MSU Ag Tech team earns trip to Europe after top three finish in Madison

Four Michigan State University (MSU) students will be heading to Europe this summer after earning a third place overall score in the 2017 Post-secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo in October. The team members who will be participating in the trip are: Cameron Cook, of Pewamo; Morgan Luoma, of East LeRoy; Hope McAlvey, of Summit; and Julee Tellkamp, of Grant.

The MSU Ag Tech team completed a successful fall season. Pictured (left to right) are: Coach Sarah Black, Cameron Cook, Morgan Luoma, Julee Tellkamp, Hope McAlvey, and Coach Dr. Joe Domecq.

MSU collegiate dairy cattle judging team concludes season with trip to Fort Worth

The 2017 collegiate dairy cattle judging team concluded its competition season by traveling to participate in the 2018 Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Contest in Fort Worth, Texas, in January. The four team members – Nicole Chase, of Conklin; Lance Frahm, Frankenmuth; Ethan Haywood, of Hastings; and Evelyn Okkema, of Blanchard – placed second in oral reasons, fourth in Brown Swiss, fifth in Holsteins, and seventh overall as a team. Frahm was the high individual in oral reasons, placed second in Holsteins, and finished as the eighth high individual overall. Okkema was third in Brown Swiss.

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2018 4-H Dairy Days
July 16-19
The 2017 Michigan State University (MSU) collegiate dairy cattle judging team members were: Nicole Chase, Lance Frahm, Ethan Haywood, and Evelyn Okkema. The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq and Sarah Black.

The team competed in three national competitions: the 49th annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Penn.; the 97th annual World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wis.; and the 44th annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

TEAM PLACINGS

HARRISBURG, PA.
(13 TEAMS COMPETED)
» 5th in Holsteins
» 7th in oral reasons
» 9th in Ayrshires
» 9th in Jerseys
» 10th in Guernseys

MADISON, WIS.
(17 TEAMS COMPETED)
» 5th in Brown Swiss
» 7th in Red and Whites
» 9th team in oral reasons
» 10th high team overall
» 11th in Milking Shorthorns
» 12th in Ayrshires
» 14th in Holsteins
» 15th in Jerseys

LOUISVILLE, KY.
(13 TEAMS COMPETED)
» 4th in oral reasons
» 6th in Jerseys
» 10th in Ayrshires

FORT WORTH, TEX.
(14 TEAMS COMPETED)
» 2nd oral reasons
» 4th in Brown Swiss
» 5th in Holsteins
» 7th high team overall

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

NICOLE CHASE
» 6th in Holsteins, Harrisburg
» 7th in Red and Whites, Madison
» 8th in oral reasons, Louisville
» 12th in oral reasons, Harrisburg
» 13th in Brown Swiss, Louisville
» 14th in Holsteins, Madison
» 16th in Ayrshires, Louisville
» 24th in Jerseys, Harrisburg

ETHAN HAYWOOD
» 3rd in oral reasons, Louisville
» 6th in Jerseys, Louisville
» 11th in Brown Swiss, Madison
» 14th in Holsteins, Louisville
» 20th in oral reasons, Madison
» 24th in Ayrshires, Harrisburg

LANCE FRAHM
» 1st in oral reasons, Fort Worth
» 2nd in Holsteins, Fort Worth
» 7th in Jerseys, Louisville
» 8th high individual overall, Fort Worth
» 12th in Brown Swiss, Madison
» 13th overall in total placings, Madison
» 16th high individual overall, Madison
» 17th in Ayrshires, Louisville
» 17th in Holsteins, Harrisburg
» 23rd in Guernseys, Madison
» 23rd in Jerseys, Madison
» 25th in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg

EVELYN OKKEMA
» 3rd in Brown Swiss, Fort Worth
» 11th in Ayrshires, Harrisburg
» 20th in Holsteins, Harrisburg
» 22nd in Red and Whites, Madison
» 23rd in Holsteins, Louisville
» 24th high individual overall, Harrisburg
» 25th in oral reasons, Harrisburg
INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

MORGAN LUOMA
» 1st in Ayrshires, Madison
» 2nd in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg
» 3rd in Holsteins, Harrisburg
» 3rd in oral reasons, Harrisburg
» 4th high individual overall, Harrisburg
» 5th in Guernseys, Harrisburg
» 6th in Holsteins, Louisville
» 7th in oral reasons, Louisville
» 8th in Brown Swiss, Madison
» 9th in Ayrshires, Harrisburg
» 9th in Ayrshires, Louisville
» 12th in Jerseys, Harrisburg
» 12th high individual overall, Louisville
» 12th in oral reasons, Madison
» 14th in Guernseys, Louisville
» 14th in Jerseys, Madison
» 17th in Brown Swiss, Louisville

CAMERON COOK
» High individual in oral reasons, Madison
» High individual overall, Harrisburg
» 1st in Ayrshires, Harrisburg
» 1st in Ayrshires, Louisville
» 1st in Holsteins, Harrisburg
» 1st in Jerseys, Madison
» 2nd in Brown Swiss, Louisville
» 2nd in Jerseys, Harrisburg
» 2nd in oral reasons, Harrisburg
» 2nd in oral reasons, Louisville
» 3rd in Holsteins, Louisville
» 4th in Guernseys, Harrisburg
» 5th in Jerseys, Louisville
» 5th high individual overall, Madison
» 6th in Brown Swiss, Madison
» 8th in Guernseys, Louisville
» 8th in Red & Whites, Madison
» 12th in placings, Madison
» 13th in Milking Shorthorns, Madison
» 14th in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg
» 19th in Guernseys, Madison

