

Pa. youth top All-American Dairy Judging contest

HARRISBURG — 4-H and FFA dairy judging teams from Pennsylvania showed a great deal of "bovine savvy" in taking top honors Monday in the Pennsylvania All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.

Members of the 4-H team, who hail from Hamburg, Berks County, amassed a total of 1748 points, out of a possible 1950 points to outdistance a second place Maryland team which compiled a score of 1699. A total of 18 teams, including

representatives from as far away as Wisconsin and Tennessee, matched dairy wits. Members of the Pennsylvania team include: Patti Dreisbach, Charles Seidel, Todd Miller and alternate Harold Dreisbach. Todd Miller finished third in individual judging with a total of 588 points; Charles Seidel fifth with 583; and Patti Dreisbach seventh with 577 points. David Bitler is the team coach.

It was Pennsylvania and Maryland finishing one, two in FFA competition as well. The

Pennsylvania team edged the Maryland contingent 1379 to 1367 for top honors. The eight teams participating in this portion of the contest were aiming for a top score of 1650.

Members of the winning team included Tracy Snyder of Pitman, Schuylkill County; Mark Welk of Peach Bottom, York County; Bill Neal of Roaring Branch, Lycoming County; and alternate Jill Kutz of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County. Mark Welk finished third in individual judging with 478 points



Youth from across the state tested their judging skills Tuesday in the Ninth Pennsylvania 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging Forum.

and first with a total of 50 points in the individual judging for total reasons, while Bill Neal finished fifth in individual judging for all breeds with 463 points. Arba L. Henry is the team coach.

In the intercollegiate division, the team representing Pennsylvania State University finished eighth in a field of 24 major agricultural colleges and universities from throughout the United States entering teams in the competition. The three-member team entered by Ohio State University took top honors, scoring 2029 points out of a possible 2250.

They were followed by the

University of Minnesota with 1997 points and the University of Wisconsin-Madison in third place with 1979. The Penn State team composed of David Trotter, David Lash, Alan Kozak and alternate Cindy Neely garnered 1944 points.

The Penn State team finished first in Holstein judging with 407 points, led by the individual effort of Alan Kozak who placed fourth with 141 points. The PSU contingent finished ahead of teams from California Polytechnical Institute, Michigan State and the University of Georgia.

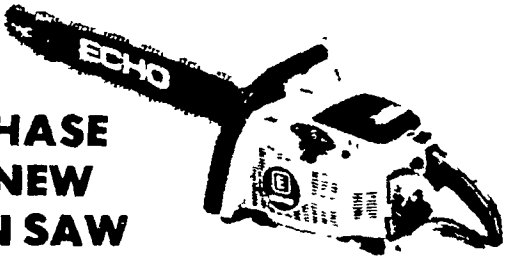
A total of 50 teams with 200 contestants participated in the 4-H, FFA and Inter-collegiate Dairy Judging Contest held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at the Farm Show Complex.

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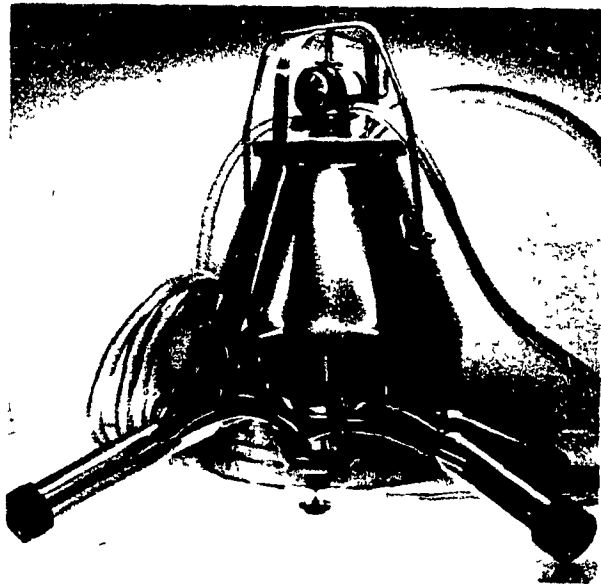
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