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4-H DAIRY INFORMATION

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To: 4-H Dairy Committee, 4-H Dairy Members, Leaders and Parents

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NEW DAIRY AND DAIRY KNOWLEDGE PROJECT CHAMPION SELECTION CRITERIA for 2011 for youth 8-18 years old:

These forms will be due Monday, September 12, 2011 and require the leader signature or a parent signature if you are an independent member.

Points are given for community service, public presentations, dairy judging, dairy quiz bowl, exhibiting a dairy animal, dairy clinic/county fair showmanship practice, and dairy leadership.

Visit the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office for the Project Champion Selection forms

Dairy Judging

You are expected to be respectful to the volunteers assisting with the Dairy Judging Program.

What is Cow College? Cow College is another name for Dairy Judging

Who can attend cow college? Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. Please NOTE: **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2011) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge may participate **only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old. The adult must stay in the same group with the cloverbud member.**

New for 2011: 4-H members who are 12 and over as of 1/1/11 will be learning how to give a set of oral reasons. They will give 1 set of oral reasons during cow college. At first the oral reasons can be read from your written notes.

Where is cow college held? Cow college is held in the barn at different farms around the county (dress appropriately with warm clothes and footwear because you will be in the barn or at times outside depending on the weather!)

When is cow college? Cow college is (5) five Saturdays during February, March, and April. Each session runs from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Why should I go to cow college? Cow college teaches you the essentials for being a dairy cattle judge. It will help you understand what to look for when choosing your show animal. It will also help you understand why the judge places your animal the way he does at county fair or any other dairy show. Observation, confidence, and communication are some of the many skills which youth will develop from judging.

What happens after the five (5) cow colleges? There will be a county dairy judging tour on Saturday, May 14 at Jeff and Kelly Atherton's farm, Jasper, where you will judge 6 classes of four animals each. 4-H families (members and adults) are encouraged to judge. There will also be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend.

There is the State Dairy Judging Contest at the NYS Fair where 4-H member (8-18 years old) will be selected as members of the 3 possible Steuben County Teams:

A Team – 4-H members will need to give oral reasons as part of the contest.

B Team – 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

C Team – youth 8-10 as of January 1, 2011 or any youth 13 and under as of January 1, 2011 who have not previously competed in the dairy judging contest at the State Fair. 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

Dairy Judging Schedule - Check the web at www.putknoughtowork.com for any updates to this schedule

Remember you are a guest at the places you are visiting so be on your best behavior.

February 19 – Cow College 1-3 p.m FiDe Farms – the Demun’s – County Route 126, Troupsburg

March 5 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location TBA

Thursday, March 24th – Hoard’s Dairyman Picture Judging Contest entries postmarked to Hoard’s Dairyman and a copy sent to the CCE Office for county contest. If you need the reprints and entry form contact the CCE Office.

March 26– Cow College 1-3 p.m. Don and Kathy Bossard, 10055 Freiner Hill Road, Canaseraga

April 2 – Cow College 1-3 p.m., Tom Price, County Route 71, Jasper

Friday, April 8– Youth Dairy Judging Contest, New York Spring Dairy Carousel, New York State Fairgrounds 2:00 p.m.

April 23 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Lyle Wade and Family, 3801 Bush Hill Road, Canisteo

May 14th – County Dairy Judging Contest - Jeff and Kelly Atherton, 2465 County Route 63, Jasper (registration information will be sent at a later date)

July 6 or 7 – Date to be finalized Finger Lakes District Dairy Judging Contest – Alfred State College

Tuesday, August 16 - Steuben County Fair 4-H Dairy Judging Contest .in judging pavilion at 1:00 p.m. This is recommended for all 4-H dairy members.

Refer to additional page for directions to cow colleges

Cow College Points

There will again be a point system recorded after each cow college with prizes being awarded at the County Tour in May. **To be eligible for the award you must attend at least 3 out of the 5 cow colleges.** You will receive points on attendance, how well you judge, etc. What are the prizes you ask??? To be honest, they have not been finalized yet!!

6 points for returning the participation return form by the date due – **Monday, February 14. After completing this form if your plans change please contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306, ksb3@cornell.edu or Keith and Lisa Demun at 525-6507 or at klpdemun@zoominternet.net so that we can better plan on how many will be attending each session.**

5 points for attending each cow college session – (total 25 points)

5 points for being 1st place Novice at a cow college

4 points for being 2nd place Novice at a cow college

3 points for being 3rd place Novice at a cow college

5 points for being 1st place Junior at a cow college

4 points for being 2nd place Junior at a cow college

3 points for being 3rd place Junior at a cow college

5 points for being 1st place Senior at a cow college

4 points for being 2nd place Senior at a cow college

3 points for being 3rd place Senior at a cow college

3 points bringing a friend to participate in cow college

3 more points if that friend comes more than one week

3 points for each class placed perfectly (placings & questions)

Many 4-H members have enjoyed dairy judging so plan to be a part of the 2011 dairy judging program.

