



JULY 2015

DEAR DAIRY JUDGING TEAM & COACH,

Accelerated Genetics and the Vernon County Agricultural Society will be hosting the **22nd Annual Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest**, Sun., September 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua, Wis.

Please find enclosed a registration packet including the rules, regulations and contest registration form. Please return the registration form with payment made payable to **Accelerated Genetics** by **September 10, 2015** then:

Mail to: Accelerated Genetics, Kari Stanek, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913

Or Fax to: 608.356.1715

Or Email to: kstanek@accelgen.com

For Questions Call: 800.451.9275 ext. 5422

Also, enclosed is a listing of motels and restaurants. Since our contest is held during the Vernon County Fair, we have blocks of rooms at the following hotels held under Accelerated Genetics. The rooms are blocked for contest participants until **August 15, 2015** at: **Vernon Inn (formerly Super 8** - Viroqua, WI (20 rooms), **Old Towne Inn** - Westby, WI (15 rooms), and **Central Express** - Westby, WI (20 rooms). These rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis. You and your team are encouraged to visit the fair, however, no one is allowed in the barns until the contest is complete.

Upon receipt of your registration, we will be sending you directions and more details for the contest. If you have any questions regarding registration contact Kari Stanek at 1-800-451-9275 ext. 5422 or kstanek@accelgen.com. We hope you will plan to join us for the 2015 Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest and help make the 22nd Contest a very special event.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Kari Ann Stanek
Judging Contest Chair / Industry Relations Coordinator

Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest Committee

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2015

Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

The 22nd Annual Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be held in the Dairy Cattle Arena of the Vernon County Fairgrounds.

The contest will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.
on Sunday, September 20, 2015.

September 10: Entry Deadline

September 19: 7:00 p.m. – Coach’s Reception
7:30 p.m. - Dinner

Westby House, Westby, WI

September 20: 8:30 a.m. - Contestants Assemble
9:00 a.m. - Dairy Cattle Judging Contest Begins

Vernon County Fairgrounds Cattle Arena

12:30 p.m. - Lunch for contestants, coaches, and
registered non-contestants. (separate seating areas)

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI

1:15 p.m. - Begin Oral Reasons

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI

4:00 p.m. - Dairy Bar Reception & Team Photos

5:00 p.m. - Awards Banquet

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility of Contestants:

A contestant must be enrolled in an accredited program at a Short Course, Vo-Tech or University degree program of study.

If a student competes in the contest as a Post-Secondary/Vo-Tech team member and then that student transfers to a four-year University, then that student may compete in the contest a second time as a member of that four-year University team.

A student is **ineligible** to be a contestant if he/she has (1) been an official judge of dairy cattle at a fair or show, or (2) taught dairy judging in a college or secondary school, or (3) been an employee or paid consultant of a breed organization, breeding service or similar unit, for which his/her duties include evaluation of dairy cattle for type (excluding internships).

If the eligibility of any student is protested, such protest may be made in writing at the arena side the day of the contest before the contest begins. The protest must be accompanied by a check for \$25.00, which will be returned if the protest is sustained. In case the protest is not sustained, the \$25.00 shall be forfeited. Substitutions of contestants may be made during contest registration.

Composition of Teams:

Each team shall consist of four (4) members representing the Vo-tech or agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled. Teams with three (1-3) members will also be permitted. No school will be allowed to enter more than three (3) teams. Accelerated Genetics reserves the right to limit schools to two teams, if necessary.

Non-Contest Participants:

Since this contest is designed as a training exercise for Vo-tech and colleges, an unlimited number of other students (non-contest participants) will be allowed to place the classes. Coaches are to make their own arrangements for scoring the placings and reasons of these individuals. Teams bringing non-contest participants should register them on the Entry Form. Entry fees for non-contest participants is \$20.00 per individual and includes lunch and banquet tickets

Entries:

The attached entry blank should be sent to Accelerated Genetics, Attn: Kari Stanek, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913, **by September 10, 2015**. A non-refundable fee of \$75.00 per team and \$20.00 per non-contest participant must accompany entry made payable to Accelerated Genetics. Entry fee includes lunch and banquet tickets for all entered participants (team members and non-contest participants); and the coach's dinner, lunch and banquet tickets for one coach per school.

Responsibility of Superintendent:

The superintendent shall have complete charge of the contest. He or she shall see that all rules and regulations governing the contest are carried out and that the contest is conducted with fairness to all concerned. The superintendent shall decide all questions that may arise in connection with the interpretation of the rules.

Contest Judges:

The breed judge will be responsible for the official placing and grading cuts of classes of their breed. They will also listen to, and grade, the oral reasons. A consulting judge will be available to assist in the selection and placing of classes.

CONTEST PROCEDURE AND RULES

Reporting Time:

All contestants shall report to the superintendent at the Dairy Cattle Arena on the Vernon County Fairgrounds at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the contest, where upon they will receive full instructions regarding the routine and details of the contest. Contestants will have an opportunity to ask questions at this time.