JULEE TELLKAMP
» 2nd in Guernseys, Madison
» 3rd in Jerseys, Louisville
» 5th in Holsteins, Harrisburg
» 8th in Ayrshires, Louisville
» 9th high individual overall, Louisville
» 9th in Holsteins, Madison
» 9th in Milking Shorthorns, Madison
» 11th in oral reasons, Louisville
» 12th in Guernseys, Louisville
» 12th high individual overall, Harrisburg
» 12th in oral reasons, Harrisburg
» 14th in Guernseys, Harrisburg
» 15th in placings, Madison
» 15th high individual overall, Madison
» 16th in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg
» 17th in Ayrshires, Harrisburg
» 18th in Brown Swiss, Louisville
» 19th in Jerseys, Harrisburg
» 19th in oral reasons, Madison
» 20th in Red & Whites, Madison

HOPE MCALVEY
» 2nd in Ayrshires, Louisville
» 2nd in Jerseys, Madison
» 2nd in Milking Shorthorns, Madison
» 3rd in oral reasons, Madison
» 4th in Holsteins, Harrisburg
» 4th in oral reasons, Louisville
» 5th high individual overall, Harrisburg
» 6th in Ayrshires, Harrisburg
» 7th in oral reasons, Harrisburg
» 8th in Guernseys, Harrisburg
» 8th high individual overall, Louisville
» 9th in Holsteins, Louisville
» 10th in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg
» 11th in Brown Swiss, Madison
» 11th in Jerseys, Harrisburg
» 11th in Guernseys, Louisville
» 11th in Holsteins, Louisville
» 11th high individual overall, Madison
» 12th in Brown Swiss, Louisville
» 13th in Red & Whites, Madison
» 19th in placings, Madison

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2017 MICHIGAN DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING RECAP

4-H Division

ALL-AMERICAN INVITATIONAL YOUTH DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST
HARRISBURG, PA.
(14 TEAMS COMPETED)
» High team in Brown Swiss
» 6th in Guernseys
» 9th in Holsteins
» 9th in oral reasons
» 9th high team overall
» 10th in Ayrshires

GERRIT BAKER
» 6th in Brown Swiss
» 17th in Guernseys

CHELSEA BARNES
» 11th in Brown Swiss
» 20th in Guernseys
» 22nd in oral reasons

JESSIE NASH
» 13th in Ayrshires
» 20th high individual overall
» 21st in Brown Swiss
» 25th in Holsteins

ELYSE ZIMMERLEE
» 23rd in Guernseys

NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST
MADISON, WIS.
(21 TEAMS COMPETED)
» 4th overall in oral reasons
» 5th in Ayrshires
» 5th in Brown Swiss
» 5th high team overall
» 6th in Holsteins
» 9th in Jerseys
» 10th in Guernseys

GERRIT BAKER
» 6th in Ayrshires
» 7th in Brown Swiss oral reasons
» 17th overall in placings
» 17th high individual overall
» 19th in Guernseys
» 25th in Brown Swiss

CHELSEA BARNES
» 6th in Brown Swiss oral reasons
» 16th in Brown Swiss

KRISTEN BURKHARDT
» 14th overall in oral reasons

MIRIAM DERSHEM
» 3rd in Brown Swiss oral reasons
» 5th in Brown Swiss
» 5th high individual overall
» 7th overall in placings
» 8th in Holsteins
» 9th in Jerseys
» 9th overall in oral reasons
» 11th in Ayrshires

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION
LOUISVILLE, KY.
(23 TEAMS COMPETED)
» High team in Ayrshires
» 3rd in Brown Swiss
» 3rd high team overall
» 4th in oral reasons
» 6th in Guernseys
» 6th in Holsteins
» 10th in Jerseys

IAN BLACK
» 10th in Ayrshires
» 22nd high individual overall

MIRIAM COOK
» 3rd in Ayrshires
» 4th in Brown Swiss
» 4th high individual overall
» 5th in oral reasons
» 19th in Holsteins
» 23rd in Guernseys

JESSIE NASH
» 7th in Ayrshires
» 9th high individual overall
» 10th in Brown Swiss
» 13th in Holsteins
» 18th in oral reasons

CAITIE THEISEN
» 8th in Guernseys
» 25th in oral reasons

Members of the 4-H team that judged in Harrisburg, Pa., were: Chelsea Barnes, Zeeland; Elyse Zimmerlee, Olivet; Jessica Nash, Elsie; Gerrit Baker, Byron Center; and Coach Dr. Joe Domecq.

The 4-H youth competing in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wis., were: Miriah Dershem, St. Johns; Gerrit Baker, Chelsea Barnes, Kristen Burkhardt, Fowlerville; and coaches Sarah Black and Dr. Joe Domecq.

Members of the Louisville 4-H dairy cattle judging team were: Coach Dr. Joe Domecq, Caitie Theisen, Blanchard, Jessica Nash, Drew Neyer, Mt. Pleasant; Miriam Cook, Pewamo; and Ian Black.
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