



July 26, 2017 – Lindsay Fairgrounds

The Ontario Holstein Branch is organizing the 2017 Inter-County 4-H Judging Competition. **The top four senior members receive a 10-day all-expenses paid trip to Madison to compete.**

Junior Team- for members 12-15

Senior Team- for members 16-21

ages as of January 1st 2017

Teams are to be composed of two 4-H members who are currently enrolled in a 2017 dairy calf club or dairy judging club project and a coach/chaperon. There is no limit on the number of teams a county wishes to enter.

The Ontario Joint Dairy Breeds Committee will pay the entry fee for one/two team per county/district/region, if that county has had at least two/four 4-H dairy calf club members attend a dairy cattle evaluation clinic (judging conference) this year.

The competition will include judging nine classes of dairy cattle. Junior division contestants will give oral reasons on 3 classes and the senior division will be required to give oral reasons on 6 classes. All contestants will write a quiz based on the general information in the **2012 dairy cattle judging manual**.

Competition rules, registration forms, and 4-H Health and Safety Agreement Policy Forms can be found on the website www.ontario.holstein.ca/youth. The committee greatly appreciates your assistance in distributing notice of this competition to all the 4-H dairy calf club members and leaders within your area. The committee feels it would be beneficial to include Judges as coaches for county teams. If you require a listing of these Judges, visit the Branch website or give us a call.

The objectives of this competition are to develop decision making and communication skills of 4-H members; to teach how to properly evaluate dairy cattle; to provide competition beyond the county club level; as well as the encouragement and development of future Ontario judges. The top four contestants from the Senior Division will be invited to represent Ontario at the dairy cattle judging competition held at the time of World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, later this fall.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1 The top contestant has an opportunity to win a spot on the Canadian Team for the European Young Breeders School that is held in Belgium (September 2018).
- 2 The Joseph G. Snyder Participation Draw – a chance to win \$100 to be drawn from all 4-H'ers participating.

The premier sponsor for this event is John Deere Canada. If you happen to see any representatives from this organization in the upcoming months, please feel free to express your thanks for their support of youth in the industry. The Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund also sponsors this event and everyone is encouraged to keep this as a charity of choice when making donations.



We invite returning and new judges to the competition and look forward to great participation from all the counties in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Merina Johnston".

Merina Johnston on behalf of the
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Judging Competition
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