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The 2007 Dairy Quiz Bowl Team poses at Churchill Downs, Louisville KY.
L to R — Maija Haggith, Emily Zylstra, Lacey Cratzenburg, and Brooke Schoenbachler

2007 National Quiz Bowl Team

I attended the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in Louisville Kentucky, with Emily Zylstra, Maija Haggith, Lacey Cratzenburg and coach Tammi Schoenbachler. In preparation for the trip we practiced two hours every other weekend; we even practiced in the hot tub to psych all the other teams out! We were able to compete against 4-Hers from all over the United States. After many close matches, we were eliminated after about six hours.

After the competition, we walked around the Naile for a few hours... Lacey even rode a mechanical bull! We also visited Louisville Slugger Museum, Churchill Downs, Locust Grove, Hard Rock Café, and even went Go-Carting! We stayed at the Holiday Inn and apparently Emily and I got the worst room, because the ceiling had a strange brown substance growing on the ceiling we referred to as "the beard". As you can see there were many memorable times and I highly encourage any young 4-Hers to try to attend National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl.

-Brooke Schoenbachler

2007 National 4-H Dairy Conference

At the end of September, I had the honor of representing our state at the National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Little did I know how much this five-day experience would affect me. Through mixers, nightly country dances, and group activities, I had the opportunity to meet dairy enthusiasts from across our country. In discussing our farms, we learned the unique practices that differed between the states.

Touring local Wisconsin dairy farms confirmed this idea. In groups, we toured a heifer farm, an organic dairy farm, and a processing farm, as well as Hoard's Dairyman's Guernsey farm. Each of these farms had their own distinct farming methods and traditions, and gave ideas to how my farm could be run more efficiently. Along with touring the Hoard's Farm, we were able to tour the magazine's publishing office in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. I found the Hoard's tours particularly interesting because of my love of the Guernsey breed and my constant use of the Hoard's magazine.

I also had the privilege of touring National Dairy Shrine's Museum, and loved learning more about the history of the dairy industry's most prized awards and most famous cows. Furthermore, we toured both ABS' and Nasco's national headquarters. Both tours helped to better understand the vast variety of the dairy industry.

However, my favorite tour was the time spent at the World Dairy Expo, the "greatest dairy event on earth." Walking through the barns, surrounded by the best dairy animals, breeders, and showmen in the world, was an amazing experience. One of my favorite parts of the Expo was recognizing farm names and cows that I had only heard and learned about. I am proud to say that I saw both Heronia Centurion Veronica 20J, 2006's Supreme Champion, and Indian Acres Pistachio Pie, the newly crowned Overall Supreme Champion. Touring the Expo and seeing all the dairy animals made me realize how much I want to bring one of my own to the show!

The unique part of the National Dairy Conference is the fact that you are not there to compete. The time is instead spent focused on learning more about the dairy industry and its opportunities. I attended several workshops highlighting different aspects of the industry and my interests. These workshop included learning about DNA, Dairy Foods, Interviewing, and Adapting with the Industry. However, my favorite workshop was learning the process of artificially inseminating, and then practicing the procedure!

Another unique part of the conference is the committees that each member are part of. Choosing between hospitality, transportation, recreation, head table, and other committees, each attendee is responsible to help plan and organize events. I loved my Head Table Committee, and the opportunity I had to MC meals and meet dairy industry leaders.

Overall, the National Dairy Conference is an incredible experience. Not only did I meet new people, have a blast with those I already knew, and learn much more about the dairy industry, but I also regained my confidence in the fact that this is my industry, and the industry that I always want to, and will be, and strong supporter of.

- Brooke VanderVeen

A Word About the Dairy Endowment Fund

The Dairy Endowment Fund was established by a group of dairy youth advocates. The purpose of the Fund is to provide ongoing financial support for youth development, regardless of the economic climate of the dairy industry. Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Quiz Bowl, and Dairy Conference are three of the state and national 4-H dairy events supported by the Fund. The fund also supports two scholarships for college and travel scholarships for youth to participate in national dairy related educational events.

There are as many reasons to give to the Dairy Endowment as there are kids enrolled in 4-H. But when it comes right down to it, investing in the Dairy Endowment is making an investment in the future. Your one-time gift, or a pledge spread out over a few years, will help prepare the dairy youth of today to be the industry's leaders tomorrow.

2007 NATIONAL DAIRY JUDGING TEAM – BUDDY FURRER

The 2007 National 4-H Dairy Judging trip was an experience that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Due to my influential coaches, and my stellar judging teammates, my trip was not only enjoyable and educational, but life-changing. Our team consisted of Melissa Cook, Liz Soler, Timmy Lee Frohning, and me. With help from a rigorous practice schedule, we did extremely well, placing 16th in the nation. As well, two of my teammates placed individually. Melissa placed 9th overall in the Holstein breed, and Liz placed 11th overall in oral reasons. These are two major accomplishments these lovely ladies should be extremely proud of.

While in Wisconsin, we learned many aspects of the judging and dairy industries. Our first two days were spent touring and practice judging at some of the most prestigious dairies in Wisconsin. These farms included Hoards Dairy, Crescentmead Holsteins, and Sunshine Genetics. These practices and tours not only furthered our judging knowledge and prepared us for the contest yet to come, but also gave us a much better sense of the dairy industry in Wisconsin. I found these new and foreign dairy techniques extremely interesting.