Dairy Quiz Bowl

You are expected to be respectful to the volunteers assisting with the Dairy Quiz Bowl Program.

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will prove to be an educational experience for both participants and spectators. The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and all cattle breeds.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2011.

Rules and past Jr. and Sr. questions can be found at <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dairycattle/index.html>

Novice Contest

Team members may be 8 – 10 years old with some experience or 11 – 13 years old with no previous district contests experience.

Coach: Ray Lawson

Practices - Feb. 5, Feb 12, Feb. 26 and March 12 from 1-3 p.m. either in Rathbone or Addison

If you need past novice questions contact Kim at the CCE Office.

Junior Contest - 9 – 13 years old Coach: Marlaina Bennett Practicing in Howard

Senior Contest - 14 – 18 years old We currently have only 3 out of the 4 team members. Currently members are practicing on their own but I would like to set up if possible 1 or 2 practices to practice as a team and use the buzzers. Coach: ?

Dairy Quiz Bowl Contests

Saturday, March 19 - Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest – Registration 9:30 a.m., Contest starts at 10 a.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua

We will need volunteers for the contest on March 19th so please contact me at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2306 or one of the coaches if you are willing to assist.

Saturday, April 30 - NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Cornell University. The Finger Lakes District will send a junior and senior team to the state competition. The Finger Lakes District junior and senior teams will be composed of the top four individuals with the 5th place as the alternate in each division.

Thursday, August 25 – Novice Dairy Quiz Bowl Invitational at the NYS Fair – 10 a.m. The Finger Lakes District will send one team to this contest.

4-H dairy members have enjoyed Dairy Quiz Bowl so plan to join this year's program. **Please contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2306 if you have not done so already if you are interested in participating in dairy quiz bowl or have any questions.**

County Public Presentations - Saturday, February 26, 2011

All 4-H members except cloverbud members are required to give a public presentation at the club or county level to receive project completion. Cloverbud members are encouraged to give a presentation. County presentations will be given on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Steuben County Office Building, Bath between 9 a.m. – noon or 1-4 p.m. Cloverbud presentations can be as short as 1 min. first year presentations can be as short as 3 minutes. Presentations must be 5-15 minutes to be considered for the district contest. Some possible dairy topics include Breed(s) of Cattle; How to Weigh My Animal; What I Feed My Animal; Show Supplies; etc. **Registration is due by Friday, February 18** The registration form can be found on the CCE website at <http://www.putknowledgetowork.com> and click on 4-H Youth Development or contact your 4-H leader or contact me at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2306 and leave a message anytime.

New York Holstein Association Calf Scholarship

The purpose of the Calf Scholarship Award Program is to select a youth who is worthy of the award – a fine pedigreed calf with the potential to develop into a future brood cow. The program offers such a calf to a youth who has demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential and who will grow through this project. Age limit is youth 12-15 years old as of January 1, 2011. Applications and requirements can be found at www.nyholsteins.com or by calling the NY Holstein office at 1-800-834-4644 or contact the CCE Office. The entry deadline is **postmarked March 1, 2011**. The calf will be awarded to the winner during the Spring Holstein Carousel, April 8-12, 2011 at the NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse.

Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Clinic Date and Time TBA

You are expected to be respectful to the volunteers assisting with the Dairy Program.

There will be a Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Clinic at Jokers Dairy, Joe and Tracey McCaig, between Canisteo and Jasper. Calves will be provided to practice leading and clipping. More information to follow.

County Fair

May 1 – 1st day to get Animal Health Certificates for County Fair

June 15 – Ownership requirements for dairy cattle

Wednesday, June 15 – Grade Dairy Cattle Certificates due to CCE Office, for the form go to the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office

Wednesday, June 15 – Leasing forms due for dairy cattle to the CCE Office, for the form go to <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/id/index.html> or contact the CCE Office

MONDAY, JULY 11 – County Fair Animal Science Entries due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

- **Entries require a leader signature and a parent/guardian signature**
- **For members showing registered animals a copy of the registration papers are due with the County Fair Entry Form.**

New for 2011 – Tuesday, August 16 – 7-8 p.m. 4-H Dairy Showmanship practice

New for 2011 – Wednesday, August 17 from 2-4 p.m. or Thursday, August 18 from 8 -9:30 a.m. – Lactating 4-H Dairy animals may arrive if the 4-H member is exhibiting other female non-lactating dairy cattle. Animals entered in open class only may arrive.

