

Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Quick Reference Guide

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• 2020 Contest Information

- o April 3
 - Held at the UGA Livestock Arena on S. Milledge Ave, Athens, GA
- Entries
 - Due through State 4-H Office

Team Guidelines

- A county may have the following teams:
 - 2 Senior teams
 - 2 Junior teams
- o Teams must consist of 3 or 4 participants. Individuals may also participate.

National Contest

- The winning county of the Senior Division will be invited to participate in the National Contest held in October in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI.
- o Partial expenses paid by GA Dairy Youth Foundation and Southeast Milk Checkoff

Contest Guidelines

- Senior teams will:
 - Judge 5 classes
 - o 3 cow classes and 2 heifer classes depending on availability in barn.
 - Have 3 reasons classes
- Junior teams will:
 - Judge 5 classes
 - o 3 cow classes and 2 heifer classes depending on availability in barn.
 - Have 1 reasons class
- Teams rankings will be announced for high teams in placings, reasons, and overall. The highest overall team is the team that has the highest combined placings and reasons scores for their top 3 individuals.

• Team Preparation

o Interested/needing opportunities to see live cattle for practice? Please contact Dr. Jillian Bohlen (jfain@uga.edu or 706-542-9108) for assistance.

Additional Resources for Team Preparation

- O The Purebred Dairy Cattle Scorecard can be found at:
 - http://www.purebreddairycattle.com/pages/Literature.php
- The UGA Extension Bulletin on dairy judging terminology can be found at:
 - http://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.cfm?number=B1234
- Hoards Dairyman offers annual contests and classes. Both past and present classes can be found via their website.
 - http://www.hoards.com/youth/cowjudgingcorner
 - Additional materials can be purchased at:
 - http://www.hoards.com/bookstore/youthjudging
- o The Holstein Foundation also has an excellent workbook at:
 - http://www.holsteinfoundation.org/pdf_doc/workbooks/Dairy_Judging_Workbook.pdf
- o Dairy Judging 101
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNRhuG51jwgcPVkExTScg8w