

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DAIRY JUDGING PROGRAM *2018 Year in Review*

## MSU Ag Tech students prepare for 2019 trip to Europe

*Students will be raffling off MSU Spartan hope chest, auctioning handcrafted end tables, to raise money for the once-in-a-lifetime trip*

Six Michigan State University (MSU) Institute of Agricultural Technology (Ag Tech) dairy cattle judging competitors will be traveling to Europe from June 19 to July 3, 2019. The students qualified for the trip by earning a second place finish overall in the 2018 World Dairy Expo Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wis., in October. The students who will be going on the two-week trip to Europe are: Gerrit Baker of Byron Center, Kristen Burkhardt of Fowlerville, Miriah Derשמ of St. Johns, Rebeka McDonald of Conklin, Lynn Olthof of Ferrysburg, and Elyse Zimmerlee of Olivet.

Team members will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a handcrafted MSU Spartans-themed hope chest to raise money for the trip to Europe. The chest is constructed of cherry wood and measures 39 inches wide by 25 inches deep and stands 25 inches tall. A foam-padded cushion adorns the top of the chest, and there is an interior sliding drawer.

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. The winning raffle ticket will be selected on July 18 at 8 p.m. following the 4-H Dairy Days awards presentation at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock

Education. One need not be present to win. The second place ticket will receive a \$100 cash prize. Tickets can be purchased from any of the Ag Tech judging team members or by sending an email to Burkhardt at [burkha88@msu.edu](mailto:burkha88@msu.edu).

The team will also be auctioning off two MSU Spartans end tables during the Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference (GLRDC) in February in Frankenmuth. These two handcrafted pieces are also made from cherry wood and each feature a black ceramic MSU Spartans tile in the middle of the table.

In addition to the raffle and auction items, the team members are accepting donations to fund this once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity. The group will be exploring Scotland and Ireland, touring London, and they will also have a chance to visit European dairy facilities, compete in the Royal Highland Show, and network with dairy industry leaders from around the world.

## IN THIS ISSUE:

Collegiate results.....B

Ag Tech results.....C

4-H results.....D

*Two handcrafted end tables constructed of cherry wood will be auctioned off at the GLRDC (left).*

*The MSU Spartans hope chest features a padded seat (right, top) and an interior sliding drawer (right, bottom). Raffle tickets are available from any Ag Tech judging team member.*



# Collegiate Division

The 2018 Michigan State University (MSU) collegiate dairy cattle judging team members were: Cameron Cook, of Pewamo, Madeline Meyer of Ionia, Makayla Petter of Hastings, and Allison Schafer of Westphalia. The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq and Mrs. Sarah Black.

The team competed in three national competitions: the 50th annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pa.; the 98th annual World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest\* in Madison, Wis.; and the 45th annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. The team also traveled to the 2019 Fort Worth Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas, and the 2018 Western Spring National Holstein Show in Richmond, Utah.



Members of the MSU collegiate dairy cattle judging team were (pictured left to right): Allison Schafer, Cameron Cook, Makayla Petter, and Madeline Meyer. Pictured at right is Coach Joe Domecq.

## TEAM PLACINGS

### HARRISBURG, PA.

#### (15 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st in oral reasons
- » 1st in Brown Swiss
- » 1st in Jerseys
- » 7th high team overall

### MADISON, WIS.

#### (21 UNIVERSITIES PRESENT)

- » \* Only Makayla Petter competed due to team illness.

