

Competitive Teams



Dairy Judging

UW-Madison's dairy judging program has a long-standing tradition of success that continues today. At the National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, UW has earned 9 first place finishes. Our coaches are highly regarded for their "cow ability" and talent to teach students about functional type and presenting winning oral reasons.

The judging team is typically comprised of around 15 students, each of whom are guaranteed to compete in a contest. In fact, a majority of team members will participate in three or four contests over their collegiate judging career. The dairy judging team competes in the fall and we send teams to the Viroqua Intercollegiate Contest (WI), Pennsylvania All-American (PA), North American (KY), Fort Worth Stock Show (TX) and World Dairy Expo (WI) contests.



Dairy Challenge

UW-Madison is committed to its students receiving a "Dairy Challenge" experience. In fact, within our curriculum we offer Nutrition Experience, Dairy Herd Management Practicum, and Dairy Challenge courses. Within this coursework, students are mentored on how to analyze a commercial dairy farm and provide management recommendations to the farm ownership, honing skills that translate directly to the Dairy Challenge contest and their future careers. Our students participate competitively at the Midwest and National North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge competitions.

At the 2024 National Contest in California, UW was one of the four teams awarded first place. We feel the ability of our students to excel in this competitive format speaks to the quality of their education. UW team members graduate with a sophisticated knowledge of the science of dairying and the ability to effectively communicate that knowledge.