



Dairy Champion Challenge Study Guide

Champion Challenge Contest Guidelines

Participants will be separated into categories and divisions. Once the orientation begins, contestants must not communicate with any person outside the competition. **Absolutely no communication with parents, advisors, friends or any other fair attendee will be allowed.**

Dress Code:

Contestants **must** wear dress whites for all Champion Challenge competitions except for the written exam.

Contest Format:

Written Test: Each Champion Challenge participant must qualify for the preliminary round by completing a written exam that is specie specific. (i.e., dairy exhibitors will answer dairy questions). The top scorers from the written exam will move on to the preliminary round.

Preliminary Round: Each station will consist of five questions specific to each species

Semifinal Round: There will be three stations with four or five questions at each station. Semifinalists will be expected to have general knowledge of each of the three species (dairy cattle, dairy goats and pygmy goats).

Final Round: Finalists will be interviewed by a panel of agricultural, community and government leaders. Questions will include all species and general agricultural issues.

Following the preliminary round, scores will immediately be tallied and the semifinalists will be announced. The semifinals will begin immediately following the announcement of results.

In the event that there is a tie in any round, **the tie will be broken by considering the highest placement in showmanship**. If a tie still exists, the highest scores in specific Champion Challenge categories will be considered in the following order:

1. Show preparation, Ethics, Transportation, Animal Handling, Care & Quality Assurance
2. Consumer Awareness & Marketing
3. Nutrition
4. Animal Identification and Industry Technologies
5. Reproduction & Genetics
6. Environmental Stewardship

7. Animal health, disease, and Prevention
8. Conformation, Anatomy, & Physiology

Resource Material:

Natural Resource Conservation Service
14th and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

U.C. Cooperative Extension (contact your local livestock or natural resources farm advisor).

Quality Assurance: Strengthening the Chain of Wholesome Food Production (Video)

Calif. Dept. of Food & Agriculture
Division of Fairs & Expositions
916/263-3948

Also available from 4-H leaders and FFA advisors

State/national dairy organizations

Alliance of Western Milk Producers 916/447-9941
American Dairy Goat Association 828/286-3801
American Guernsey Association 614/864-2409
American Jersey Cattle Association 614/861-3636
Ayrshire Breeders Association 614/335-0020
Calif. Cheese and Butter Assn. 925/672-8255
Calif. Dairy Herd Improvement 559/323-2600
Calif. Dairy Research Foundation 530/753-0681
Calif. Milk Producers Advisory Bd. 650/871-6455
Milk Producers Council ..909/628-6018
Western United Dairymen 209/527-6453

Other Helpful Websites:

American Dairy Goat Association

www.adga.org

American Guernsey Association

www.usguernsey.com/

American Jersey Cattle Association

www.usjersey.com/

American Society of Animal Scientists

www.asas.org

U.S. Ayrshire Breeders Association

www.usayrshire.com

California Cheese and Butter Association

www.cacheeseandbutter.org

California Dairy Herd Improvement

www.cdhia.org

California Dairy Research Foundation

www.cdrf.org

California Department of Food and Agriculture

www.cdfa.ca.gov

California Farm Bureau Federation

www.cfbf.com

California Milk Advisory Board

www.RealCaliforniaCheese.com

Dairy Goat Journal

www.dairygoatjournal.com

Dairy Today

www.dairytoday.com

Dr. Temple Grandin's Web Page

grandin.com

Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank

www.farad.org/

Goatweb

www.goatweb.com

Hilmar Cheese

www.hilmarcheese.com

Hoard's Dairyman

www.hoards.com

Holstein Association

www.holsteinusa.com/

Journal of Dairy Science

www.journalofdairyscience.org/

Moomilk

www.moomilk.com

Natural Resource Conservation Service

www.nrcs.usda.gov

OSU Animal Science Home

info.library.okstate.edu/animal-science

U.C.C.E. Livestock and Natural Resources

ucanr.edu/sites/UCCE_LR/

U.C. Davis Veterinary Medicine Extension

www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/vetext/Home.html

U.S. Department of Agriculture

www.usda.gov

Western Fairs Association

www.fairsnet.org

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

www.yqca.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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