

#### HOARD'S DAIRYMAN — The National Dairy Farm Magazine

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CASH AWARDS — 4-H DIVISION

First prize \$100 Second \$75 Third \$50 Fourth \$25

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Dear Friend:

Leaders of 4-H clubs tell us the HOARD'S DAIRYMAN Cow Judging Contest, now in its 88th consecutive year, is one of the best winter program activities they have. Each year, we receive entries from more than 800 4-H clubs, but we'd like to have even more participate.

Reprints of the five classes of dairy cows (one of each of the five breeds) are available free. If you send us a list of the 4-H leaders in your county, along with their complete mailing addresses, and **indicate the number of members in each club**, we will send the proper number of reprints and special entry blanks by return mail or email judging@hoards.com. Please do so right away, before our supply is exhausted. Deadline for sending entries is March 22, 2018.

Four cash awards are made to the winning 4-H clubs . . . \$100 for first; \$75 for second; \$50 for third; and \$25 for fourth. In addition, the winners will receive attractive framed certificates. Each 4-H member who enters on a group entry blank is automatically eligible for individual cash prizes. Members may enter with their clubs and also with their families. The official placings and reasons will be published in our April 25 issue as well as on our website (www.hoards.com/CJC2018), along with a copy of the official scoring key. Winners will be announced in the May 10 issue.

Please send us your list of 4-H leaders right away so they can schedule a meeting for "winter judging" soon. We're willing to bet these will be the most interesting, lively, instructive 4-H meetings they've had in a long time. Leaders, parents, extension workers, and their families are urged to enter, too. *Note: If a 4-H club fails to send us an entry for two consecutive years, it will be dropped from our mailing list.* 

Cordially, HOARD'S DAIRYMAN

Brian V. Knox President



## Here are the reasons for last year's contest

#### BROWN SWISS - DBCA

I place this class of Brown Swiss cows **D-B-C-A.** For me, **D** is the most structurally correct. She has the best fore udder and most correct teat placement. She also shows more balance of rear quarters than **B**. In addition, she shows more length of neck and more cleanliness in her frame from end to end. **B** keeps this a close placing by having the advantage of height and width of rear udder.

B follows the pattern of my winning cow in her overall mammary system, as she possesses more height, width, and levelness of udder floor and better teat placement and overall udder capacity than C. I would give C a definite advantage in her beautiful dairy frame and her straightness of lines.

It is her overall frame that carries her over **A**. In addition, she has more sharpness and cleanness throughout, especially over the withers, shoulders, and thighs. While **A** has a powerful frame, she doesn't have the depth of heel or correct set to her leg to carry her any higher in this class of outstanding cows.

#### HOLSTEIN - DCBA

In placing this class of Holstein aged cows **D-C-B-A**, **D** uses her advantage in udder to place over the long-framed **C**. **D** is higher, wider, and fuller at the top of the rear udder with greater uniformity of width from the top to the bottom of the rear udder. **D** shows more dairy strength, as she is deeper and wider on the chest floor with more openness, spring, and arch to both fore and rear rib. I do grant that **C** shows less evidence of set to the hock.

It is this advantage in frame that easily places C over B. C is taller at the shoulder and has more stretch and length throughout. C is wider in the

pins, allowing her tail head to sit more neatly between her pins, and she carries her legs with a straighter set to the hock. Also, C is higher at the top of the rear udder, and has a more correct teat size and shape. I do admit that B is more feminine through the rump and thigh.

It is B's correctness that carries her over A. B blends more smoothly from neck to shoulder and in turn shoulder to body, being tighter in the elbow and fuller in the crops. B also stands on a more correct set of feet and legs with a deeper in the heel and stronger pastern. B also has a more youthful udder held higher above the hock. I do concede that A has shorter teats placed more squarely on the udder floor. However, A lacks the overall correctness of feet and legs and youthfulness of udder to merit a higher placing.

#### RED & WHITE - ABDC

This class of Red & White Holsteins is placed A-B-D-C. In the top placing, A excels in quality of feet and legs, standing more squarely on her rear legs when viewed from behind, as well as having a straighter, more correct set to the hock, stronger pasterns, and cleaner bone. A has the advantage in mammary with more uniform width from the top of her rear udder to her udder floor, and more correct teat length. I do grant that B is freer of flesh over her topline and rump.

B places over D for her advantage in dairy quality, being longer and cleaner in her neck, sharper over her withers, more prominent in her rump structure, and more incurving in her thigh. B surpasses D in youthfulness of mammary system, carrying her udder higher above the hock and having a higher rear udder attachment with a fore udder that blends more smoothly into a deeper rear rib. However, D does show more width in the rear

udder than B

In a close bottom placing of **D** over **C**, **D** has the advantage in dairy form with more openness and sweep to her rib and less excess flesh, especially through the rump region. **D** exhibits more total body capacity than **C**, with more depth to both fore and rear rib as well and more spring to the rib. **D** has a longer fore udder than **C**. I do concede that **C** has a higher rear udder attachment and stands more correctly on her rear legs. However, **C** falls to the bottom as she fails to possess the quality of mammary and dairy form.

