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### OHIO'S 4-H DAIRY JUDGING TEAM

**COLUMBUS, OH:** After miles of travel and evaluating cattle in 7 different states, the 4-H Dairy Judging team has returned from the national contests with numerous ribbons in hand!

The World Dairy Expo contest results were their finest! The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 27 participating state teams. Congratulations to the members who included Robin Alden (Danville), Michelle Funk (Jeromesville), Ty Etgen (Wapakoneta), and Jared Smith (Plain City).

Jared was the star as the 4<sup>th</sup> high individual and also earned the highest score in placings. He will be featured in many national publication photos that report the contest. In breeds, the Ohio team was 1<sup>st</sup> place in Holsteins, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Brown Swiss, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Jerseys. Individually, Michelle was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Jersey breed. Jared was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Holstein breed followed in third by his teammate, Ty. Robin placed #13 for her reasons and Michelle and Jared were in top 25 for their reasons. Ty was also 17<sup>th</sup> overall.

Ty and Michelle are currently attending ATI and Robin and Jared are in high school.

At the Pennsylvania All American contest, the three team members competing were Ty, Robin, and Jared. All three finished in the top 25 with Robin in 6<sup>th</sup>, Ty in 14<sup>th</sup>, and Jared in 21<sup>st</sup>. As a team, they were 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ayrshires, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Brown Swiss, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Holsteins and then overall, the team placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Robin completed her most successful outing as 7<sup>th</sup> in reasons, 8<sup>th</sup> in Ayrshires, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Brown Swiss, 5<sup>th</sup> in Holsteins, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Jerseys.

These 4-Hers should be congratulated for accepting the challenge and their outstanding results. These competitions are much more than judging cows. They are experiences that last a lifetime.

The team is coached by **Bonnie Ayars**, Extension Dairy Program Specialist. Many thanks to **Mr. Bernie Heisner and Kelly Epperly** for their assistance and also to **Noel Aldcn**, who accompanied the group on the Wisconsin trip and lended his invaluable expertise.

**More info on all the results can be located at <http://www.world-dairy-expo.com/nws>. for Madison results and for the PA All American,**  
<http://www.allamerican.state.pa.us/files/2009%20IYDCJC%204H%20Results.pdf>