### LOUISVILLE, KY.

#### (18 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st in Ayrshires
- » 4th high team overall
- » 5th in Guernseys
- » 6th in oral reasons

### RICHMOND, UTAH

#### (4 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st high team overall
- » 1st in oral reasons
- » 1st in Holsteins

### FORT WORTH, TEXAS

#### (15 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 5th high team overall - Heberling, Larsen, Luoma
- » 7th high team overall - Cook, Meyer, Schafer

## INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

### CAMERON COOK

- » 1st in Holsteins, Richmond
- » 1st in oral reasons, Richmond
- » 1st overall, Richmond
- » 3rd in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg
- » 4th in Ayrshires, Louisville
- » 5th in oral reasons, Harrisburg
- » 9th overall, Harrisburg
- » 9th in Guernseys, Harrisburg
- » 10th in oral reasons, Louisville

### ALLISON SCHAFFER

- » 3rd in Guernseys, Louisville
- » 3rd in Holsteins, Richmond
- » 3rd in oral reasons, Richmond
- » 3rd overall, Richmond
- » 5th overall, Louisville
- » 8th in Holsteins, Louisville

### MADELINE MEYER

- » 2nd in Holsteins, Richmond
- » 2nd in oral reasons, Richmond
- » 2nd overall, Richmond
- » 3rd in oral reasons, Harrisburg
- » 4th in Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 4th in Guernseys, Harrisburg
- » 6th in Jerseys, Harrisburg
- » 7th in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg

### MAKAYLA PETTER

- » 3rd in Ayrshires, Madison
- » 3rd in Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 3rd in Holsteins, Richmond
- » 3rd in oral reasons, Richmond
- » 3rd overall, Richmond
- » 5th in oral reasons, Richmond
- » 5th overall, Richmond
- » 5th in Holsteins, Richmond
- » 7th in Brown Swiss, Madison
- » 8th overall, Madison

## FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Two three-member teams representing Michigan State University (MSU) traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, in mid-January to compete against 15 other teams in the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

The MSU teams finished in fifth and seventh places in what was a closely scored contest.

Team members finishing fifth were Lauren Heberling, Leta Larsen, and Morgan Luoma. Members of the seventh place team were Cameron Cook, Madeline Meyer, and Allison Schafer.



Pictured are (left to right): Coach Joe Domecq, Lauren Heberling, Cameron Cook, Morgan Luoma, Allison Schafer, Madeline Meyer, and Leta Larsen. (Photo courtesy of Melissa Hart).

# Ag Tech Division

Four second-year MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy production management program students competed in the 50th annual Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, Pa., the 2018 International Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., and the 45th annual North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Ky. The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq and Mrs. Sarah Black.

The four MSU sophomores competing on the team were: Gerrit Baker of Byron Center; Kristen Burkhardt of Fowlerville; Miriah Dershem of St. Johns; and Rebeka McDonald of Conklin. All four students are 4-H alumni.

## TEAM PLACINGS

### HARRISBURG, PA.

#### (7 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st in Jerseys
- » 2nd in Brown Swiss
- » 5th in oral reasons
- » 6th high team overall

### MADISON, WIS.

#### (16 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st in Jerseys
- » 1st in Milking Shorthorns
- » 2nd high team overall
- » 2nd in Ayrshires
- » 2nd in Brown Swiss
- » 3rd in oral reasons
- » 3rd in Holsteins
- » 6th in Red and White breed
- » 8th in Guernseys

### LOUISVILLE, KY.

#### (6 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st in Guernseys
- » 2nd in oral reasons
- » 2nd in Brown Swiss
- » 3rd high team overall
- » 3rd in Holsteins
- » 4th in Ayrshires
- » 4th in Jerseys



*Pictured are members of the two-year MSU Ag Tech dairy cattle judging team (left to right): Coach Sarah Black, Rebeka McDonald, Gerrit Baker, Kristen Burkhardt, Miriah Dershem, and Coach Joe Domecq.*

## INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

### MIRIAH DERSHEM

- » 1st in Holsteins, Madison
- » 1st in Milking Shorthorns (scored 50 points in oral reasons), Madison
- » 1st in Jerseys, Harrisburg
- » 3rd in Guernseys, Louisville
- » 5th in Guernseys, Madison
- » 7th overall, Madison
- » 7th in Ayrshires, Madison
- » 7th in Holsteins, Louisville
- » 8th in oral reasons, Louisville
- » 8th in Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 8th in Jerseys, Madison

