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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents for 4-H and Contacts

FROM: Larissa H. Tucker

RE: State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

The 2024 Kentucky 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be held at the ECU Meadowbrook Dairy Farm on Wednesday, May 29. Registration will begin at 9:00AM.

The contest instructions are on page two of this document. The registration form is an online Qualtrics file located on the Kentucky 4-H Dairy Youth website. The web link is <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth/dairy/state-dairy-judging-contest>. Please key the contestant information in the Qualtrics survey. There is a separate payment form to complete and mail to Larissa Tucker with the \$15 per person registration fee by May 15. The registration fee includes lunch, and program costs. Please make checks payable to "Kentucky 4-H Foundation".

There will be an optional set of reasons for Juniors. The class for Junior reasons will be announced and extra time will be given for note taking. The reasons score will not be added into the overall Junior score.

Awards will be presented once the tabulation is complete. More details regarding the awards will be announced.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE May 15

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2024 KENTUCKY STATE
4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST – May 29**

The 2024 EKU Dairy Farm Biosecurity Policy for the 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest is as follows. All persons visiting the EKU Meadowbrook Dairy Farm must wear clean clothing and clean footwear. Contestants must stay with groups in designated areas until the contest is completed.

1. **Contestants must have completed their six hours of educational training under the coordination of the local Certified Volunteer Leader prior to the contest.**
2. Report to EKU Meadowbrook Dairy Farm, 485 Whitt Road, Richmond, KY, 9:00 A.M. for registration. Everyone should be ready there by 9:30 AM.
3. Instructions will be given at the contest site; however, you should review these with your team before arriving.
4. Each county will need to send a representative to pick up the following at registration:

Juniors	5 placing cards, log sheet, 1 8 1/2 x 11 page for oral reasons notes (for those giving reasons)
Seniors	5 placing cards, log sheet 3 8½ x 11 pages for oral reasons notes
5. We will use contestant numbers but also make sure the contestant prints their name clearly on each card and instruct them to print the class number and name on the card when announced. Review how to mark placing cards. The cards should be marked with an "X" to the right of the desired placing.
6. Contestants are to remain with their group at all times and are not to interact with parents, leaders or agents.
7. Seniors will place five classes and give oral reasons on three classes. Juniors will place five classes.
8. Twelve minutes will be allowed for placing each class -- eight extra minutes will be allowed seniors for reasons classes.
9. There will be one class of optional reasons for Juniors. The class will be announced and extra time will be given for notes. The reasons score will not be included in the overall junior awards.
10. Notes may not be used in giving oral reasons.
11. Each contestant should have a pen or pencil.
12. Contestants will not be allowed to use any handouts or crib sheets. They may take a pencil and/or pen, clip board and plain or lined paper into the ring.
13. Remind contestants there is to be NO TALKING during the contest and no use of electronic devices during the contest.
14. All contestants are eligible for individual awards. Winning teams in the junior and senior divisions will be the three individuals from each county with highest scores.
15. Contestants cannot have taken a post-secondary course in dairy cattle evaluation. Contestants may not have competed in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Evaluation Contest.