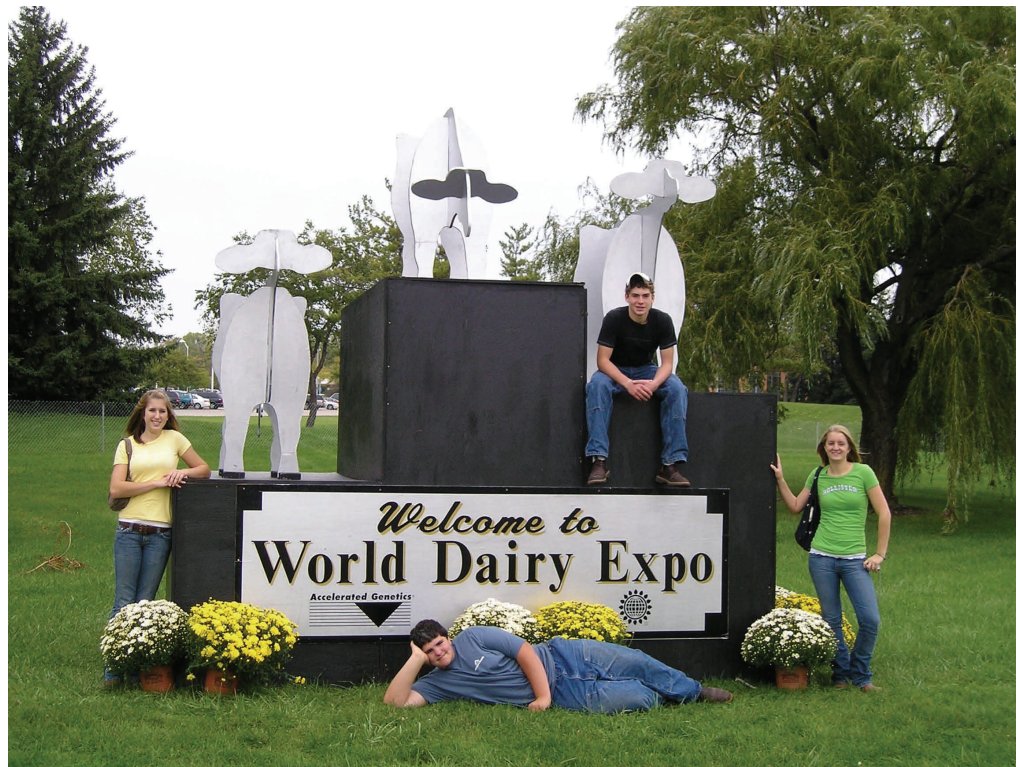
Additional highlights for me were watching Pistachio Pie win grand champion Guernsey and later be named Supreme Champion, and having the opportunity to watch my younger brother Aaron and his heifer Dot place 1st in the Guernsey Summer Yearling class for juniors.

This trip would not have been possible without the help and funding of the 4-H Dairy Endowment Fund, and of course, my wonderful coaches... Katie Hilt and AnnMarie Magnochi.

Thanks again 4-H!

The 2007 National Dairy Judging Team

Front: Timmy Frohning
Back, Left to Right:
Melissa Cook,
Buddy Furrer
and Liz Soler.





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STATE 4-H DAIRY JUDGING TEAM DOES WELL AT NATIONALS - LIZ SOLER

After months of grueling practice and preparation the Washington State 4-H Dairy Judging team traveled back to Madison, Wisconsin for the National Dairy Judging Contest. Team members included Melissa Cook, Buddy Furrer, Timmy Frohning, and Liz Soler; they were coached by Ann Marie Magnochi and Kate Hilt. The team was privileged enough to spend a week touring local attractions, judging at many prestigious dairies, and experiencing all different sides of the dairy industry at World Dairy Expo.

Local show farms opened their doors to visiting judging teams for the opportunity to judge some high caliber cows and ensure they were fully prepared for this highly competitive contest. Washington State visited farms such as Four Winds Farm, Crescentmead Farm, Daltondale Farms, and Sunshine Genetics; judging breeds including Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, and Milking Shorthorn. This also gave them the opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with the same individuals they would be competing against in just a few days.

Competition day brought plenty of excitement, focus, and of course a few butterflies in the tummy. However, after four hours of judging followed by another four hours of oral reasons these were all long gone. Nonetheless Washington placed 16th out of 31 teams; a respectable finish. Individuals Melissa Cook placed 9th in the Holstein Breed and Liz Soler placed 12th in overall oral reasons. The team, as well as the coaches, were extremely satisfied with their accomplishments and were amazed at the amount of improvement made in just a few months.

Exploring the wide range of opportunities at World Dairy Expo took up the last three days of the trip. Over 67,000 dairy enthusiasts from 91 countries traveled to see the 2,483 prestigious dairy cattle being exhibited. Booths representing colleges, businesses, and organizations in the dairy industry filled the Alliant Energy Center ready to educate attendees on what they have to offer. Not to mention companies took over parking lots with all different kinds of equipment necessary for farm work. The judging team got within mere feet of numerous famous show cows as well as notorious show farms. World Dairy Expo definitely drew the cream of the crop in the industry to its show ring.

This trip created an experience that was both educating as well as highly motivating for those planning a future in the dairy industry. It not only displayed the size of the dairy industry, but also the opportunities available and attainable. The judging team brought home a memory that will continue to serve as a pivotal moment in their dairy experiences for years to come.