2010 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – All-Around Dairy Team Contest

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Division 40, Class 10
G-040-010 - All-Around Dairy Team

Schedule SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 - DAIRY CATTLE BARN

1:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy All-Around Team Check-in/Orientation
1:15-3 p.m.	4-H Dairy All-Around Team Contest

Purpose

The purpose of this team contest is to test the ability of dairy exhibitors from the same "county" to work together as a team, to perform well in the show ring and to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in all areas of dairy production and management.

Registration

- There are no limits on number of teams that can participate.
- There will be an entry fee of $5/person to enter this contest.
- For scheduling purposes, teams and alternates must sign up for the All-Around County contest with other pre-fair entries. Any substitutions for the All-Around Dairy Team Contest must be made in the State Fair Dairy Cattle office prior to 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 28, 2010.

****Special Note** – This contest will also serve as a piece of the FFA Dairy Evaluation Contest held in conjunction with the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. There may be some stations required for 4-H members or FFA members only.

Awards

In the Dairy division, All-Around Dairy Team Awards will be made to the Grand and Reserve Champion Team. Monetary Awards may be given as funds become available. Champions will be announced at the conclusion of the Youth Dairy Show.

The following rules apply for entry:

1. At least one member of the county team must be a 4-H dairy exhibitor at the Nebraska State Fair. A county team will consist of 3-4 youth. All should be enrolled in the county 4-H program, but not all must be in the dairy project.
2. Team members must be between 10 and 18 years of age on January 1, 2010.
3. Each County team will be made up of 3-4 members. A team may also be composed of youth from adjoining counties, if the number of interested 4-Hers from the county is not enough to compose a team.
    a. "County" can be defined by either traditional county lines or by the current University of Nebraska Extension County Office designation.

b. In the event that a county/unit does not have enough members to complete a team, team members may combine with adjoining Counties or Counties in the same University of Nebraska Extension Programming district to form an All-Around Dairy Team. NO county/unit entering teams should solicit team members without the knowledge and support of extension staff of counties/units from which other team members are recruited. For teams with members from more than one county/unit, the different counties/units must be adjacent.

4. Teams will be scored on a 200 point scale based on the following criteria
   a. Skill-a-thon score –185 possible points
   b. Average Showmanship Score – 15 possible points
5. All youth on the team will participate in the Skill-a-thon portion of the contest. This portion of the contest will also be used as the Premier Exhibitor Skill-a-thon.
   The Premier Exhibitor/All-Around Team Skill-a-thon competition will involve individual team members being split into groups and rotated to different stations. Each group will have adequate time at each skill-a-thon station to complete the questions or tasks. After the completion of the skill-a-thon the total points for each individual will be averaged and each team will receive this average as their Average Team Skill-a-thon Score. Activities may include the following: Linear evaluation, pedigree class, management quiz, equipment identification and/or demonstration of equipment use, feeds identification, and a team problem solving station. During the Team Problem station of the skill-a-thon, team members will work together to complete the task.
6. References for the skill-a-thon include all 4-H Manuals and NebGuides pertinent to the Dairy Industry. Additional references available through CIT include:
   RP – 96 Dairy – Cows and Management
   RP – 97 Dairy – Calves and Heifers
   RP – 593 Learning About Dairy
   BU6154 Dairy 1
   BU6155 Dairy 2
   BU6156 Dairy 3
   BU 6157 Dairy Helpers Guide
7. Showmanship points will be assigned to individuals as follows: Purple 15, Blue 10, and Red 5. Team members who are dairy exhibitors who do not participate in showmanship, without a valid excuse, will be factored into the average team score with their individual score counting as 0 points. Previous showmanship winners who are not eligible to participate in showmanship will count as 15 points towards the average team score. The showmanship score will be determined by averaging all of the showmanship scores earned by team members competing in showmanship. If the team has only one exhibitor, the score earned by that exhibitor will be the team showmanship score.
8. The returning members of Champion County Teams can continue to participate in the contest. An identical Returning Champion County Team can participate if and only if they are the only 4-H members interested from that respective county. If there are additional 4-Hers from that county, the returning Champion team members must be split equally between the county teams. The contest superintendent has the final determination of team makeup and size when working with teams consisting of returning Champion team members.