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CECIL COUNTY 4-HER ON NATIONAL WINNING 4-H DAIRY JUDGING TEAM

Maryland received top honors in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin on September 28, 2009. Team members included Chelsea Davis, Cecil County; Emily Gill, Harford County; Morgan Meisenheimer, Howard County; and Ariel Taxdal, Harford County. Maryland also won High Team in Oral Reasons. The team from Michigan and New York placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Individually, Chelsea placed 6th overall and 4th in oral reasons. The team now has the opportunity to compete at the Royal Highland show in Edinburgh, Scotland and tour Europe for two weeks. A week earlier the team placed 1st overall and in oral reasons at the youth dairy judging event at the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Chelsea led the team placing 2nd overall and 1st in oral reasons. The State program is coordinated by Kiera Finucane, University of Maryland, Department of Animal and Avian Sciences and was coached by Loretta Wright a 4-H volunteer from Carroll County. The Cecil County 4-H Program offers a variety of opportunities for youth ages 5-18. For information about joining the University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County 4-H Program contact our office at 410-996-5280 or visit our website at www.cecil.umd.edu. **Shown in the photo from left to right are Kiera Finucane, Ariel Taxdel, Morgan Meisenheimer, Emily Gill, Chelsea Davis and Loretta Wright.**



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