

Dairy Jeopardy Fact Sheet

Dairy Jeopardy is an exciting event that brings together youth interested in agriculture. Individuals have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the dairy industry while making rewarding and lasting friendships along the way. This fact sheet serves as a guideline to prepare youth for a Dairy Jeopardy competition.

Background

The Jeopardy program is set up for anyone who has an interest in the dairy industry. Dairy Jeopardy gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the industry in many different areas, while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications and listening skills.

The competition is for individuals of any age. The national Dairy Jeopardy program has three age divisions: Junior ages 9 to 13, Intermediate ages 14 to 17 and Senior ages 18 to 21, as of January 1 of the year competing.

Preparation

In Jeopardy, individuals compete against each other earning points for correctly answering questions about the dairy industry and closely related areas. It will work best to find a group of interested youth. Start by learning the basics. One way is by sharing your experiences of working with dairy projects. By sharing these experiences you can gain information from each other.

A great way to prepare for contests is to make sets of practice questions or obtain sample questions from past contests. Questions can be obtained by visiting www.holsteinfoundation.org or by talking to past contestants and leaders in states with active programs. You should practice taking turns reading questions to each other. Once you feel comfortable with the study materials, you should practice who can answer the questions correctly and the quickest. Buzzer speed is an important part of the Jeopardy contest. It is extremely beneficial to practice with buzzers similar to the official contest buzzers. This will help you prepare for questions during a real competition.

To prepare for questions that will be covered in upcoming competitions, you must study other sources besides old questions. Some questions will come up every year, but the dairy industry is always changing. Studying current issues of industry publications will allow the well prepared to rise to the top. Questions most likely will cover feeds, milk quality, herd health, genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and other related topics. New questions for each year are taken from the past June to May issues of *Dairy Herd Management*, *Hoard's Dairyman*, *Holstein Pulse*,

Holstein World, Progress of the Breed, Sire Summaries and the Holstein Foundation workbooks. See the Holstein Foundation web site for a complete list of resource materials.

Sources can be covered without each member reading every magazine, if you divide the issues among the group. You should be responsible for reporting on the general information of your assigned issues. The best way to use information gathered from these publications is to create competition-like questions.

Selection

When there are several interested youth members, a system will be set up to determine those that will compete at the national level. There are various ways to select those that will represent your state in competition.

One way would be a contest similar to the national contest or a contest without using high tech audio equipment. Another approach would be selecting contestants by a written exam and oral competition.

Contest

The national contest accepts a maximum of 30 participants in each age division. Each state can enter one contestant per division. There are three rounds of play. Each round consists of six categories, each with five questions, with a point value of 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 points. A maximum of six players compete at one time.

In round 1 all contestants participate. A random selection of who selects first takes place. Contestants wishing to answer a question must activate the signaling device. Answers can be in the form of a question or statement. Points are awarded for correctly answering questions. There are deductions for wrong answers, not signaling, not waiting to be recognized and failing to give an answer. The amount of points deducted is determined by the point value of the question. The player with the last correct answer gets to select the next category and point value.

There are two bonus questions in each round. Contestants don't know prior to the contest which categories and point values contain the bonus questions. Contestants can wager, in 10-point increments, all, part or none of the points they have accumulated for a bonus question.

An individual's score must be zero or greater to advance to any round of play. The top contestants (up to 12) from round 1 will advance to play a second round. The top contestants from round 2 (up to 6) will advance to play a third round. At the end of round 3, each contestant will have the opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question, providing they have one or more points. The answer will be in written form. Contestants can wager, in 10-point increments, all, part or none of

the points they have accumulated. Rankings are based on top scores. The contestant with the most points is declared the champion.

Success

Although all participants in the Jeopardy program are winners, only one champion can be named in each age division. The desire to be a national champion comes from within. If you have confidence in yourself, you are well on your way to achieving success.

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