

# PSU Dairy Club Judging Contest Soon

**UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)** — The Pennsylvania State University Dairy Club has scheduled its spring dairy judging contest for March 21 at the college Agriculture Arena.

The contest is open to all state 4-Hers whose date of birth falls on or after Jan. 1, 1978, and to FFA members up to and including those in ninth grade, but no older.

Additionally, bonafide 4-H members who have not judged in the national contest may compete in the senior 4-H division. Also, FFA members who have not competed in the national FFA contest are eligible.

The spring judging contest is a feature of the club's 67th annual Dairy Exposition, though the rest of the exposition is slated for April 25 at the arena.

The dairy judging contest begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$4 per contestant, and per coach, attending, if paid by March 4. Entries received after that date will be charged \$5. Registration on the day of the event begins at 9 a.m.

The entry fees pay for lunch and help reduce the cost of mailing contest results.

Contestants in the junior 4-H and junior FFA divisions are to have the option of attending an afternoon workshop or deliver a set of oral reasons. They can not participate in both activities.

Reasons scores will not count in calculating high individuals and teams in these two divisions. However, the three highest scoring individuals in the junior reasons division are to receive awards.

It is important to note that junior contestants giving reasons must pre-enter by indicating their intentions on the entry form.

Send the completed entry form and a check payable to the "Penn State Dairy Science Club," to: Shelly Harshbarger, Penn State Dairy Science Club, 324 Henning Building, University Park, 16802.

The club plans to present awards in eight classes, including both cows and heifers, during the exposition banquet in April.

The PSU Dairy Club is inviting 4-H and FFA teams from across the state to participate.

For more information, call Larry Muller at (814) 863-4205 or Dale Olver, at (814) 863-3914.

## PENN STATE DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB INVITATIONAL DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

DIVISION ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ SR. 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ JR. 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ SR. FFA \_\_\_\_\_ JR. FFA

From (County if 4-H; Chapter if FFA): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ If Jr. FFA/ 4-H, giving reasons?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all team members listed above are eligible for the contest according to the published rules and regulations.

Signature of person authorizing team: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTEST IS MARCH 21, 1992, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE AG ARENA  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 A.M. AT THE AG ARENA

**Entry fee:** \$4.00 per team member plus \$4.00 per coach attending contest and eating lunch if paid in advance. Make checks payable to Penn State Dairy Science Club Judging Contest.

If not prepaid, \$5.00 per contestant and coach on day of contest or late entries received after March 9, 1992.

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992**

Mail forms to: Shelly Harshbarger, PSU Dairy Science Club  
324 Henning Building  
University Park, PA 16802

"Federal law also stops all shipments from that farm for two days at the farmer's expense. If the producer violates sanitation regulations the second time, he can't ship for three days, plus the cost of a tank load of milk. Repeated violations would result in the dairy farm losing its contract for milk processing," Eckel said.

## PFA President Criticizes Television Show

**CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.)** — A statewide farm organization leader recently criticized a television program which stated that the nation's milk supply is unsafe to drink.

Keith W. Eckel, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA), said "milk quality is stringently monitored by milk processors and state authorities" across the nation.

A TV program, "In America" which was aired on WNEP-TV, Avoca, "was absolutely terrible," Eckel wrote in a letter to Elden Hale, WNEP-TV president. "Dairymen deserve an apology for poor judgement and (poor) reporting.

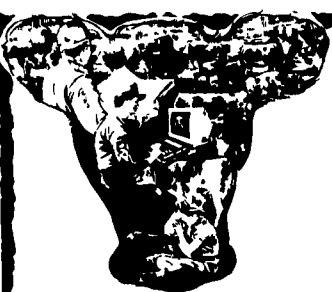
"If a dairyman was shipping 'tainted' milk as alleged by the show, he would soon be out of business, because it would cost the average dairyman in Pennsylvania more than \$5,000 in penalties for each offense."

The farm leader explained how milk sanitation is enforced: "Test samples are taken at every farm

and random testing can be done on any milk, picked up at the farm.

"Dairy farmers are aware of the withdrawal period necessary when medicating sick dairy animals. Lactating cows are kept out of the milk herd for at least 72-hours after the last application of medication. Many farmers use a leg band system to identify an animal on medication. Many farmers report that those animals are hand-milked and the milk is dumped.

"Milk haulers agitate each milk tank at the farm for 15 minutes and then take a sample from each tank prior to pumping that farm's milk into the bulk tank of the truck hauling it to a processing plant. "Upon arriving at the plant, each bulk tank is tested for all impurities. If any questionable product is found, then each sample collected at various farms is analyzed to determine the type and source of residue. This method helps to pinpoint the source of contamination. That farm is then 'penalized' the total value of the milk contained in that truck's tank.



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