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2016 SENIOR 4-H 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 18 teams of 4-H youth participated and were evaluated by 62 Rabbit Judges in the 4-H Rabbit Judging contest.

Dakota County placed first with a total of 1115 points. **Wright County** placed second with 1098 total points. **Peter Breimhurst** of **Dakota County** took home the high individual honors with 401 points. **Arianna Maras** of **Douglas County** placing second with 400 points.

Top Five Teams	
1. Dakota	1115
2. Wright	1098
3. Olmsted	1094
4. Lyon/Sherburne	1071
5. Beltrami	1059

Top Ten Individuals	
1. Peter Breimhurst, Dakota	401
2. Arianna Maras, Douglas	400
3. Annie Ponder, Rice	398
4. Taylor Deplazes, Dakota	395
5. Tammy Putz, Wright	394
6. Michaela Simcoe, Lyon/Sherburne	388
7. Emily Risberg, Beltrami	381
8. Malarie Boone, Olmsted	379
9. Emily Siem, Olmsted	379
10. Sage Hagans, Hennepin	375

Top Five Reasons/Questions Teams	
1. Dakota	378
2. Olmsted	368
3. Beltrami	352
4. Olmsted #2	347
5. Isanti	344

Individual Reasons/Questions	
1. Malarie Boone, Olmsted	133
2. Peter Breimhurst, Dakota	132
3. Taylor Deplazes, Dakota	132
4. Tammy Putz, Wright	126
5. Robyn Anderson, Isanti	126

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