Michigan Dairy Youth Program Newsletter

Michigan ranks No. 1 in the country after winning high team award overall and in oral reasons at National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo

Michigan is home to the No. 1 youth dairy judging team in the country. The Michigan youth delegation earned enough points to oust out teams representing 31 other states in this year’s National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held Oct. 1 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. The team was the highest ranking team both overall — beating out second place Minnesota by 44 points — and in oral reasons. The double-win is a first for the Michigan Dairy Youth Program, which is led by Dr. Joe Domecq, Michigan State University (MSU) animal science specialist and coordinator of the Michigan dairy judging program.

By winning first place overall, the team earns an invitation to travel to Europe for a two-week International Livestock Judging Tour, an honor awarded to the three top-ranking teams at the national contest. This year marks the sixth time in nine years that the youth team from Michigan has earned this honor — it placed second or third five times in the last eight years — but 2012 marks the first time it has finished alone in the top spot.

Competing on the Michigan youth team were MSU students Megan Bush, Swartz Creek; Hayleigh Geurink, Allendale; and Savannah Katulski, Goodrich; and Alma College student Megan Filhart, Rosebush. The team was coached by Domecq and Sarah Black, volunteer assistant coach from Eagle.

As a team, Michigan placed first in the Ayrshire breed, first in the Guernsey breed, second in the Holstein breed and fifth in the Jersey breed.

Individually, each team member placed among the top 10 in one or more breeds.

Bush finished second place overall, fourth place in placing points only and fifth place in oral reasons. She was high individual in the Guernsey breed, third high individual in the Ayrshire breed and sixth place in Jerseys.

Filhart was third high individual overall, second in both the Ayrshire and Holstein breeds, fifth place in placing points only and seventh place in oral reasons.

Geurink placed eighth place in oral reasons, ninth overall and was the second high individual in the Guernsey breed. Katulski placed seventh in the Brown Swiss and Guernsey breeds and was 20th high individual overall.

Team members will travel to Europe in June 2013. While in Europe, the delegation will visit England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In addition to seeing the sites, they will visit the Royal Highland Show and compete in a judging contest in Scotland and be assigned to live with a different host farm family for three days during their stay in Ireland.
The 2012 Michigan State University (MSU) collegiate team members were: agribusiness junior Jon Woodrow (J.W.) Hart, North Adams; animal science junior Katelyn Horning, Manchester; agribusiness management junior Sarah Michalek, Deckerville; and animal science senior Cassie Parks, Clinton.

The team competed in three competitions: the 44th annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest, Harrisburg, Pa.; the 92nd annual World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, Madison, Wis.; and the 39th annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE), Louisville, Ky.

**TEAM PLACINGS**

**HARRISBURG** (18 teams competed)
- 6th high team, Holstein breed
- 6th high team, Jersey breed
- 8th high team, Ayrshire breed
- 8th high team, oral reasons
- 11th high team, overall

**MADISON** (19 teams competed)
- 4th high team, Brown Swiss breed
- 8th high team, Guernsey breed
- 8th high team, oral reasons
- 11th high team, Milking Shorthorn
- 13th high team, overall

**LOUISVILLE** (20 teams competed)
- 2nd high team, Guernsey breed
- 5th high team, oral reasons
- 7th high team, overall
- 8th high team, Ayrshire breed

**44th annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest**

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** (12 teams competed)

**TEAM PLACINGS**

- 3rd high team, Brown Swiss breed
- 4th high team, Guernsey breed
- 5th high team, Ayrshire breed
- 6th high team, oral reasons
- 8th high team, oral reasons
- 9th high team, Jersey breed

**KELLY RATERINK**
- 10th high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- 10th high individual, Guernsey breed
- 11th high individual, Holstein breed
- 19th high individual, overall

**SAVANNAH KATULSKI**
- 7th high individual, Ayrshire breed
- 9th high individual, overall
- 8th high individual, Ayrshire breed
- 10th high individual, oral reasons

**MEGAN BUSH**
- 1st high individual, overall
- 1st high individual, oral reasons
- 2nd high individual, overall
- 3rd high individual, Ayrshire breed
- 4th high individual, placing points
- 5th high individual, oral reasons
- 6th high individual, Guernsey breed

