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2016 SENIOR 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

St. Paul, MN (8/25/16) - Hundreds of Minnesota 4-Hers spend their summer evenings looking at dairy heifers and cows determining the best reason to place one animal over another. Experience in judging livestock helps a participant select future projects and replacements for their own herd ventures. The judging experience truly helps 4-H members base their decisions on sound reasons and implement several new life skills. This year 67 individuals represented 14 teams.

Goodhue/Rice #1 placed first with a total of 1248 points. **Carver County** placed second with 1218 total points.

Kjersten Veiseth of **Goodhue/Rice County #2** took home the high individual honors with **Emily Benrud** of **Goodhue/Rice #1** placing second. **Goodhue/Rice #1 Tess Hokanson** placed third overall.

Top Ten Teams

1. Goodhue/Rice #1	1248
2. Carver	1218
3. Olmsted	1212
4. Brown	1180
5. Steele	1179
6. Houston	1168
7. Goodhue/Rice #2	1168
8. Stearns	1149
9. Nicollet	1146
10. Meeker	1143

Top Ten Individuals

1. Kjersten Veiseth	Goodhue/Rice #2	426
2. Emily Benrud	Goodhue/Rice #1	423
3. Tess Hokanson	Goodhue/Rice #1	415
4. Carley Vinkemeier	Carver	410
5. Clint Irrthum	Goodhue/Rice #1	410
6. Aaron Houdek	Houston	410
7. Caleb Vinkemeier	Carver	408
8. Katie Thompson	Olmsted	405
9. Brenna Connelly	Olmsted	404
10. Ben Thompson	Goodhue/Rice #1	404

Top Reasons Teams

1. Goodhue/Rice #1	398
2. Carver	391
3. Olmsted	383
4. Houston	375
5. Brown	372
6. Goodhue/Rice #2	365
7. Nicollet	362
8. Steele	351
9. Stearns	337
10. McLeod	324

Individual Reasons

1. Emily Benrud	Goodhue/Rice #1
2. Caleb Vinkemeier	Carver
3. Jacob Hornberg	Winona
4. Carley Vinkemeier	Goodhue/Rice #1
5. Kjersten Veiseth	Goodhue/Rice #1
6. Clint Irrthum	Goodhue/Rice #1
7. Crystal Portner	Brown
8. Brenna Connelly	Olmsted
9. Emily Annexstad	Nicollet
10. Sydney Kurth	Winona

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