MISSOURI 4-H DAIRY JUDGING TEAM PLACES 6th AT NATIONAL DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Missouri 4-H had a strong performance at the 2013 National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held September 30 in Madison, Wisconsin at World Dairy Expo, according to Karla Deaver, 4-H Youth Development Specialist. The team placed 6th in a field of 26 teams, and placed in the top ten in 4 of 5 breeds and oral reasons.

“We are very proud of the way this team has competed,” said Deaver. “They have been very consistent since the beginning, and came away from this contest with a top ten judge, two All-Americans and the best overall finish a Missouri team has had since 2006. Their seventh place finish in Oral Reasons is one of the best a team from Missouri has ever had.”

The team of Steven Nelson, Tucker Peterson and Bailee Whitehead was second in Ayrshires, seventh in Oral Reasons, and eighth in Guernseys, Holsteins and Jerseys. Whitehead, the daughter of Tony and Nicki Whitehead of Conway, was the eighth high individual overall, and named an All-American. She was seventh in placings, 12th in Ayrshires, 13th in Guernseys, 14th in Holsteins and 22nd in Jerseys. Nelson, the son of Mike Nelson of Grove Spring, was the 23rd high individual overall, and named an All-American. He was 10th in oral reasons, 11th in Holsteins and 26th in Jerseys. Peterson, son of Janet Peterson of Mountain Grove, was the 6th high individual in Ayrshires.

Contestants placed one cow and one heifer class in Ayrshires, Brown Swiss, Guernseys, Holsteins and Jerseys and gave five sets of reasons. The team is coached by Ted Probert, University of Missouri Dairy Specialist, and Karla Deaver, University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist headquartered in Wright and Lawrence Counties respectively.

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