

2025 DAIRY JUDGING GUIDELINES

1. Our coaches are: Juniors: Tess Zettle – 608-214-8207

Seniors: Ryan Smith – 608-214-0903; Mike Marean - 608-862-2699

- 2. Coaches will **SCORE** practices. The junior team will be selected based on the average score of their practices and attendance at the workouts.
- 3. Participants are expected to be on their best behavior during practices. Participants should show respect to each other, the coaches and the hosts. Socializing should be kept to a minimum, including unruly behavior, loud talking or fooling around.
- 5. <u>Junior division youth</u>: Age 8-13 as of January 1, 2025. Youth must be in or have completed 3rd grade, 8 year old Cloverbuds cannot participate. <u>Seniors:</u> Age 14-18 as of January 1, 2025. This age eligibility is based on National Contest eligibility.
- 6. Judging begins **PROMPTLY at 7:45 p.m. each evening**! Juniors should be finished judging by 9:30 p.m. and seniors by 10:00 p.m.
- 7. It is important for youth to learn and judge the classes on their own so we ask parents to please stay out of the dairy judging area while members are judging.
- 8. Dairy members interested in learning more about dairy judging but not interested in trying out for the team are also encouraged to attend. Let a coach know on the night you show up.
- 9. **Area Animal Science Day:** Green County will be attending the WI 4-H Area Animal Science Day events on Monday, June 30th in Calumet County, in Chilton, WI. Junior and senior team(s) will be invited to attend. **Two (2) lead people** are also needed for the district contest and must be age 12 at the time of the contest. Please reach out if you are interested in attending as a lead person.
- 10. In the case of inclement weather and practice needs to be cancelled, check your email and watch the Green County 4-H Facebook page for any updates. Contact info will be collected by coaches at the first practice so calls can be made in this event also.
- 11. The dairy judging coaches will put together teams for the contest based on team member's scores and attendance at practices.

If you have questions, contact a coach listed above or Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 328-9440 or ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.

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