

Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Rules

The Dairy Bowl is a contest where teams of four members compete against each other. Points are awarded for correctly answering questions about the dairy industry and closely related areas.

Eligibility

1. Counties may enter one or more teams. A team will have four members and a coach. Teams of fewer than four members may compete but will do so at a disadvantage in the written portion of the contest. Counties that have difficulty in fielding a team may join with a neighboring county.
2. Four-H members who have competed on the State Dairy Bowl Team at the Invitational 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in Louisville, Kentucky are ineligible to compete.
3. Contestants may attend a college beyond high school. However, club members who enroll in or audit a Dairy Science or Animal Science course are not eligible for the contest.
4. All teams shall name a captain.

Contest Rules

1. Teams will compete in a series of one-on-one elimination contests until the top team is chosen. Teams will be assigned to the first round of competition by the contest coordinator before the contest. Some teams may receive a bye as a part of the assignment process.
2. Competition between teams will be in three phases.

Phase A - Each contestant will take a quiz at the start of the competition. From this test, five questions will be designated as "Phase A" for each round of the competition. The same five questions will be designated for both teams but each group of five questions will be used for only one round (e.g., questions 1-5 will be used for round one, questions 6-10 will be used for round two and so on). Each correct answer will be worth 5 points. A total possible score for a team in any round will be 100 points (4 team members X 5 questions each X 5 points/correct answer). No points will be lost for incorrect answers or blanks. Points earned by each team will be announced at the end of the match and combined with scores from Phases B and C to determine the winner of a match.

Phase B - Each team will be asked five questions of a higher degree of difficulty. Answers are to be given by a team captain, but some assistance may come from any team member. Correct responses are worth 10 points. Partial credit may be given at the discretion of the judges. A question may be repeated only once. Answers must be started within 20 seconds and be completed within 60 seconds. After the first team in a match has been questioned, the other team will enter the contest room and will be asked the same five questions.

Phase C - Toss-up round. A total of 20 questions will be asked.

- a. The first team to signal will answer the question within 5 seconds after being acknowledged by the moderator or lose 10 points. Any member answering a question without having a light lit or being acknowledged will lose 10 points. If an incorrect answer is given, the other team has the opportunity to answer the question immediately without having it reread, except for true/false and yes/no type questions. If an incorrect answer is given in these types of questions, the question will be replaced and given to the other team. No points are deducted for giving an incorrect answer. No partial credit is available in Phase C, except for bonus questions. Team members are not allowed to discuss the answers in this phase.
- b. When a buzzer is pushed before the question is completely read, the moderator shall stop reading the question when the light goes on. Once recognized by the moderator, that person

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may answer the question. If correct, the team shall receive credit. The moderator/judge may not ask the contestant to explain their answer. If the answer is incorrect, the question shall then be completely reread and the other team will have the opportunity to answer it.

- c. If neither team can offer an answer to the question within 10 seconds, the moderator will give the answer, the question will be dropped, and neither team will forfeit points.
 - d. Bonus questions may be earned in the toss-up round. In order to receive a bonus question, three different team members must correctly answer a toss-up question. Bonus questions are not passed to the other team, nor are points deducted for an incomplete or incorrect answer to a bonus. Bonus questions will be asked whenever three teams members have answered toss-up questions correctly with the count kept individually for both teams within a match. Eligibility for bonus questions does not carry over to another match. Discussion is allowed between team members for bonus questions, but the answer must come from the team captain. Only the number of answers required by the bonus will be accepted (i.e., if the bonus question has a four part answer, the first four answers given by the team captain will be accepted). Partial credit may be given at the discretion of the judges. The bonus answers must be started within 20 seconds and completed within 60 seconds.
 - e. All questions correctly answered will be worth 15 points in Phase C, except for bonus questions that are worth 20 points each.
3. Questions will cover feeds and feeding, milk quality, herd health, udder health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising, and other areas.
 4. The winning team will be determined by the highest total score from Phases A, B and C. In the event of a tie, the two teams will be asked five additional toss-up questions. No bonus points will be awarded in the tie breaking procedure.
 5. Answers and interpretations of questions will be the sole responsibility and final decision of the judges. A team member will have the privilege to ask the judges panel to verify an answer that he/she feels is correct. If a coach challenges the judges' decision, the coach must call "time out" immediately (i.e., before the next question is read). A decision made by the judges after the answer is verified is final.
6. Final Standings
 - a. *District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowls and State Junior 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl* - Final team placings in the contest will be determined by a single-elimination process.
 - b. *State Senior 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl* - Final team placings in the contest will be determined by a double elimination process. Each team will have an opportunity to compete in at least two rounds. The first round will be against another team that has not previously played. The second round will be against either a winning team or a losing team depending on the first round contest. A second loss eliminates a team from continuing competition. In case a team receives a bye in the first round, the team will play a winning team from the first round and advance either to the next winners or losers round.

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State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team Selection

The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team is selected through competition during the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest at 4-H Congress. All Dairy Bowl participants in the senior division will be asked whether or not they wish to be considered for the state team. A 4-H member must reach their 15th birthday during the contest year but not past the year they reach their 19th birthday to be eligible for the state team. (2007 team members must be born in one of the following years: 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, or 1992.)

Of those who wish to be considered, the eight individuals with the highest quiz scores will be invited to participate in a toss-up round. There will be 25 questions in the round. The same rules as used for Phase C will apply except that there will be no bonus questions. At the end of the toss-up round, scores from the quiz and toss-up round will be added together to rank the individuals. The top four individuals will be named to the state team with the remaining four named as alternates in order of score. In the event of a tie, toss-up questions will be asked until the tie is broken.

The winning coach at the state contest will have the opportunity to accompany the state team to the Invitational 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, in November and to assist in training the team.