



Dairy Judging Teams Update

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Most of you enjoy hearing about the “play by play” when it comes to OSU football, but I enjoy “coaching” and analyzing our players on the dairy judging teams. So here is your monthly update on the status of these home teams. Make a note that we still have one more contest, the North American in Louisville, Kentucky. Updates will follow.

The 4-H and collegiate dairy judging teams have returned from their national contest held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Many thanks to Mr. Bernie Heisner (General Manager of COBA) for once again contributing valuable time and expertise on this trip PLUS continuing financial support from COBA.

Representing OSU was Jordan Beck, Paige Gott, Tim Lamb, and Lindsay Miller. In the Ayrshire breed, this team placed 4th overall, 4th for Red and White Holsteins, and 10th for Brown Swiss. Overall, the team was placed 11th out of 22 colleges and universities represented. Individually, Lindsay was 26th overall. Each contributed many days practicing and preparing for this competition and their enhanced communication skills will be recognized by future employers!

The 4-H team consisted of new OSU Freshmen, Matt Borchers and Dan Nicol. Completing the 2008 team was Jessie Sweetman of Licking county and Kyle Schirm from Wayne county. Overall, the team placed 11th out of 29 states represented. Individually, Matt was designated as an "All American" for his 14th placing and Kyle was 26th. As a team, they placed 3rd for the Brown Swiss breed and 4th for Jerseys. Jessie earned honors as 4th High Individual for Swiss and Kyle was 7th for the Jersey breed. Just barely missing the top 10 honors by 1 point, the team was 11th overall. Also it is interesting to note, that the 2nd high individual overall and high person in reasons was from Florida, but has verbally committed to attending Ohio State.

*ANOTHER OSU Freshman, Hannah Thompson from Maryland, was presented one of the McCullough scholarships from National Dairy Shrine and was formally recognized at the recognition banquet during Expo.

An Ohio 4-H team was also represented at the Hoard's Dairyman Quiz Bowl at World Dairy Expo on Saturday, October 4th. Placing third overall, the team members were Laura Gordon (OSU Freshman), Eileen Gress, Kathy Phillips, and Kyle Schirm. The team arrived at 1:00 a.m. and was ready to compete by 7:00 a.m. the following morning. Volunteer coaches were Lisa Gress of Shreve and Julie Martig of Salem. This group provided plenty of excitement for spectators as the rounds were extremely close in points and Ohio also forced a tie breaker that eventually finished to our advantage!