How does it work?
Minnesota State Fair 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors who receive a purple or blue ribbon in their respective class are eligible to participate. Youth also complete an online leadership portfolio and earn points based on his or her project leadership, dairy-related activities, and community involvement. Bonus points are given to individuals receiving champion and reserve champion honors. A committee of judges selects the top 25 based on a scorecard format.

What is the leadership portfolio?
The easy-to-complete online leadership portfolio asks youth about his or her involvement in the dairy industry, 4-H, community, church, and school activities. Two short essay questions will give youth the opportunity to display what they’ve learned from the project.

Event details
The 8th Annual Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase event will take place Sunday, August 28, 2016, in the AgStar Arena. A brunch will be served to all donors and participants prior to the event.

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- Ziegler Cat

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- Wolf Creek Dairy
- Ziegler Cat
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8th Place
$1,400:
Isabella Portner
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–––––
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