

DAIRY JUDGING & EVALUATION OBJECTIVES

- 1) To develop skills in observing differences and organizing thoughts
- 2) To develop expertise in logical reasoning, decision making and other higher order thinking skills
- 3) To develop confidence in defending decisions in either oral or written form
- 4) To function as part of a team
- 5) To develop sportsmanship
- 6) To promote and encourage the training of youth in animal agriculture
- 7) To develop character and leadership abilities necessary to become contributing members of society
- 8) To provide opportunities to observe agriculture and society in other regions of the state and country
- 9) To provide career enhancement opportunities
- 10) To strengthen and enhance leadership skills

DAIRY JUDGING RULES

- 1) Open to bona-fide 4-H members of Alabama who are enrolled in the Dairy Judging Program. Enrollment is to be done on the “Registration Form for 4-H Dairy Events” and is to be recorded in the office of Boyd Brady, 109C Animal Science Bldg, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email, bradybo@auburn.edu; phone, 334-844-1562(o); 334-321-8826 ©fax, 334-844-1519 by one week prior to the event.
- 2) Judging competition is for individuals and teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Counties are encouraged to have a 4 person team, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
- 3) Only one team per county or club, per age group is permitted, however there is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site.
- 4) Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. A contestant should not wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited.
- 5) There will be one State Contest. This contest will be for Juniors and Seniors. Seniors & Juniors will be divided according the Alabama 4-H rules.
- 6) The State Congress Contest is for Seniors only, this team may travel to Louisville, KY to represent Alabama or at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, TN. If a senior team wins the State Contest two years in a row they can travel to Madison, WI, but additional funds must be raise by the team and must be approved by the State Extension Dairy Team.
- 7) Contests contest typically having 6 classes of any combination of cow and heifer classes. Oral reasons and questions will be part of both contests.
- 8) The Second Place team can represent Alabama at a region contest but no funds will be provided and this must be approved by the State Extension Dairy Team.