#### AYRSHIRE - C D B A

I place this class of Ayrshires C-D-B-A. C rises to the top placing over D with her complete package of style, symmetry, and balance. This feminine individual is cleaner through her head, neck, and brisket with smoother blending lines. She displays strength in all areas of her topline, from her chine, loin, and all the way to her level wide rump. She also has a flat, open rib, and a cleaner hock than D. Her height and width of rear udder is accented by a fore udder that blends tightly into her body wall. I do grant that D is wider in the floor of the chest.

D places over B as her cut closely mimics the style of our winner. D is longer in her neck, displaying a cleaner, angular cut. D shows more openness and spring to her rib, as well as more depth to her rear rib section than does B. Her quality of bone, especially through her refinement of hock and strength of pastern, gives her a decisive advantage of legs. She has a higher rear udder, displaying a distinct advantage of depth of median suspensory ligament. Granted, B is more correct in teat size and placement.

In a close placing,  ${\bf B}$  places over  ${\bf A}$  in that she is longer and cleaner in her neck

and has an advantage in a more desirable rump, as **A** is high in her pin setting. **B** displays a higher and wider rear udder and has an advantage to her udder structure, being more level on her udder floor than **A**. I do grant **A** an advantage in having a cleaner, flatter bone and stronger pasterns than **B**, but she lacks the quality of udder to place any higher in the class.

#### JERSEY — A C D B

I place this class of Jerseys A-C-D-B. A comes to the top in a close placing over C. I give a slight advantage to A in having more height of rear udder and her rear udder also has a nicer shape to it when viewed from the side. I also give A a slight advantage of being more open in her rib along with having more spring to her rib. A is also more desirable through her rump, particularly in her tail setting when viewed from behind. I do admire the overall style and the silkiness of C which keeps this a close placing.

Next, I place C over D, giving C a definite advantage in her mammary system. C shows more height and width of rear udder and more definition of center ligament than D. C shows more balance of udder when viewed from behind. I will admit that both C and D are very similar in frame, both showing extreme length and quality throughout.

The overall style, balance, and blending of parts gives **D** a definite advantage over **B**. **D** also has a more desirable shape to her udder along with it being more snuggly attached in both fore and rear. **D** is also more desirable through the rump and blends in better behind the shoulders and through the crop region. I place **B** fourth in the class as I would like to see more height of rear udder. **B** does show more width and dairy strength.

### -MAIL THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK ON OR BEFORE MARCH 22, 2018 OR ENTER ONLINE AT JUDGING.HOARDS.COM

#### DIVISIONS

**SENIORS** — Anyone 19 years of age or older as of March 22, 2018.

Only one entry per person in the Senior Division.

JUNIORS — Anyone 8 to 18 years of age as of March 22, 2018.

Only one entry per person in the Junior Division.

Twelve CASH PRIZES in each of the Senior and Junior Divisions: \$100 \$75 \$60 \$50 \$45 \$40 \$35 \$30 \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10

**FAMILIES** — Must include three or more immediate family members, all 8 years or older, at least one senior division entry, and all entered on one entry blank. Only one entry per family. Four CASH PRIZES — \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25

SPECIAL ENTRY BLANKS\* are needed for the following four divisions:
4-H CLUBS, FFA/AG-ED CHAPTERS, COLLEGE AND CO-OP TEAMS — Four

CASH PRIZES in each division — \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 **AG-ED INSTRUCTORS** — Four CASH PRIZES — \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25

\*Write to: Contest Dept., Hoard's Dairyman, P.O. Box 801, Ft. Atkinson, WI

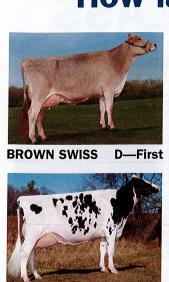
53538-0801 or email judging@hoards.com

#### RULE

- 1. Only one entry per division (see opposite), but an individual may enter in more than one division. For example, you may enter with your 4-H club, family and as an individual; but your 4-H club and your family may enter only once.
- 2. Entries must be postmarked on or before MARCH 22, 2018.
- 3. All individuals entering in the 4-H, FFA/Ag-Ed, College, Family or Ag-Ed Instructor Divisions also are automatically entered in the Junior or Senior Division and are eligible to receive cash prizes in those divisions.
- Contest is open to everyone except Hoard's Dairyman employees and members of their families.
- 5. Mail entries to: Contest Dept., Hoard's Dairyman, P.O. Box 801,
- 6. Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0801.
- 7. Keep a copy of your placings no entries returned.
- 8. Indicate your choice for "Supreme Winner" by circling the letter of your overall favorite cow in the contest. (For example, you placed the Brown Swiss class (A)B-C-D and A is your selection for "Supreme Winner.") Please select only one winner.

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# How last year's classes were placed













A-Fourth









**D**—First HOLSTEIN

C-Second

**B**—Third

A-Fourth









**RED & WHITE** A-First

**B**—Second

**D**—Third

**C**—Fourth









**AYRSHIRE** 

C-First

**D**—Second

**B**—Third

A-Fourth









**JERSEY** A-First

**C**—Second

D-Third

**B**—Fourth

## OFFICIAL SCORING KEY FOR 2017 COW JUDGING CONTEST

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