

# Md. Contest Winners Advance To Nationals



The dairy judging team that will represent the University of Maryland at the Dairy Expo, from left, Charles Lager, presenting award from Maryland Holstein Association; Lee Majeskie, coach; Jim Allen; Jenell Rinehart; Laurie Zimmerman; and Jennifer Woodward-Greene.



Overall livestock judging team from left, Intermediate division, Charles County, Ryan Wiles, coach; Sarah Wiles; Brian Roberts; Meredith Minso; and David Gordon.



FFA dairy contest winners, Brunswick High School FFA Team, from left, Mark Spurrier, state FFA treasurer; Monica Harshman, state FFA reporter; Dee Guyton, Kelli Savage, Abby Fawley, and Holly Burall, Brunswick FFA team members; Lee Majeskie; and Freedom Joy Titus, state FFA president.



Senior overall winning team, Frederick County, from left, Stacey Kahler, coach; Jody Bell; Josh Grössnickle; Holy Burall; Annette Summers; and Pat Beachey, coach.

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**TIMONIUM, Md.** — Judging contests have been an essential part of the 4-H dairy and livestock programs in Maryland.

Starting at the county level, practices are held for anyone interested. They give placings and oral reasons to their adult coaches. From this group, a team of four is chosen to represent the county at the state contest held each year at the Maryland State Fair. They compete as county teams and on an individual basis, hoping to be chosen to go to National competition.

The 4-H'ers work hard from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. judging the classes of animals. During the contest, they are not permitted to communicate with anyone but the superintendent. Concentrating on each class, they put to use the knowledge their coaches have taught them during the several months of practice in their home counties.

Then several hours of waiting as final results are computed. Emotions run high, there is clapping, cheering and cameras flashing as parents beam with pride as each individual or team is called to the platform to receive their award for a job well done.

The 10 individuals scoring highest in the senior division remain at the fair for two days of coaching and practice. From these 10, four individuals are chosen according to their five highest scores to represent Maryland at the national contests. Four additional

ones are chosen to represent Maryland at the Eastern National Contest.

This year, Brian Schnebly, Shannon Harrison, April Hall, and Annette Summers will be going to Madison, while Erin Burall, Kelli Myers, Kelly Savage, and Shawn Johnson will go to Louisville.

Brian Schnebly of Washington County was the recipient of the John L. Morris Trophy for high overall score for all breeds sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Friesian Association and the Dorothy Emerson Memorial Trophy for highest score on oral reasons sponsored by the Maryland State Fair. He also received the Sire Power, Inc. award for highest score on placings in the senior division.

Following is a list of award winners.

**DAIRY**

**Individual Junior Winners:** Emily Rutledge, Jeena Rinehart, Melissa Patrick.

**Junior Team Winners:** Carroll County, Queen Annes County, Harford County.

**Individual Intermediate Winners:** Michael Creek, Amanda Valentine, Amy Rutledge.

**Intermediate Team Winners:** Washington County, Frederick County, Harford County.

**Individual Senior Winners:** Brian Schnebly, Kelli Savage, Anthony Crothers.

**Senior Team Winners:** Frederick, Howard, Harford.

**LIVESTOCK**

**Individual Junior Winners:** Jenny Biser, Megan Porter, Emily Spies.

**Junior Team Winners:** Frederick County, Carroll County, Charles County.

**Individual Intermediate Winners:** Sarah Roberts, David Gordon, David Nuenke.

**Intermediate Team Winners:** Charles County, Frederick County, Howard County.

**Individual Senior Winners:** Randy Mullinix, Monica Feaser, Robert Dinmore.

**Senior Team Winners:** Howard County, Carroll County, Frederick County.

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Dairy judging contest, junior overall winning team, Carroll County, from left, Rebecca Roach, Jeena Rinehart, Justin Watt, Daniel Null, and Jenell Rinehart, coach.



Intermediate overall winning team, Washington County, left to right, Mark Creek, Michael Creek, Jenny Weddle, Mark Schnebly, and Mary Creek, coach.

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Second place went to Mary Ellen Seraydian, \$200 cash award.

Third place, Jacob Thomas, \$100.

Fourth Place, Sam Mueller, \$75.

Fifth Place, Erica Klien, \$50.

References for the contest were used from state and national dairy quiz bowl contests including **Hoard's Dairyman** magazine and Maryland State 4-H Dairy Bowl for 1993.