**HAYLEIGH GEURINK**
- 2nd high individual, Guernsey breed
- 8th high individual, oral reasons
- 9th high individual, overall

**MEGAN FILHART**
- 2nd high individual, Jerseys breed
- 2nd high individual, Holstein breed
- 3rd high individual, Brown Swiss breed

**JAY LUOMA**
- 3rd high individual, Brown Swiss breed
- 12th high individual, overall
- 13th high individual, Holstein breed
- 13th high individual, oral reasons

**SARAH MICHALEK**
- 7th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Madison
- 9th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- 11th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- 11th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison
- 12th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Madison
- 14th high individual, Milking Shorthorn; Madison
- 14th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Madison
- 16th high individual, overall; Louisville
- 16th high individual, Holstein breed; Harrisburg

**KATELYN HORNING**
- 6th high individual, Milking Shorthorn; Madison
- 6th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Madison
- 6th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison
- 14th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Harrisburg
- 16th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- 19th high individual, Milking Shorthorn; Madison
- 20th high individual, overall; Louisville

**J.W. HART**
- 6th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- 6th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Madison
- 9th high individual, overall
- 10th high individual, oral reasons
- 10th high individual, placing points
- 10th high individual, overall

**CASSIE PARKS**
- 11th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Madison
- 18th high individual, Milking Shorthorn; Madison

**ANNA MUSOLF**
- 7th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison
- 11th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- 11th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison
- 12th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Madison
- 14th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Harrisburg
- 16th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- 19th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Madison
- 3rd high individual, Ayrshire breed
- 2nd high individual, overall
- 2nd high individual, Guernsey breed

**MEGAN BUSH**
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- 10th high individual, overall

**MEGAN FILHART**
- 6th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison
- 6th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison
- 6th high individual, oral reasons

**JAY LUOMA**
- 10th high individual, Ayrshire breed
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- 10th high individual, oral reasons
- 10th high individual, overall

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- 2nd high individual, overall
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- 4th high individual, placing points
- 5th high individual, oral reasons
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Michigan dairy youth organize fundraisers to earn $20,000 to travel to Europe for International Livestock Judging Tour

Earning national championship honors at the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest last October at World Dairy Expo was just the beginning of the life-changing experience for members of the Michigan youth dairy judging team. They are embarking on a new mission: raising money to travel to Europe this summer for the International Livestock Judging Tour.

Winning the contest earned the Michigan team – Megan Bush, Swartz Creek; Megan Filhart, Rosebud; Hayleigh Geurink, Allendale; Savannah Katulski, Goodrich, and team coach Dr. Joe Domecq – an invitation to travel to Europe for two weeks in June 2013. While in Europe, the delegation will visit England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In addition to seeing the sites, they will visit the Royal Highland Show and compete in a judging contest in Scotland and be assigned to live with a different host farm family for three days during their stay in Ireland.

Participating in the International Livestock Judging Tour to Europe will cost the team $20,000. The amount covers airfare to and from Europe, transportation throughout out Europe, lodging, entry to various events and activities, and some meals.

In addition to ongoing support provided by program donors and other money-raising projects such as the MSU Spartan Spectacular Sale held each spring, the team members traveling to Europe will be conducting several fundraising activities this winter and spring to earn money for the trip. Most recently, Bush and Geurink headed the cow of 15 Michigan State University (MSU) students who helped feed, do相关消毒，milk, and milk hauling. (Watch over the animals at night) during the “Holiday Harvest Sale” held in East Lansing in December. Each student volunteered time ranging from two to 20 hours over the four-day period, together, Bush and Geurink donated more than 50 hours of time. In return for working, the team received the profits from selling the milk produced by the sale animals.

Coming up during the Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference (GLRDC) in February, team members will hold a “Say cheese!” fundraising auction on Feb. 7 during the evening program. Attendees will have an opportunity to bid on one of 10 packages of cheese curds produced by the MSU Dairy Plant. The successful bidders will have their photographs taken with members of the national champion dairy judging team present at the conference.