New for 2011 - Wednesday, August 17 – 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. 4-H Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Contest (Classes for youth 8-18 years old and master showman) Whites are required.

New for 2011 – Thursday, August 18 – 11 a.m. Cloverbud dairy show class and then non-owner showmanship class. Whites are required.

Thursday, August 18 – 12 p.m. 4-H & Open Dairy Show, followed by Club Dairy Herd. Whites are not required but youth must wear appropriate school attire.

ALL CATTLE regardless of age that will be showing in any show in New York State **must have a BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhea) test.** For more information contact: The CCE Office for a brochure, your local veterinarian, or you can call NYS Agriculture and Markets at 518-457-5302, or <http://nyschap.vet.cornell.edu>

PROJECT RECORDS

Each 4-H member must complete and turn in a record if they exhibit an animal at the 2011 county fair. If they don't complete a record they will be ineligible to show in the 2012 County Fair, in the 4-H division. Members are also encouraged to complete and turn in records even if they have a project animal that they didn't exhibit at county fair to receive project completion. **Records are due Monday, September 12, 2011 Please note: The records including the insert questions are being revised for 2011.** Check the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com for the updated version or contact the CCE Office.

New for 2011: Jr and Sr. Activity Reports Deadline

Jr. and Sr. Activity reports are due to the CCE Office on Monday, September 12, 2011 to be eligible to be selected for award trips. Check the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com for the report form.

2011 DAIRY JUDGING RETURN FORM

Return by Monday, February 14, 2011

Return to: Kim Randall
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NAME (S) _____

Age (s) as of January 1, 2011 _____

Email _____ Phone _____

This is my 1st year participating in dairy judging _____

	YES	NO
February 19 th – FiDe Farms – the Demun’s – Troupsburg 1-3 p.m.		
March 5 th – Location to be Finalized 1-3 p.m		
March 27 th – Don & Kathy Bossard – Canaseraga 1-3 p.m.		
April 2 nd - Tom Price, Jasper 1-3 p.m.		
April 23 rd - Lyle Wade and Family , Canisteo 1-3 p.m.		

Directions to Cow Colleges and County Dairy Judging Tour

February 19th – FiDe Farms 1421 County Route 126, Troupsburg 607-525-6507

From Route 417 from Greenwood: they are approximately 5 miles up County Route 126 on the right.

From Route 36: turn onto County Route 126 and they are approximately 2 ½ miles on the left.

March 26th – Don & Kathy Bossard, 10055 Freiner Hill Road, Canaseraga

From Canaseraga: Head toward Swain and take the 1st left onto Freiner Hill Road, go over the railroad tracks and go approximately 2 ½ miles up the hill. The farm will be on your right.

April 2nd - Tom Price, County Route 71, Jasper

From Bath: Take County Route 10 to the end of the road into Cameron. Turn left towards Addison onto County Route 119. Take a right at Allen Road/County Route 22. Turn right onto County Route 21 bear to the left onto County Route 123/ Jasper Boyds Corners Road. Turn right onto County Route 71 for approximately 1 mile and Price’s is the first farm on the left.

From Canisteo: Take Route 36 South into Jasper. At the Four Corners in Jasper turn left onto County Route 71 and Price’s will be on your left.

April 23rd – Lyle Wade and Family, 3801 Bush Hill Road, Canisteo

From Canisteo take Route 36S: Turn right onto Bush Hill Road. The farm is approximately 6 miles total from Route 36. Go up Bush Hill Road approximately 1-2 miles and bear to the right when you get to the Y. Stay on

Bush Hill Road. DO NOT bear to the left onto Red Spring Run Road. The barn will be on the left and the house will be on the right.

From South Canisteo off of Route 36S turn right onto County Route 31 (Milwaukee Road). Take the 1st right onto Cline Hill Road. At the top of Cline Hill Road take a right onto North Road and go approximately 1 mile and the barn will be on your right and the house will be on your left.

May 14, 2011 – County Dairy Judging Tour
Jeff and Kelly Atherton, 2465 County Route 63, Jasper

From Canisteo: Take Route 36 South towards Jasper go past the Allegany-Steuben Holstein Club Barn which will be on your left. Go past South Canisteo and turn right onto County Route 31 (Milwaukee Road) and follow this to the T. At the T turn right onto County Route 63 (Jackson Hill Road) and go up the hill and they are the first farm.

From Jasper: Take Route 36 North towards Canisteo. Take the third Left onto County Route 31 (Milwaukee Road) and go past the West Jasper Church on your right continue down the hill and then go straight up the hill onto County Route 63 (Jackson Hill Road). They are the first farm.