

MICHIGAN YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST July 20 - Lowell, MI

The Michigan Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will consist of individuals competing in novice, junior or senior divisions. All youth, regardless of past participation in national contests are encouraged to participate.

Four classes of cows and/or heifers will be judged. Classes will be selected from the following breeds, if available: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Red and White. Fifteen minutes will be allowed to place each class of four animals, including making notes for oral reasons.

All contestants and coaches will be provided with a pizza lunch, cold milk/water and ice cream treats after the contest is over. Prizes will be awarded to the top individuals in each division!

Judging Contest Eligibility and Rules Summary

1. While the contest is in progress, communication between contestants or contestants and coaches is not allowed (neither written nor verbal.) If reasons room monitors see or hear contestants communicating, contestants will be given one warning. At the second occurrence 25 points will be deducted from the score for that class. At the third offence a score of zero will be given for that class.
2. Neither coaches nor parents are allowed in the ring during the judging portion of the contest or in the reasons holding rooms.
3. Any youth who has completed an Animal or Dairy Evaluation course at the collegiate level is ineligible to compete.
4. Shirts that identify which county a youth is enrolled in will not be allowed during the dairy cattle judging contest.
5. The 2021 Michigan Dairy Cattle Judging Contest is open to all Michigan youth ages of 8 thru 19. Age will be considered as of January 1 of the current show year.
6. The show is managed by Friends of Michigan Dairy Youth 2020. Contest management has the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations, and settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the dairy youth show or judging contest. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of these rules are subject to suspension from current event.
7. Code of Conduct: The Friends of Michigan Dairy Youth 2020 are committed to a safe and respectful show environment and experience that respects the rights of each and every exhibitor. All exhibitors, parents, and other spectators are expected to exhibit outstanding sportsmanship as well as abide by the standards of the Code of Conduct. The general code of conduct requires attendees to refrain from the following: • Behavior that is unruly, disruptive or illegal in nature. • Any possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the barns or adjacent areas where animals are being penned or handled. • Intoxication or other signs of alcohol or substance impairment resulting in poor behavior. • Foul, obscene, threatening, offensive or abusive language, gestures or actions. • Interfering with the progress of the show. • Failing to follow the instructions of show personnel. • Fighting or physical violence of any type. • Conduct that endangers any other person. • Untruthful age declarations. Violators of the Code of Conduct, as well as their immediate family members, are subject to disciplinary action included but not limited to suspension from current events, at the sole discretion of the show management.
8. We are working to offer this opportunity for youth but may be implementing some changes to comply with state orders. The contest will be at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell, Michigan. Contest management, Friends of Michigan Dairy Youth 2020, volunteers, sponsors, the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association and all affiliated parties are not responsible for losses from accidents, illness or thefts and are not held liable for accidents, illness and loss of items as participation is voluntary. Due to the fluid nature of the State of Michigan guidelines, please review the changes posted on the Facebook page. Event participants, family, spectators and guests must follow the current CDC and MI Health regulations for COVID-19 guidance.

NOVICE DIVISION

A novice division for the judging contest has been developed. This division is designed for youth who are 8, 9, 10, and 11 years old and just beginning to compete in the judging contest. Contestants will judge 4 classes and will not have to do oral reasons. There will also be a cow parts exam consisting of 10 parts, 20 points total for the exam. The goal of this division is to encourage continued involvement in judging. Youth can elect to participate in the junior division rather than the novice division but cannot participate in both the novice and junior divisions in the same year. All other judging contest rules apply.

Scoring guidelines will be on the following basis:

1. Placing scores for 4 classes -- 50 points possible/class.
2. Cow parts exam, consisting of 10 parts. -- 20 points possible.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Juniors will judge 4 classes, give one set of reasons, and do a complete cow parts quiz. Scoring will be based on placing scores for the 4 classes, reasons score for one set of oral reasons and cow parts quiz. The cow parts quiz will incorporate all parts and will be matching.

Scoring will be on the following basis:

1. Placing scores -- 50 points possible/class.
2. One set of oral reasons -- 50 points possible/class.
3. Identification of cow parts -- 50 points possible

SENIOR DIVISION

Seniors will judge 4 classes and give two sets of reasons. Scoring will be based on placing scores for the 4 classes and reasons score for two sets of oral reasons

Scoring will be on the following basis:

1. Placing scores -- 50 points possible/class.
- 2 Two sets of oral reasons -- 50 points possible/class.

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Individual Contestant Entry Form

Entry deadline is July 13, 2021

Send to: Allison Schafer, 15456 Centerline Rd, Westphalia, MI 48894

County _____ Division: ____ Novice (8-11) ____ Junior (9-14) ____ Senior (15-19)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____, MI Zip _____ Tshirt size Youth Medium Youth Large

Adult Small Adult Medium

Birthdate _____ Age as of January 1, 2021 _____ Adult Large Adult XLarge Adult 2XL

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Coach _____ Coach Cell Phone: _____

This entry will be used for the 2021 Michigan Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Due to the fluid nature of the State of Michigan guidelines, please review the changes posted on the Facebook page. We are working to offer this opportunity for youth but may be implementing some changes to comply with state orders including, but not limited to, class size, attendees and audience / helpers at ringside. The contest will be at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell, Michigan.

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