Judging Materials:

Contestants will be supplied with placing cards. Clipboards with notepaper will be complementary of Accelerated Genetics and the Vernon County Agricultural Society and can be inspected by the Superintendent at anytime during the contest. **(1) There will be NO conversation among contestants, or between contestants and coaches, during the course of the contest. (2) There will NO cell phones or electronic communication devices allowed on contestants during the course of the contest.** Infractions of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.

Inspection of Cattle:

Team members shall be divided into a sufficient number of groups to provide suitable opportunity to view and judge the animals. Each group of contestants will be guided and supervised by an assistant superintendent. Contestants shall not place their hands on any animal at anytime during the contest.

No member of any team shall be allowed in the cattle barns nor have the privilege of inspecting any cattle on the Fairgrounds prior to the contest.

Judging Time:

Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes to place each reasons class and 15 minutes for placing-only classes.

Contest Classes:

Ten classes of four females per class shall be judged. The classes may be selected from the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn.

The animals shall be exhibited in such a manner that all contestants may have a fair chance to examine them. The animals in each class will be numbered one to four inclusively.

Reasons:

Contestants shall give oral reasons no more than two minutes in length for their placings of five classes. Before the contest starts, the contestants will be notified by the superintendent of the classes for which reasons are to be given. Oral reasons will be given following lunch.

Method of Scoring & Determination of Awards:

Ratings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons. With 10 classes placed and 5 sets of reasons given, there would be a possible total score of 750 points per contestant.

The final rank of each contestant in each breed shall be determined by totaling that contestant's scores on placing and reasons for that breed. The individual rank for all breeds shall be determined by adding all scores for the contestant. For teams with four (4) members, the team member with the lowest total score for all breeds will be dropped for calculation of team scores, but that member will be eligible for individual awards.

The team ranking for each breed shall be determined by totaling the scores on placings and reasons of each of the top three team members for that breed. In like manner, the team ranking for all breeds shall be determined by combining the scores of the three team members for all breeds.

In case of a tie, the individual or the team ranking highest in reasons shall be awarded the prize in question.



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Coach's Meeting:

A meeting of all coaches will be held at the Westby House, Westby, WI at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 19, 2015**, the evening prior to the contest.

- (1) Every team must have a coach or designated representative attend the coach's meeting.**
- (2) Every team must provide contestant names to Kari Stanek by 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19.** The time and location of this meeting will be confirmed upon receiving your registration.

Dairy Bar Reception & Awards Banquet:

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI, September 20, 2015

Dairy Bar Reception - 4:00 p.m.

Team Photos - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet - 5:00 p.m.

Questions:

For any questions regarding the general rules and regulations of the contest please refer them to the Contest Chair - Kari Stanek at 800-451-9275 ext. 5422.



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Hotel & Restaurant Information

Rooms are being held until August 15 at Vernon Inn & Suites, Old Towne Motel & Central Express Inn.*

Hotels:

Vernon Inn & Suites (Formerly Super 8)

1325 N. Main
Viroqua, WI 54665
608/637-3100 or 800/501-0664
www.vernoninnandsuites.com
20 Rooms blocked / Room Rate - \$59-\$69

Old Towne Motel

Hwy. 14, 61 & 27 south
Westby, WI 54667
608/634-2111 or 800/605-0276
15 Rooms blocked / Room Rate - \$47.95 - \$63.95

Central Express Inn

North side of Westby
Westby, WI 54667
608/634-2950 or 608/634-2230
www.centralexpress.biz
21 Rooms blocked / Room Rate - \$34.95 - \$64.95

Kickapoo Crossroads

Hwy. 61, Readstown, WI 54652
608/629-9999 or 608/625-5624
www.crookedriverresort.com

Hickory Hill Motel

S5539 US Hwy. 14, Viroqua, WI 54665
608/637-3104
www.hickoryhillmotel.com

Midway Motel

850 N Main Street, Viroqua, WI 54665
608/637-2929

Restaurants:

Viroqua:

Culver's
McDonald's
Subway
Pizza Hut
Viking Inn
A&W
Dairy Queen
Firehouse Restaurant
Country Kitchen

Westby:

Old Towne Inn Supper Club
Westby House
Norse Stop
Central Express Restaurant
Borgen's (downtown café)
Nordic Lanes

** For any questions about lodging, please contact Rick Williams at 1-800-451-9275 ext. 7540*



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2015 ENTRY FORM Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

UNIVERSITY: _____

COACH (ES): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____ HOTEL RES. AT: _____

_____ YES, please enter our team(s) to in the Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest under the rules and regulations enclosed with registration packet.

TEAM #1: ____ Members TEAM #2: ____ Members TEAM #3: ____ Members

ENTRY FEES:

- \$75.00 PER TEAM (Up to 4 members per team, includes coach)
- \$20.00 PER NON-CONTEST PARTICIPANT

Number of Teams: _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Contest Participants: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **ACCELERATED GENETICS**, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913.
For entry questions: 800.451.9275 ext. 5422, kstanek@accelgen.com or Fax: 608.356.1715.

ENTRY DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- Check is Enclosed
 Check is coming from the University/College.
 Use Credit Card Information Below

Name on Credit Card: _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

Address for Credit Card: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Credit Card #: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____ **3-digit Security Code:** _____

Type of Credit Card: (please circle one) **Mastercard** **Visa** **Discover**