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2016 4-H INTERMEDIATE RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST

St. Paul, MN (8/25/2016) - Every year, Minnesota 4-H'ers gain valuable experience in judging rabbits. Participants need to learn parts of the rabbit, individual breed characteristics, meat qualities, general disqualifications, and reasons to justify placement. The judging experience truly helps 4-H members base their decisions on sound reasons and implement several new life skills. This year 5 teams of 4-H youth participated and were evaluated by 21 Rabbit Judges in the 4-H Rabbit Judging contest.

The intermediate division includes 4-H members who have completed 6th – 8th grade.

Chisago County placed first with a total of 1025 points. **Clay County** placed second with 986 total points.

Laura Robinette of **Dakota County** took home the high individual honors with **Talia Martinson** of **Chisago County** placing second.

Overall Top Five Teams

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| 1. Chisago | 1025 |
| 2. Clay | 986 |
| 3. Dakota | 981 |
| 4. Wright | 947 |
| 5. Beltrami | 893 |

Overall Top Ten Individuals

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| 1. Laura Robinette, Dakota | 366 |
| 2. Talia Martinson, Chisago | 356 |
| 3. Logan Wenzel, Clay | 349 |
| 4. Dawson Sperr, Clay | 345 |
| 5. Elizabeth Ziller, Olmsted | 340 |
| 6. Sara Penzenstadler, Chisago | 338 |
| 7. Jessie Pearson, Isanti | 334 |
| 8. Erica Bird, Olmsted | 332 |
| 9. Elle Penzenstadler, Chisago | 331 |
| 10. Annika Choate, Le Sueur/Carlton | 331 |

Top Five Reasons/Questions Teams

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| 1. Chisago | 368 |
| 2. Dakota | 310 |
| 3. Wright | 284 |
| 4. Clay | 273 |
| 5. Beltrami | 265 |

Individual Reasons/Questions

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| 1. Elle Penzenstadler, Chisago | 125 |
| 2. Layna Hoff, Chisago | 124 |
| 3. Talia Martinson, Chisago | 119 |
| 4. Joshua Goulet, Chisago | 117 |
| 5. Elizabeth Ziller, Olmsted | 116 |

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