

4-H and Collegiate Dairy Judging Results

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4-H

The World Dairy Expo contest results were their finest! The team finished 4th out of 27 participating state teams. Congratulations to the members who included Robin Alden (Danville), Michelle Funk (Jeromesville), Ty Etgen (Wapakoneta), and Jared Smith (Plain City). Jared was the star as the 4th high individual and also earned the highest score in placings. He will be featured in many national publication photos that report the contest. In breeds, the Ohio team was 1st place in Holstein, 3rd in Brown Swiss, and 5th in Jersey. Individually, Michelle was 2nd in the Jersey breed. Jared was 2nd in the Holstein breed followed in third by his teammate, Ty. Robin placed 13th for her reasons and Michelle and Jared were in the top 25 for their reasons. Ty was also 17th overall. Ty and Michelle are currently attending ATI and Robin and Jared are in high school.

At the Pennsylvania All American contest, the three team members competing were Ty, Robin, and Jared. All three finished in the top 25 with Robin in 6th, Ty in 14th, and Jared in 21st. As a team, they were 3rd in Ayrshire, 2nd in Brown Swiss, and 4th in Holstein and then overall, the team placed 4th. Robin completed her most successful outing as 7th in reasons, 8th in Ayrshire, 2nd in Brown Swiss, 5th in Holstein, and 4th in Jersey.

These 4-Hers should be congratulated for accepting the challenge and their outstanding results. These competitions are much more than judging cows. They are experiences that last a lifetime.

The team is coached by Bonnie Ayars, Extension Dairy Program Specialist. Many thanks to Mr. Bernie Heisner and Kelly Epperly for their assistance and also to Noel Alden, who accompanied the group on the Wisconsin trip and lended his invaluable expertise.

More information on all the results can be located at <http://www.world-dairy-expo.com/nws.main.cfm> for Madison results and for the PA All American, <http://www.allamerican.state.pa.us/files/2009%20IYDCJC%204H%20Results.pdf>

Collegiate

The OSU dairy judging teams are having a successful season with some excellent results to report, including a first ever for the OSU team. There were four separate contests in 3 states during the month of September in which the Buckeyes participated. The primary Scarlet team finished 4th at Eastern States with John Langel securing the 4th high individual designation. Other team members included Stephanie Neal, Rachel Foureman, and Paul Keener. At the PA All American contest, the team of Neil Duncan, Paul Keener, Stephanie Neal and John Langel were ranked 6th overall with three members finishing in the top 25. In reasons, the team was 4th and Neil Duncan was 7th in this category. We finished in the top 5 for two breeds. With a brief interlude to begin classes and work at Farm Science Review, the team then made their way to the national contest held at World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI. Teams from 19 universities were on hand to compete and once again OSU was the 6th high team, the most prestigious contest of them all. Stephanie, John, and Neil all finished in the top 25 overall in placings AND reasons to receive an All American distinction. Neil was 10th high individual. The

team also finished in the top five of three separate breeds. Individually, Paul was 3rd in Brown Swiss and Neil was 1st and 5th in two breeds. An additional honor also went to Stephanie for earning a perfect 50 score for a set of reasons.

Results for World Dairy Expo contest: <http://www.worlddairyexpo.com/you.intercollegiate.cfm>

Results for PA All American Contest:

<http://www.allamerican.state.pa.us/files/2009%20IYDCJC%20Collegiate.pdf>

Results from Eastern States Contest:

<http://www.thebige.com/agriculture/Results/09results/09agintcollegeteamsres.pdf>

The understudy Gray team walked away with top honors at the Accelerated Contest in Viroqua, Wisconsin. This was the first time ever that Ohio State has won this contest. It was an exciting evening for the team composed of Hannah Thompson, Laura Gordon, Jason Miley, and Curtis Bickel. The results were most impressive! Jason was 3rd high overall, Curtis in 5th place, and Hannah in 7th. The team was 3rd in oral reasons, but Jason was 2nd overall in this portion. In the breeds, Jason was the winner in the Milking Shorthorn breed and Hannah was tops in Guernsey. The team was high for Holstein and Guernsey, 3rd in Jersey, and 2nd in Milking Shorthorn. Look for more details on this team as they compete in the North American Contest in Louisville, KY.

Accelerated Contest Results: <http://www.accelgen.com/docs/dairy/jc2009results.doc>