasons
- 4th Overall
- 5th in Ayrshire
- 5th in Brown Swiss
- 5th in Holstein

North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Louisville, Ky.

- 3rd in Holstein
- 4th Overall
- 4th in Oral Reasons
- 4th in Ayrshire
- 4th in Brown Swiss
- 4th in Guernsey
- 5th in Jersey

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

Juanita Bulloch

- 2nd Guernsey, Madison
- 6th in Brown Swiss, Louisville
- 8th in Placings, Madison
- 9th in Jersey, Madison
- 9th Overall, Madison

Collin Galbraith

- 3rd in Red & White, Madison
- 6th in Jersey, Madison
- 8th in Ayrshire, Madison
- 9th in Oral Reasons, Madison
- 10th in Milking Shorthorns, Madison
- 10th in Holsteins, Louisville

Tyler Klopfenstein

- 3rd in Ayrshire, Louisville
- 6th in Red & White, Madison
- 6th in Jersey, Louisville
- 7th Overall, Louisville
- 7th in Holstein, Louisville
- 9th in Milking Shorthorn, Madison
- 10th in Brown Swiss, Louisville
- 10th in Guernsey, Louisville

4-H Division



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From left, Brianna Hill, Grace Brown, and Irie Moussiaux. Photo courtesy of Sarah Michalek



All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Harrisburg, Pa.

TEAM PLACINGS

- 1st in Ayrshire
- 4th in Oral Reasons
- 7th in Brown Swiss
- 8th in Guernsey
- 9th in Holstein
- 10th Overall

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

- Grace Brown**
8th in Ayrshire
- Brianna Hill**
3rd in Ayrshire
6th in Oral Reasons
8th in Guernsey
11th Overall

National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Madison, Wis.

TEAM PLACINGS

- 1st in Brown Swiss
- 2nd in Ayrshire
- 2nd in Placings
- 2nd Overall
- 3rd in Oral Reasons
- 6th in Guernsey
- 6th in Holstein
- 6th in Jersey

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

- Grace Brown**
4th in Placings
5th in Ayrshire
5th in Jersey
7th in Brown Swiss
8th Overall
- Laken DuRussel**
1st in Brown Swiss
8th in Oral Reasons
- Brianna Hill**
2nd in Guernsey
3rd in Oral Reasons
3rd Overall
7th in Placings
9th in Holstein
- Irie Moussiaux**
4th in Brown Swiss



From left, Coach Sarah Black, Laken DuRussel, Grace Brown, Irie Moussiaux, Brianna Hill, and Coach Dr. Joe Domecq. Photo courtesy of Agri-Graphics.

From left, Landon Thelen, Olivia Black, Chloe Steiner, and Lydia Deters. Photo courtesy of Allison Schafer.



North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Louisville, Ky.

TEAM PLACINGS

- 2nd in Brown Swiss
- 2nd in Guernsey
- 3rd in Oral Reasons
- 4th Overall
- 7th in Holsteins
- 9th in Jersey

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

- Olivia Black**
2nd in Guernsey
4th in Oral Reasons
7th Overall

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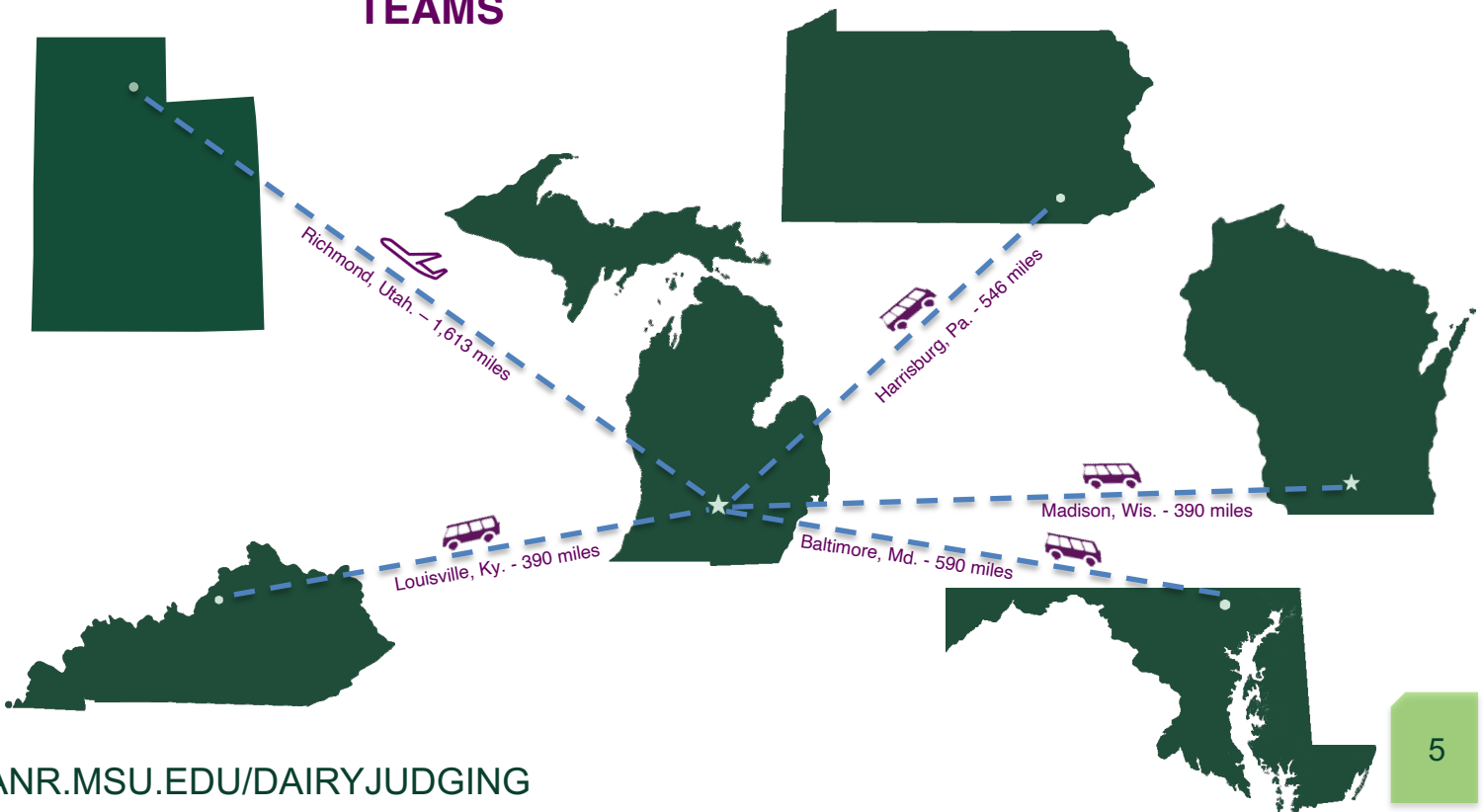
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