

# Maryland 4-H Livestock Judges Prepare For Finale

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — After a successful fall season at three regional youth contests, Maryland's 4-H livestock judging team is looking forward to national competition on November 16 during the North American International Livestock Exposition at Louisville, Ky.

Here's how the team has warmed up for the big event:



**Eastern Sates Exposition**  
Maryland placed first in the overall standings among five state teams competing in the 4-H division on Sept. 18 at "The Big E - New England's Great State Fair" in West Springfield, Mass.

The Maryland team also finished first in reasons and first in swine judging. It was second — behind Pennsylvania — in sheep judging and second — behind Virginia — in beef cattle judging.

Randy Mullinix, 16, of Lisbon (Howard County) placed first among 21 individual contestants in both swine judging and overall standings. He also was first in

sheep judging, and he tied for first in the reasons category with teammate Monica Feeser, 17, of Taneytown (Carroll County) and Ashley Craun of the Virginia team.

Monica finished fourth in the overall standings. She and Randy were second and first, respectively, in senior 4-H livestock judging on Sept. 4 during the Maryland State Fair in Timonium.

Jason Murray, 16, of Glenelg (Howard County) was fifth in 4-H swine judging at "The Big E," fourth in sheep judging and ninth in reasons.

Melissa Harrison 18, of Day

(Carroll County) was the fourth member of the Maryland team. A freshman at the University of Maryland at College Park, she substituted for Robert O. Dinsmore, 18, of Broad Run (Frederick County). At the time of the contest, Dinsmore was being honored at "The Big E" as FFA Star Farmer for the Northeast Region. He will compete for national honors during the 66th National FFA Convention set for Nov. 11-13 in Kansas City, Mo.

### Eastern National Livestock Show

One week after its Massachusetts victory, the Maryland 4-H

team placed first in the overall standings among 11 state 4-H and FFA teams participating in youth competition during the Eastern National Livestock Show at Timonium, Md.

Maryland also was first in sheep judging, second in beef cattle and third in reasons.

This time, Jason Murray was first in the overall standings, and Randy Mullinix finished second. Randy placed third in swine judging and second in reasons.

Bob Dinsmore was first among all individuals in sheep judging; Jason Murray was second; and Randy Mullinix third.

### Keystone International Livestock Exposition

Maryland placed second overall among 10 state 4-H and FFA teams participating in the junior livestock judging contest on Oct. 2 during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition at Harrisburg, Pa. The team also was second in both reasons and swine judging, third in sheep and fifth in beef cattle judging.

Randy Mullinix jumped back into first place among 39 individuals in the overall standings. He also placed first in swine judging, seventh in beef cattle judging, and sixth in reasons. Monica Feeser was second in reasons.

Bob Dinsmore placed third in sheep judging at Harrisburg, and Jason Murray was third in swine judging.

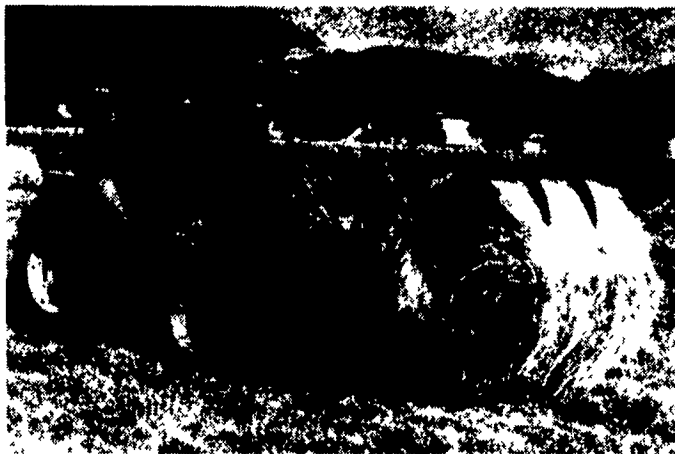
Coaching the Maryland 4-H livestock judging team again this year is William A. Curry of Shepherds Glen (Howard County), an Extension livestock specialist for the University of Maryland at College Park.

Curry has been the Maryland coach for more than 20 years. His assistant this year is Karen E. Holloway of Darlington (Harford County), a former 4-H member of a Curry-coached team. Holloway is an agricultural science agent for the cooperative extension service in Howard County.

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