### GERRIT BAKER

- » 1st in Brown Swiss, Louisville
- » 1st in Holsteins, Louisville
- » 2nd in Brown Swiss, Harrisburg
- » 4th in Jerseys, Madison
- » 6th overall, Louisville
- » 9th in Guernseys, Louisville
- » 10th in oral reasons, Louisville
- » 10th in Holsteins, Madison

### KRISTEN BURKHARDT

- » 2nd in Brown Swiss, Madison
- » 2nd in Jerseys, Harrisburg
- » 3rd in oral reasons, Madison
- » 4th in oral reasons, Louisville
- » 4th in Guernseys, Louisville
- » 6th overall, Madison
- » 6th in Milking Shorthorns, Madison
- » 7th overall, Louisville
- » 7th in Ayrshires, Louisville
- » 8th in Ayrshires, Madison
- » 9th in Holsteins, Louisville
- » 9th in oral reasons, Harrisburg

### REBEKA MCDONALD

- » 4th in Milking Shorthorns, Madison
- » 9th in oral reasons, Louisville
- » 9th overall, Louisville
- » 10th in Guernseys, Louisville

# 4-H Division



Team members for the Michigan 4-H team at the All-American Contest in Harrisburg, Pa., were (pictured left to right): Ian Black, Miriam Cook, Cristin Theisen, Jake VanderMolen, and Coach Joe Domecq.



Representing Michigan 4-H at World Dairy Expo were (pictured left to right): Coach Sarah Black, Miriam Cook, Ian Black, Jessica Nash, Caitie Theisen, and Coach Joe Domecq.



Michigan 4-H members judging at the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Ky., were (pictured left to right): Drew Neyer, Cristin Theisen, Shannon Good, and Katie Wilson. Coach Joe Domecq is pictured on the right.

## ALL-AMERICAN INVITATIONAL YOUTH DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST HARRISBURG, PA.

(12 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st in Jerseys
- » 3rd in oral reasons
- » 4th in Brown Swiss
- » 4th in Guernseys
- » 5th high team overall

### IAN BLACK

- » 1st in Jerseys
- » 6th in Brown Swiss
- » 8th in Ayrshires

### MIRIAM COOK

- » 2nd in oral reasons
- » 4th in Jerseys
- » 5th overall

### CAITIE THEISEN

- » 2nd in Jerseys
- » 3rd in Guernseys
- » 5th in oral reasons

### JACOB VANDERMOLEN

- » 1st in Guernseys
- » 8th in Holsteins

## NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST MADISON, WIS.

(23 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 3rd in Guernseys
- » 6th in Brown Swiss
- » 7th in Jerseys
- » 8th in oral reasons
- » 16th high team overall

### MIRIAM COOK

- » 7th in Jerseys
- » 8th in oral reasons
- » 8th in Guernseys

## NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION LOUISVILLE, KY.

(20 TEAMS COMPETED)

- » 1st in Brown Swiss
- » 3rd high team overall
- » 3rd in oral reasons
- » 4th in Holsteins
- » 5th in Guernseys

### SHANNON GOOD

- » 3rd in Brown Swiss
- » 7th in Guernseys
- » 8th in Holsteins
- » 9th in oral reasons

### DREW NEYER

- » 3rd in oral reasons
- » 4th in Holsteins

### CRISTIN THEISEN

- » 6th in Brown Swiss



Michigan State University  
**Dairy Cattle Judging Team**

# Thank you to our host farms, assistant coaches and major financial supporters!

## ASSISTANT COACHES

- Nicole Chase
- Suzanna Hull
- Jess Jakubik
- Andrea Meade
- Sarah Michalek
- Bridget Moore
- Evelyn Okkema
- Malissa Reed
- Lauren Siver
- Kara Smith
- Nicole Vanderploeg

## MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

- ABS Global
- Northstar Cooperative
- Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation
- Michigan Farm Bureau
- Michigan Holstein
- Michigan Jersey
- Michigan Milk Producers Association

