

University of Minnesota Senior Dairy Cattle Judging Team – 2014

All American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, PA

Of 14 collegiate teams, the U of M placed 1st overall in the dairy cattle judging contest held September 15 at the All American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA. The Minnesota team was also 1st in the Holstein breed, 2nd in Brown Swiss, 2nd in Guernsey, and 3rd in Ayrshire. This is the third time in the past 5 years that the U of M has placed 1st overall in this contest.

Team members were Mary Liebenstein, Dundas, MN; Nick Reps, Utica, MN; Michael Schmitt, Rice, MN; and Andrew Hetke, Ladysmith, WI.

Individually, Liebenstein was 2nd overall, 1st in oral reasons, 4th in Holstein, and 8th in Guernsey. Reps was 6th overall, 5th in reasons, 2nd in Holstein, and 7th in Guernsey, and Schmitt was 11th overall, 13th in reasons, and 6th in Brown Swiss.



High collegiate team in the dairy cattle judging contest at the All-American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, PA, from the U of M (L-R): Dr. Les Hansen (Coach), Michael Schmitt, Mary Liebenstein, Andrew Hetke, Alicia Thurk (Coach), Nick Reps, Scott Ellinghuysen (Coach), and Doug Petzel (Coach) - *not pictured*.

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National Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI

Only 4 points separated the top 3 teams in the National Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held on September 29 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI. In the end, UW-Madison placed 1st overall, Cornell University was 2nd, and the U of M was 3rd. Twenty-one universities competed for honors.

Individually, team members from UW-Madison placed 1st, 9th, and 12th overall, and from Cornell were 3rd, 4th, and 13th overall. All 3 team members from the U of M placed among the top 10 individually – 7th, 8th, and 10th.

The U of M team was 1st overall in Milking Shorthorn, 2nd in Holstein, 3rd in Ayrshire, 3rd in Guernsey, 4th in Jersey, and 5th in Red & White.

Individually, Mary Liebenstein, Dundas, MN, was 7th overall and 8th in Holstein. Andrew Hetke, Ladysmith, WI, was 8th overall, 3rd in oral reasons, 4th in Red & White, 7th in Jersey, 7th in Milking Shorthorn, and 10th in Guernsey. Michael Schmitt, Rice, MN, was 10th overall, 10th in oral reasons, 2nd in Ayrshire, 3rd in Milking Shorthorn, and 9th in Holstein. Nick Reps, Utica, MN, was 11th in oral reasons, 2nd in Guernsey, and 4th in Milking Shorthorn.

Over the past 5 years, only the University of Minnesota has consistently placed among the top 5 teams in the national collegiate contest.



Third-high team in the National Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest from the U of M (L-R): Dr. Les Hansen (Coach), Nick Reps, Michael Schmitt, Mary Liebenstein, Andrew Hetke, Alicia Thurk (Coach), Scott Ellinghuysen (Coach), and Doug Petzel (Coach) - *not pictured*.