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Big Winner of the Day 2010 Inter-County 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Competition

Orangeville, ON August 4, 2010 – At the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Wednesday, August 4, close to 80 4-H members competed in the 2010 Inter-County Dairy Judging Competition. The Orangeville Fairgrounds made for a great location for the competition, while area breeders provided exceptional cattle for the nine classes.

After an educational, competitive day of dairy judging, participants anxiously awaited the results to be announced to see which four would win the ultimate prize, a 10 day, expenses paid trip to Madison, Wisconsin and the World Dairy Expo. The big winner of the day was Ryan Crowley, of Peterborough County. Ryan walked away with honours in High Placings, High Reasons, High Jerseys, High Other Breeds, Runner-Up High Holsteins as well as High Individual Overall. He, along with teammate (and big brother!) Justin Crowley, were Top Team, coached by Bryon Nelson. Runner-Up High Individual went to Justin Crowley, who also took home High Holsteins, Runner-Up High Placings and Runner-Up High Reasons.

Justin, being a past member of the Ontario Judging Team, is not eligible to participate again this year, so joining Ryan on the 2010 team are Gary Hazeleger (Oxford), Jill Brown (Lennox & Addington) and Alan Nanne (Lanark).

The day started off with a quiz based on material from the "You be the Judge" manual that all young judges use to hone their judging skills. They then placed nine classes of cows and heifers of different breeds before lunchtime. After lunch, the senior members gave reasons on six of the classes they judged that morning. The juniors gave reasons on three of those same classes. We can't thank the barn crew enough, as well as the breeders that allowed their cattle to be used for this event.

In the Junior Division, a veteran participant, Natalie Holtby of Durham West had a really good day taking home High Reasons, High Holsteins, High Quiz, Runner-Up Placings and Runner-Up High Jerseys. Natalie was also named High Individual Overall, but it was not an easy win! Following very closely behind her was Jenna Elliot of Lambton, who took home High Placings and High Jerseys, and actually tied with Natalie for the overall award before going to the tie-breaker! Natalie, along with her teammate Cal Snodden, won the High Team award for Durham West, coached by John Werry.

This competition is made possible each year by the Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund, as well as numerous sponsors that continue to give each year, seeing the importance of this program in keeping our dairy industry in Ontario strong. We would especially like to thank John Deere, our feature sponsor for this event for the third year in a row. John Deere, as well as all of the other sponsors of this event will help to ensure the future of this competition for years to come

SENIOR DIVISION RESULTS

- High Team and Coach** – Sponsored by Generations
Winner – Peterborough – Justin Crowley and Ryan Crowley (Bryon Nelson)
Runner-up – Sponsored by C.I.B.C.
Winner – Oxford – Michael Lupton and Gary Hazeleger (Dean Karn)
- High Individual** – Sponsored by Bert Stewart
Winner – Ryan Crowley, Peterborough
Runner-up – In Memory of Bill Dobbin
Winner – Justin Crowley, Peterborough
- High Placing** – Sponsored by Clarence Diefenbacher
Winner – Ryan Crowley
Runner-up – Sponsored by Fradon Holsteins
Winner – Justin Crowley, Peterborough
- High Reasons** – Sponsored by Joe Snyder
Winner – Ryan Crowley
Runner-up – Sponsored by Heshholm Holsteins
Winner – Justin Crowley
- High Holsteins** – Sponsored by Lowell Lindsay
Winner – Justin Crowley
Runner-up – Sponsored by Riverdown Holsteins
Winner – Ryan Crowley
- High Jersey** – Sponsored by Joel Bagg
Winner – Ryan Crowley
Runner-up – Sponsored by Bell City Jerseys
Winner – Gary Hazeleger, Oxford
- High Other Breeds** – Sponsored by Terry Beckett
Winner – Ryan Crowley
Runner-up – Sponsored by Murray Reissner
Winner – Gary Hazeleger
- High Quiz** – Sponsored by Paul Larmer
Winner – Alan Nanne, Lanark
Runner-up – Sponsored by Bill Edelstein
Winner – Ashley O'Hara, South Simcoe
- Rookie Award** - Sponsored by Ken Empey
Winner – Eric Salonen, Durham West

JUNIOR DIVISION RESULTS

- High Team and Coach** – Sponsored by TD Canada Trust
Winner – Durham West – Natalie Holtby and Cal Snodden (John Werry)
Runner-up – Sponsored by Scotiabank
Winner – Oxford – Josh Karn and Greg McIntosh (Dean Karn)
- High Individual** – Sponsored by Phyllis McMaster
Winner – Natalie Holtby, Durham West
Runner-up – Sponsored by Geoff Innes
Winner – Jenna Elliot, Lambton
- High Placings** – Sponsored by Joanne and Wayne Gregson
Winner – Jenna Elliot
Runner-up – Sponsored by Ebyholme Farms
Winner – Natalie Holtby
- High Reasons** – Sponsored by Steven Fraser
Winner – Natalie Holtby
Runner-up – Sponsored by Earl Osborne
Winner – Josh Karn, Oxford

High Quiz – Sponsored by Altona Lea Farms
 Winner – Natalie Holtby
 Runner-up – Sponsored by Quinndale Holsteins
 Winner – Courtney Ray, Hastings
High Holsteins – In Memory of Douglas Gregson
 Winner – Natalie Holtby
 Runner-up – In Memory of Douglas Gregson
 Winner – Vanessa Crowley, Peterborough
High Jerseys - Sponsored by R.J. Farms
 Winner – Jenna Elliot
 Runner-up - Sponsored by Maple Leaf Jerseys
 Winner – Natalie Holtby
Rookie Award - Sponsored by Ken Empey
 Winner – Cal Snodden, Durham West



2010 Ontario Dairy Judging Team (l-r): Jill Brown, Ryan Crowley, Gary Hazeleger, Alan Nanne and Coach Bert Stewart.

More Photographs available upon request.