



Members of Maryland's national champion 4-H dairy cattle judging team pose with coaches and trophy hardware on Oct. 4 during the World Dairy Expo at Madison, Wis. To identify individuals, think of an alert dairy cow with her ears forward. Representing the cow's muzzle are (left to right): Patty Kahler, 16, of Keymar (Frederick County) and Mrs. Cindy Stonesifer, 18, of Bloom (Carroll County). Standing in for the cow's ears are Kevin Stiles, 17 (far left), of Boonsboro (Washington County) and Dennis Patrick, 18 (far right), of Daisy

(Howard County). Symbolizing a healthy cow's bright eyes are the team coaches, Tony R. Rickard (left) and Janet L. Shank (right), both with the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service. The poll (top of the head) is represented by Armin W. Fruechte (center), director of public relations at Westby, Wis., for Tri-State Breeders Cooperative. Fruechte is holding Mylo S. Downey memorial award plaque, which has now been won by Maryland 4-H teams two years out of three since its inception in 1976.

Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging team wins national championship trophy for 23rd time

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—True to form, the Maryland 4-H dairy judging team has bounced back in an even numbered year to win the national championship. This year's feat was accomplished on Oct. 4 during the World Dairy Expo at Madison, Wis.

Teams from the Old Line State have now won the national 4-H dairy cattle judging contest in seven of the ten even-numbered years counting back to 1960. Last year, in an odd-numbered year, the Maryland delegation finished eleventh.

This year's Maryland team competed in a record large field of 38 state teams. In addition to winning the over-all championship, it scored first in total reasons and first in Brown Swiss breed judging.

The team also placed fourth in Holstein and

seventh in Guernsey judging and twelfth in Jerseys.

Pennsylvania was runner-up state in the over-all team competition; Michigan, third; Kentucky, fourth, and Ohio, fifth. Kentucky had beat out a different Maryland team in 4-H dairy cattle judging on Sept. 25 during the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at Harrisburg, Pa.

The Maryland sweep in Brown Swiss judging at the national contest was aided by two team members finishing first and second among all individuals participating.

Patty Kahler, 16, of Keymar (Frederick County) was the top individual in Brown Swiss judging, and Kevin Stiles, 17, of Boonsboro (Washington County) was runner-up. The two had placed second and third, respectively, in over-all

2) at the Maryland State Fair.

In over-all individual standings at the national contest, Dennis Patrick, 18, of Daisy (Howard County) placed third; Kevin Stiles finished fourth, and Patty Kahler, ninth. The fourth team member was Mrs. Cindy Stonesifer, 18, of Bloom (Carroll County). She was twenty-third in the national standings.

Team coaches were Tony R. Rickard, Extension dairy science specialist at the University of Maryland in College Park, and Janet L. Shank of Elkton, Extension agricultural and 4-H agent in Cecil County. Miss Shank won state and national honors in both dairy cattle and livestock judging during her 4-H career in Washington County. She was also a member of the University of Maryland

All told, Maryland teams have now won the national 4-H dairy cattle judging championship 23 times—far more than any other state. Ironically, their record of winning in even-numbered years is a fairly recent phenomenon. The Maryland total of national championships going back to 1921 show 11 wins in odd-numbered years and 12 wins in even-numbered years.



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