## HOST FARMS

- Blessing Farms, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Brenhaven Jerseys and Holsteins, Caro, Mich.
- Bridon Farm, Paris, Ontario
- Browndale Farm, Paris, Ontario
- Cozy Nook Farm, Waukesha, Wis.
- Darcroft Farm, Embro, Ontario
- Eric Frahm, Frankenmuth, Mich.
- Green Meadow Farms, Elsie, Mich.
- Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
- Karnvilla Holsteins, Woodstock, Ontario
- Lawson Bennett and family, Mayville, Mich.
- Lettinga Jersey Farm, Caledonia, Mich.
- Little Brown Cow, Brantford, Ontario
- Mapleton Valley Farm, Oconomowoc, Wis.
- Morbrook Holsteins, Brantford, Ontario

- MSU Dairy Farm, East Lansing, Mich.
- Nugent and McCauley families, Lowell, Mich.
- Ocean-View Farm, Deerfield, Wis.
- Paul and Sherry Meyer, Byron Center, Mich.
- Paul Farms, Goshen, Ind.
- Reed Dairy Farm, Owosso, Mich.
- Richard and Sheldon Thomas, Middlebury, Ind.
- Ritter Dairy Farm, Byron, Mich.
- Rupprecht Family, Vassar, Mich.
- Star Summit Farm, Byron Center, Mich.
- Starward Farm, Sebewaing, Mich.
- T & H Dairy Farm, Fowler, Mich.
- Vanderploeg Holsteins, Ithaca, Mich.
- Mooville, Nashville, Mich.
- Winterfield Holsteins, Wheeler, Mich.



# 2nd Annual Spartan Production Sale

MSU Pavilion South Barn - Friday, February 22nd at 11:00 AM



The Spartan Production Sale helps fund the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Dairy Judging Team by affording students the opportunity to participate in industry events and trips, such as World Dairy Expo and judging contests. The sale includes primarily high production cows that come from high quality herds and are in their first and second lactations, as well as springers. We would love to see you there on the 22nd, thank you in advance for your support!

#### Sale Contacts:

Cameron Cook - (989) 640-2082 - [cookcarme@msu.edu](mailto:cookcarme@msu.edu)  
Madeline Meyer - (616) 902-3915 - [meyermd20@msu.edu](mailto:meyermd20@msu.edu)  
Austin Haywood - (269) 804-45398 - [haywood27@msu.edu](mailto:haywood27@msu.edu)  
Morgan Luoma - (269) 753-9062 - [luomamor@msu.edu](mailto:luomamor@msu.edu)  
Allison Schaffer - (989) 292-9851 - [schaf195@msu.edu](mailto:schaf195@msu.edu)  
Leta Larsen - (231) 239-3588 - [larsenle@msu.edu](mailto:larsenle@msu.edu)  
Lauren Heberling - (810) 404-4607 - [heberli4@msu.edu](mailto:heberli4@msu.edu)  
Chad Kreeger - (517) 294-3484 - [chadkreeger@hotmail.com](mailto:chadkreeger@hotmail.com)

The Michigan State University Dairy Club & Dairy Judging Teams Present:

## The 20th Anniversary of The Leading Ladies of Spring

In Conjunction with the Michigan Spring Foundation Sale  
Friday, March 22, 2019 at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI  
Selling outstanding Holstein, Jersey and Red & White  
Heifers.



### Now seeking quality calf consignments!

#### Sponsorship Opportunity

The sale is one of the largest educational experiences and fundraisers for the Michigan State Dairy Club and the Michigan State Dairy Judging program. Please consider placing a business name, farm name, or business card in our sale catalog to show your support for the dairy programs at MSU.

#### Pricing:

Business Card—\$25

Business Name—\$15

#### Contact us:

Lynn Olthof

[olthofly@msu.edu](mailto:olthofly@msu.edu)

(616) 502-9682

#### Sale Contact Info



Allison Schaffer: (989) 292-9851

Cameron Cook: (989) 640-2082