

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

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| Contest Description: | Each contestant will judge up to six (6) classes of dairy cattle with no more than three (3) and no less than one (1) class being heifers. Each contestant will be required to give up to three (3) sets of oral reasons. |
| Superintendent(s): | Dr. Charles Hutchison |
| Award: | National Dairy Judging Contest Trip to North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky or World Dairy Expo, Madison, Wisconsin |
| Grade/Age Requirement(s): | Due to the contest being a qualifier for a national 4-H contest participants must be 14-18 years old as August 1, 2021. |
| Team or Individual Contest: | Individual |
| Number of Entries Per Parish: | Each parish can enter one (1) to eight (8) individuals for a judging contest. |

Contest Rules:

1. Refer to Louisiana 4-H University General Rules and Guidelines for a complete set of event rules and guidelines. Explanation of team structure may be found on pages 8-9.
2. Up to six (6) classes of dairy cattle will be judged with no more than three (3) and no less than one (1) class being heifers.
3. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for placing in each non-reason class. Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for each reason class. Each contestant will be required to give up to three (3) sets of oral reasons.
4. A Dairy Cattle Judging Contest Committee appointed by the superintendent will judge the classes to determine the official placings and score the oral reasons presented.
5. A maximum score of 50 points will be awarded for each placing class and set of oral reasons. The Hormel Scoring System will be used to calculate the scores of each contestant.
6. In the event of a tie for the first-place team or high individual, the team or individual having the highest total points in reasons will be declared the winner.
7. The Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be held at the LSU AgCenter – Southeast Research Station.

Contest Resource(s):

- Louisiana 4-H Publication, “*Understanding the 4-H Judging Contest Process*” 2022 Ed.
- Virginia Tech Dairy Cattle Judging Videos (tutorials and practice classes), www.youtube.com
- Dairy Judging Workbook, www.Holsteinfoundation.org