



MURRAY STATE
UNIVERSITY

Hutson School of Agriculture

NACTA Judging
Conference 2019

Dairy Judging Contest Official Rules

Thursday, April 11th
Location and Time TBD

Contest Director:
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Description:

The contest will consist of a minimum of six (6) placing classes of cows and heifers. If possible, additional classes may be added for a maximum total of eight (8) placing classes. Contestants will be required to defend their placings with four (4) set of oral reasons. Oral reasons set will include one or two heifer classes and the balance will be cow classes.

Teams will consist of four (4) members who will judge and give reasons. The three high individual scores will be totaled to determine team scores. Two individuals may participate beyond the members of the team, but team members must be declared prior to the contest. If extra individuals participate, they must declare in advance if they want to be eligible for individual awards. Extra individuals must pay full registration fees.

Eligibility:

All contestants must be currently enrolled in a two-year or a four-year institution and pursuing an undergraduate degree. As per the NACTA Student Judging Constitution, any competing individual may compete in this contest up to two times in each division. If he/she previously competed in the two-year college division, he/she may compete again in the four-year college division.

Contest Rules:

1. There will be a two year college division and a four year college division. Both divisions will evaluate the same placing classes. Awards will be given separately by division.
2. No member of any team or their coach shall be allowed in the cattle barns nor have the privilege of inspecting any cattle at the NACTA 2019 contest prior to the contest. Students should expect to see representations from any dairy breed.
3. The Superintendent shall supply contestants with the placing cards necessary for placing classes. The only materials contestants may take into the ring are a pencil, a clean note pad, and a clipboard, which contestants must provide. No other books or materials shall be allowed.
4. Twelve minutes will be allowed per class for placing the class and taking notes on the reasons classes.
5. Reasons classes will be designated prior to the start of the contest.
6. Oral reasons, to be given on the afternoon of the day of the contest, should not exceed two minutes in length.

Contestants will not be allowed to use notes during oral reasons.

7. There will be NO conferring between contestants and/or coaches during the contest (placing and reasons). If contestants are observed talking they may be eliminated from the competition.
8. Contestants cannot wear any items such as hats, belt buckles, or anything that personally identifies an individual or members of the team. Contestants will not be allowed to wear hats while placing classes.
9. Contestants shall NOT at any time place their hands on any animal.
10. Cattle will be shown loose or tied depending on availability.
11. Four set of oral reasons will be required. At least one reasons set will be heifers.
12. All placing, cuts, and reasons scores provided by the official judges will be final.
13. Tie Breakers:
 - a. If a tie exists for individual or team overall awards, the contestant or team having the highest overall reasons score will be awarded the higher placing.
 - b. If a tie exists in reasons, the contestant or team having the lower placing score on the reasons classes will be awarded the higher placing. If a tie still exists, the higher total placing score will be awarded the higher placing.
14. The Superintendent's announcement of all individual and team placings will be final.