Team members will also be conducting a statewide fundraising project every Tuesday now through April in cooperation with the Rosebud Sale Barn, near Rosebud. Youth dairy judging team members will be contacting dairy producers throughout the state seeking donated bulk calves and heifer calves. The donated animals will be sold through the Rosebud Sale Barn at its regularly scheduled Tuesday sale, and all proceeds will be earmarked to go to the team’s fundraising project. Producers can also donate the proceeds from the sale of a calf cow or another dairy animal marketed through the Rosebud Sale Barn. Team members will help dairy producers arrange transportation of their donated animals to the sale barn, or producers can deliver their own. Rosebud Sale Barn also has collection points in West Branch and Shipshewana, Ind. Those who are donating animals only need to advise upon drop-off of the animal at the sale barn that its proceeds be designated to the Michigan youth dairy judging team.

For more information about the fundraising projects designed to raise money for the trip or to donate an animal, contact Bush at bushj@msu.edu or 810-597-4911; Filhart at filhart1me@msu.edu or 989-330-9128; Geurink at geurinkh@msu.edu or 816-280-1777; Katulski at katulsk1@msu.edu or 810-284-2662; or Domecq at domecq@msu.edu or 517-353-7855.

In addition to winning the Michigan team, the teams who finished in second and third place overall at the national contest also received an invitation to take part in the International Livestock Judging Tour. It was the sixth time in nine years that the Michigan youth dairy judging team earned an invitation to travel to Europe – it placed second or third five times in the last eight years – but 2012 marked the first time it finished No. 1.

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Four second-year MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy production management program students competed in the 2012 International Postsecondary Dairy Judging Contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., and the 13th annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Team members were: sophomores Adam Guymersy, Iona; Allison Oscho, Alto; Malissa Reed, Owosso; and Brittany Zondlak, Byron Center.

**TEAM PLACEMENTS**

**MADISON** (2 teams competed)

» 8th high team, Ayrshire breed

» 5th high team, Red and White breed

» 4th high team, overall

» 5th high team, Brown Swiss breed

» 5th high team, Milking Shorthorn

**LOUISVILLE** (4 teams competed)

» 2nd high team, Ayrshire breed

» 3rd high team, Holstein breed

» 3rd high team, Jersey breed

» 4th high team, overall

» 4th high team, Brown Swiss breed

» 4th high team, Guernsey breed

» 5th high team, oral reasons

**BRITNEY ZONDLAK**

1st place individual, Jersey breed; Madison

4th high individual, Holstein breed; Madison

5th high individual, Red and White breed; Madison

8th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Madison

9th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Madison

**ALISSON OSCHO**

6th high individual, Brown Swiss breed; Louisville

6th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison

Adam Guymersy

7th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Louisville

9th high individual, Holstein breed; Louisville

10th high individual, overall; Madison

**MALISSA REED**

3rd high individual, Milking Shorthorn breed; Madison

4th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Louisville

4th high individual, overall; Madison

5th high individual, Ayrshire breed; Madison

5th high individual, Jersey breed; Madison

8th high individual, overall; Madison

9th high individual, Guernsey breed; Madison

9th high individual, overall; Louisville

Timothy J. Frahm, of Frankenmuth (Saginaw Co.), was the high individual in the 26th annual Junior Dairy Management Contest held in Sept. at the 2012 All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg.

“It’s an honor to win,” Frahm said. He is a freshman at Michigan State University (MSU) and was a member of the Michigan youth dairy judging team who also competed at the All-American Dairy Show.

The dairy management contest is a practical, hands-on competition that tests contestants’ knowledge about a variety of dairy management-related topics. Participants competed in six classes, including dairy cattle selection, dairy linear type, feed identification and management, nutrient management, dairy tools and equipment, Dairy Herd Improvement records and dairy business management. They evaluated cows to identify the most profitable ones for earning the high individual ranking in the Junior Dairy Management Contest at the 2012 All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg in Sept. (Photo provided courtesy of Agri-Graphics Ltd.)

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MICHIGAN 4-H DAIRY YOUTH
2013 Calendar of Events

Feb. 7-9  11th annual Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference, Frankenmuth

March 22  Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale, East Lansing

June 19-21 4-H Exploration Days, Michigan State University, East Lansing

July 15-19  Michigan Youth Dairy Days and Michigan Dairy Expo, East Lansing

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