

STUDENTS' NATIONAL CONTEST IN JUDGING DAIRY
CATTLE. NATIONAL DAIRY SHOW,
COLUMBUS, OHIO

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We realize that they have this year had to meet some very unusual obstacles and that it has meant real hard and earnest effort to manage to get the teams ready for the contest and have them here in actual competition. We appreciate these efforts and I told Mr. Skinner this morning that I think it is that kind of spirit which is going to carry us "over the top." Now just for a brief report of the contest.

The Ninth Annual Students' National Contest in Judging Dairy Cattle was held at the National Dairy Show at Columbus, Ohio, October 19, 1917. Thirteen State agricultural colleges were represented by teams, from Massachusetts to Missouri and from Virginia to South Dakota. Each team consisted of three students accompanied by the professor in dairy or animal husbandry who had coached the team. The students were required to judge eight classes of cattle, consisting of four bulls and four cows of each of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey. The official placing of the animals in the contest was made by a committee composed of the coaches of the various teams; namely, Professors Frank A. Hays, Delaware; Robert Wylie, Iowa; J. B. Fitch, Kansas; J. J. Hooper, Kentucky; R. H. Ruffner, Maryland; J. C. McNutt, Massachusetts; W. W. Swett, Missouri; B. H. Thompson, Nebraska; W. M. Regan, New Jersey; S. M. Salisbury, Ohio; E. L. Anthony, Pennsylvania; C. Larsen, South Dakota; and R. E. Hunt, Virginia.

The students were divided into four groups in such a way that

¹ Superintendent of contest.

no two students from the same college were in the same group. The students were required to rank each class of cattle in the order of their merit in conformation, and were then required to withdraw from the ring and write why they placed the animals in each class of cattle as they did. The final awards were made not only on the students' ability to place the cattle correctly, but also on their ability to state the reasons for such placing.

The students were competing for three \$400 scholarships and for numerous cups and trophies. The scholarships will be used for post-graduate work in dairy husbandry. One scholarship was offered by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America to the student who did the best work in judging Holsteins; another was given by the DeLaval Separator Company to the man who did the best work in judging all breeds; and a third was presented by the Associated Manufacturers' Company, manufacturers of the Iowa Dairy Separator, to the college whose team did the best work in judging all breeds.

SWEEPSTAKES TEAMS

The three teams winning highest honors or sweepstakes in the contest were as follows: I. University of Missouri. II. Iowa State College. III. University of Nebraska.

In addition to winning the Iowa Dairy Separator scholarship of \$400, the University of Missouri also won silver loving cups offered by the National Dairy Show and by the Hoard's Dairyman Publishing Company.

The Iowa State College won a silver loving cup offered by the J. B. Ford Company, manufacturers of the Wyandotte Dairyman's Cleaner and Cleanser, for having the second highest team in the contest.

SWEEPSTAKES MEN

The five highest men in judging all breeds were as follows: (1) M. R. Dunn, Missouri; (2) C. A. March, Iowa; (3) Otto Schaefer, Missouri; (4) E. B. Nelson, Iowa; (5) S. V. Layson, South Dakota.

The highest or sweepstakes man, Mr. M. R. Dunn, from

Missouri, won the \$400 DeLaval scholarship. Each of the above mentioned men was also awarded a gold medal by the National Dairy Show.

THE HOLSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP

The three highest men in judging Holsteins were as follows:
 (1) J. R. Shepherd, Nebraska; (2) M. R. Dunn, Missouri;
 (3) A. E. Miller, South Dakota.

Mr. J. R. Shepherd of the University of Nebraska winning the \$400 Holstein-Friesian scholarship.

THREE HIGHEST TEAMS IN EACH BREED

Ayrshire. (1) University of Missouri, (2) Delaware College
 (3) Iowa State College.

The University of Missouri won the silver loving cup offered by the Ayrshire Breeder's Association.

Guernsey. (1) Pennsylvania State College, (2) Iowa State College, (3) South Dakota State College.

The Pennsylvania State College won the silver loving cup offered by the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Holstein. (1) University of Nebraska, (2) University of Missouri, (3) Iowa State College.

The University of Nebraska won the silver loving cup offered by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Jersey. (1) University of Missouri, (2) Kentucky State University, (3) Maryland Agricultural College.

The University of Missouri won the silver loving cup offered by the American Jersey Cattle Club.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES PARTICIPATING

Delaware College,
 Iowa State College,
 Kansas State Agricultural College,
 Kentucky State University,
 Maryland Agricultural College,

Massachusetts Agricultural College,
University of Missouri,
University of Nebraska,
New Jersey College of Agriculture,
Ohio State University,
Pennsylvania State College,
South Dakota State College,
Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College.

I presume, gentlemen, that you have had a good many reports this afternoon, and I shall not weary you with an extended report of the contest. I desire to say, however, and I am sure of speaking for the Dairy Show also, that we appreciate very much the spirit on the part of the colleges who got teams ready for this contest.