Dairy Cattle Judging

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Contestants

Teams consist of four members, with all four individual scores counting as the team score. All team members are eligible for individual awards.

Classes

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| **Class** | **Individual Points** | **Team Points** |
| Milking Class 1 | 50 | 200 |
| Milking Class 2 | 50 | 200 |
| Milking Class 3 | 50 | 200 |
| Heifer Class 1 | 50 | 200 |
| Heifer Class 2 | 50 | 200 |
| Heifer Class 3 | 50 | 200 |
| Reasons 1 | 50 | 200 |
| Reasons 2 | 50 | 200 |
| Reasons 3 | 50 | 200 |
| Written Exam | 50 | 200 |
| TOTAL | 500 | 2000 |

Tie Breaker

1. The team or individual scoring the highest total reasons score(s) will be the winner.
2. If a tie still exists, the total score of the individual or team will be used to determine the high individual or team.

Sub-contest Awards

Sub-contest awards will be given for high teams and individuals in the following areas: Milking, Heifers, Written Exam, and Reasons. (Milking and Heifer sub-contests include reasons for respective classes. Reasons sub-contest includes all reasons scores.)

Rules

1. Six classes of dairy cattle, each consisting of four animals, will be judged in this contest. These classes shall be three of milking cows and three of heifers.
2. All contestants must report on all classes and will be graded on the following basis: Correct placing - 50 points; Correct reasons - 50 points.
3. Contestants will not be allowed to handle the animals.
4. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for placing non-reasons classes.
	1. Seventeen (17) minutes will be allowed for placing reasons classes.
	2. These classes will be designated before the cattle are judged.
	3. Each contestant will give three (3) sets of reasons. Two (2) minutes will be allowed for each presentation.
5. Written Exam – A multiple choice exam will be given. The objective exam is designed to determine team members’ understanding of the dairy industry. The exam will consist of 25 multiple choice questions, valued at two points each, drawn from a compiled test bank of 200 questions based on current dairy industry trends and/or issues. The test bank will be posted to the CATA website no earlier than December 1 and no later than January 31. The top five coaches from the previous year will maintain the test bank utilizing the advanced dairy bowl questions and other resources. Thirty (30) minutes will be given for the exam. (50 points)