

Eight students represent MSU at Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge

Eight MSU students competed in the 13th Annual Midwest Dairy Challenge on February 8-10 in Madison, Wisconsin. The event was hosted by University of Wisconsin-Madison and attracted 112 students from 12 universities and 6 technical schools from across the Midwest.

Students representing MSU included Emily Butler, freshman in Animal Science from Roseville; Cameron Cook, freshman in Agricultural Technology from Pewamo; Jesse Govea, junior in Animal Science from Morgan Hill, CA; Austin Haywood, freshman in Animal Science from Hastings; Leta Larsen, freshman in Agribusiness Management from Scottville; Madeline Meyer, freshman in Animal Science from Ionia; Jared Sanderson, sophomore in Animal Science from Sandusky; and Riley Smith, junior in Animal Science from St. Johns. Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen traveled with the students.

Students were selected to attend the Midwest Regional on the basis of individual performance at the MSU Dairy Challenge in December, in which students of any class level or background could participate. At the event, the MSU students were mixed on aggregate teams with students from other four-year institutions or technical programs across the Midwest.

Dairy Challenge is an innovative competition for students in dairy science programs at North American universities. Its mission is to facilitate education, communication and an exchange of ideas among students, agribusiness, dairy producers and universities that enhances the development of the dairy industry and its leaders. Over its 15-year history since the first national contest at MSU, the Dairy Challenge has helped prepare nearly 5,000 students for careers as dairy owners or managers, consultants, researchers, veterinarians or other dairy professionals.