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TO: Green County 4-H Dairy Youth

FROM: Ellen Andrews
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RE: Dairy Judging Invitation & Schedule

It's that time of year again to consider participating in the Green County 4-H Dairy Judging program. This is an activity open to all 4-H youth, whether they are in the dairy project or not, that enhances the youth's knowledge of the dairy industry by evaluating various breeds and classes of dairy cattle.

Youth **ages 8-13** as of January 1st of the current 4-H year are able to participate on the junior team, and must be in or completed 3rd grade, 8 year old Cloverbuds cannot participate. Youth **ages 14-18** as of January 1st of the current 4-H year are able to participate on the senior team. Youth participating on the senior team will also have to give oral reasons on certain classes.

Workouts begin on **Wednesday, April 23, PROMPTLY at 7:45 PM** at the Troy and Lindsey Nevil Farm in Juda. Workouts will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 p.m. at the scheduled farm host sites until the **Area Animal Science Day Competition**. Green County will be attending the WI 4-H Area Animal Science Day event on Monday, June 30th in Calumet County, Chilton, WI. Please refer to the enclosed schedule and dairy judging guidelines for more information.

Dairy Judging is a great way to learn more about what to look for in an ideal dairy animal and gain the knowledge and skills to improve your dairy project. By participating in the dairy judging activity, you get to be the "judge" and learn what a fair judge looks for in a class of dairy cattle. For youth on the senior team who will have to give oral reasons, it is an excellent opportunity to enhance your communication skills.

Dairy judging coaches for 2025 are: Tess Zettle (608)214-8207; Ryan Smith (608)214-0903; and Mike Marean (608)862-2699.

If you are unable to attend the first workout, but are still interested in participating in this activity, please contact one of the coaches to let them know you are interested. If you have any other questions on this event, please feel free to contact me at 328-9440 or by e-mail at ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.

Enclosure(s)

cc: coaches, host farms