

National Dairy Jeopardy

The National Dairy Jeopardy Contest was also held on June 23, 2008 in Wisconsin during the National Holstein Convention. There are 3 divisions of Dairy Jeopardy; Junior, Intermediate and Advanced. **Each** division has 30 contestants from all over the United States. California won 2 of these divisions, Junior and Intermediate. In the Junior Division, Caitlin Lopes from Los Banos with a score of 260 won the final round of Dairy Jeopardy. The Dairy Jeopardy Contest is structured much like that of the television version, only questions come from dairy related information and periodicals. At the conclusion of the round the remaining participants must wager all or part of their points on their ability to answer the *FINAL JEOPARDY QUESTION*. Caitlin's question was "Give the number of years that a member may serve as President of Holstein Association USA". Caitlin was able to answer the question and successfully wagered her way to the winning score of 260. In the Intermediate Division, Taylor Pires of Los Banos gave California it's second victory of the day. Taylor advanced easily through the first 2 rounds, and with a clean slate came into the final round of Jeopardy. She accumulated 150 points during the final round and **'bet the farm'** on her FINAL JEOPARDY QUESTION: *The average dairy in the U.S. in 2007 had this many cows*. Taylor answered 155 cows and doubled her score of 150 to 300, winning her the Intermediate Jeopardy Contest.

California was able to enter a total of 4 in each division. All of these participants have been preparing for about 9 months for the National Contest. They are coached by Mr. Larry Bopp of Modesto, CA. Other participants in the Junior Division included Michael Bopp of Modesto, Colleen Allen of Los Banos and Katie Migliazzo of Atwater. In the Intermediate Division the other participants were Cierra Warner of Petaluma, Caitlin Allen of Los Banos and Eric Migliazzo of Atwater. Each participant earns the right to participate at the national level based on their status after participation at the State Holstein Convention, which last year was held in Sacramento.

CALIFORNIA WINS DAIRY BOWL!

After 9 months of preparation for the National Holstein Convention in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, history was made. In the 28 year history of the National Holstein Foundation Dairy Bowl competition, a team from California has never won (not even a team from the West Coast), but that all changed last Thursday, June 26th when this team went into the finals undefeated and won. June 25th started out with California seeded 1st resulting from the written exam. The first round pitted California against New York and the final of that round was California 275 to New York's 115. Next up was the team from Pennsylvania, and the California kids beat them 229 to 90. Round 3 pitted California against Illinois, they too were sent to the consolation bracket with a loss to California 285 to 115. Round 4 brought in the team from Washington, and they too fell to the California team 200 to 120. This put California in the final round undefeated, which was played on Thursday, June 26th against the host state Wisconsin. California again came out the victor, claiming the National Title in the Junior Division for 2008. Not only did they win the dairy bowl competition, but 3 of their members won awards for being 1st (Justin), 2nd (Amanda) and 3rd (Tony) on the written exam. It is rare for a state to win the top three awards on the written exam, and has never been done by California until this year. The winning team included,

Amanda Moretti of Petaluma, Justin Bopp of Modesto, Tony Lopes of Gustine and Rocco Cunningham, captain, from Penngrove.

Digital Scrapbook Contest

A new contest this year was the digital scrapbook competition. This division is judged on the same criteria as a traditional scrapbook, but must be presented on a computer, DVD player, or other digital format. Winning the first digital scrapbook contest was California, with Iowa placing second and Minnesota coming in third. Eric Migliazzo and Christina Sousa created the digital scrapbook for California that won at the 2008 National Holstein Convention.