



Northeast Iowa Dairy & Agriculture Foundation

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More Than 450 FFA Members Participate in Tri-State Ag & Dairy Expo

More than 450 FFA members from 32 Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin high schools participated in the annual Tri-State Ag & Dairy Expo held on Thursday, Sept. 16, at Iowa's Dairy Center in Calmar. The expo featured dairy judging and dairy products contests where students enhanced their evaluation skills on dairy cattle and products.

Maquoketa Valley FFA of Delhi, Iowa was named the champion dairy judging team. Team members included Lane Domeyer, Alia Domeyer, Haley Ronnebaum and Courtney Goedken. Alia was also the high-scoring individual of the contest.

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA topped the non-reasons dairy judging contest. The team consisted of Nathaniel Gaul, Avery Wessel, Korey Putz and Konnor Puts. Marissa Bronner of Crestwood FFA was named the high-scoring individual of the non-reasons contest.

Kee High FFA of Lansing was named the champion dairy products judging team. Team members included Riley Troendle, Anissa Stanley, Ashton Kolsrud and Faith Boland. Libby Lansing of Western Dubuque FFA was the high-scoring individual of the dairy products contest.

Additionally, the Tri-State Ag & Dairy Expo presented an annual award in memory of Dennis Rud, a former FFA instructor and longtime employee of Nelson Dairy Consultants. The award is given to an individual who has had a significant role in the success of the expo. The recipient of the third annual award was Bonnie Sorum, who was recognized for her dedication to the expo.

In addition to a competition for students, the expo offered seminars on agriculture topics which included a grain bin rescue demonstration by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety and presentations on beef cattle, dairy cattle and cover crops. The Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Dairy Science Club and agriculture students helped with the preparation of cattle for the dairy cattle judging contests.

Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo would not be possible without support from local businesses and organizations. A special thanks to Lynch Family Companies for providing lunch for the attendees and Dr. Kent Nelson and Nelson Dairy Consultants for donating the plaques and ribbons for top scorers of the contests.

Competition results were as follows:

Dairy Judging with Reasons

Top Individuals

1. Alia Domeyer, Maquoketa Valley FFA
2. Mitchell Vagts, South Winn FFA
3. Lauren Kishman, MFL MarMac FFA
4. Claire Opperman, Waukon FFA
5. Mason Kishman, MFL MarMac FFA

Top Teams

1. Maquoketa Valley FFA
2. South Winn FFA
3. MFL MarMac FFA

Dairy Judging without Reasons

Top Individuals

1. Marissa Bronner, Crestwood FFA
2. Allison Hogan, Maquoketa Valley FFA
3. Konnor Puts, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA
4. Aubrey Hageman, South Winn FFA
5. Devon Lotts, T-55 FFA

Top Teams

1. Edgewood-Colesburg FFA
2. T-55 FFA
3. Crestwood FFA

Dairy Products Contest

Top Individuals

1. Libby Lansing, Western Dubuque FFA
2. Anissa Stanley, Kee High FFA
3. Riley Troendle, Kee High FFA
4. Rachel Mikkelson, Decorah FFA
5. Taylor Mayhue, North Scott FFA

Top Teams

1. Kee High FFA
2. Western Dubuque FFA

3. Decorah FFA

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Complete results can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/allamakee/news/tri-state-dairy-expo-results>.