The mission of the Michigan Dairy Expo is to encourage and promote youth involvement in dairy activities. The Dairy Expo encompass three events: Dairy Days, The Great Dairy Adventure, and State Breed Shows.

Every year Dairy Days continues to bring out the very best youth from around the state. This year was no exception. About 200 junior exhibitors brought approximately 230 head of cattle. This was a good turn out considering several county fairs were going on at the same time. The other Dairy Days events went very nicely with a good turn out of participants. Fifty juniors and 42 seniors competed in the State Quiz Bowl Competition. In the first annual State Management Contest there was 55 juniors and 37 seniors who competed. The Judging Contest was the second biggest event with 165 youth participating in the contest.

Once again Dairy Days was a wonderful event for young people to come out and present their animals and their knowledge of a great industry.

The third annual Great Dairy Adventure was also held in conjunction with Dairy Days. Approximately 1,700 southern Michigan residents stopped by to share in the fun. There were many hands-on workshops for the young people and plenty of free ice cream. In addition to the fun activities there was the annual, “Where’s Your Milk Mustache,” pictures. Some of our very own leaders and members were caught behind a milk mustache.

A great week concluded with the 6 different open breed shows. Many junior exhibitors showed in both the junior show and the open show. The show concluded with an award for the Supreme Champion Female. Everyone helped make Dairy Days a successful event.

**2001 Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Dairy Days**

**MMPA Milk Marketing Tour Awards**

The Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) sponsors an educational milk marketing tour each year. Knowledge gained throughout the tour is put to a test. The top 10 youth with the highest scores are given the opportunity to interview with a selection committee at the 2001 Dairy Days. From those interviewed, MMPA sponsors five youth to represent Michigan at the National Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, September 30 – October 4.

**MMPA Tour Winners:**

- Jon Holdwick, Huron County
- Christy Huisjen, Newaygo County
- Nori Long, Shiawassee County
- Miranda Smith, Newaygo County
- Ben Taylor, Newaygo County

**First Alternate:** Heidi Byman, Newaygo County

**Second Alternate:** Frank Konkel, Newaygo County

**2001 4-H Dairy Youth Program Sponsors**

- ABS Global
- ADL Ag Sales
- George Alkens
- B&W Farms/The Caryl's
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- Consumers Energy
- County Fresh
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- Michigan Department of Agriculture
- Michigan Farm Bureau
- Michigan Holstein Association
- Michigan Milk Producers Association
- Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corporation
- Michigan State University Dairy Club
- Michigan State University Dairy Judging Team
- MSU Department of Animal Science
- Monsanto
- Munsell Farm
- North Star Cooperative, Inc.
- Osceola County 4-H Dairy Boosters
- Ottawa County 4-H Dairy Committee
- Shiawassee Dairy Association
- United Dairy Industry of Michigan

**Contributor of the Year**

- Nori Long, Jon Holdwick, Miranda Smith, Christy Huisjen and Sheila Berkhardt from MMPA. Not pictured: Ben Taylor, Heidi Byman, and Frank Konkel
The outstanding senior team won a trip to the national contest in Harrisburg, sponsored by CRI-Genex.

The results of the two contests were as follows:

**Senior Top 10 Individuals**
1. Honor Howe  
2. Tom Butcher  
3. Emily Barnes  
4. Mary TenBrink  
5. Jessica Geurink  
6. Bonnie Lenneman  
7. Julie Fraaza  
8. Brandon Delong  
9. Gayle Brasher  
10. Kristin Kramer

**Junior Top 10 Individuals**
1. Emily Butcher  
2. Keri Long

**2001 Quiz Bowl**
For a number of years there has been an annual meeting of the minds at the Michigan 4-H Dairy Days. This year the youth prepared their brains for questions pertaining to dairy nutrition. There were 10 Senior teams and 13 junior teams. The winning senior team will compete at the National Contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

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**Youth Dairy Show**

**County Herd Winners**
- First: Newago  
- Second: Ottawa  
- Third: Hillsdale  
- Fourth: Monroe

**Holstein**
- Champion: Danny Benjamin  
- Reserve Champion: Tera Koebel

**Jersey**
- Champion: John Wickenheiser  
- Reserve Champion: John Wickenheiser

**Brown Swiss**
- Champion (pictured on front cover): Jessica Fry  
- Reserve Champion (pictured on front cover): Heather Fry

**Red and White**
- Champion: Julie Fraaza  
- Reserve Champion: Daryl Trefil

**Guernsey**
- Champion: Jenna Taylor  
- Reserve Champion: Jessie Fe.her

**Milking Shorthorn**
- Champion (pictured on front cover): Casei Hart  
- Reserve Champion: Tom Cook

**Supreme Champion Female**
- Exhibited by: Danny Benjamin
Youth Dairy Show Showmanship Winners

Winner by class:
Class 1— 9 yrs.old
Keith Kramer
Class 2—10 yrs.old
Jenelle Richie
Class 3—11 yrs.old
Tarin Hetherington

Class 4—12 yrs.old
Sasha Crabtree
Class 5—13 yrs.old
Sadie Green
Class 6—14 yrs.old
Dan Lee
Class 7—15 yrs.old
Greta Koebel
Class 8—15 yrs.old
Craig Martin
Class 9—16 yrs.old
Jessica Guerink
Class 10—17 yrs.old
John Wickenheiser
Class 11—18 yrs.old
Barb Powell
Class 12—19 yrs.old
Kristin Kramer

The following are the top 25 Individuals Overall:
1 Bobbi Meyer—Kent B
2 Mary TenBrink—Ottawa B
3 Diana Feenan—Ottawa A
4 Jacob Bakes—Kent B
5 Matthew Sneller—Huron A
6 Kristin Kramer—Huron A
7 Beth Munsell—Livingston
8 Andrew Williams—Individual
9 Jason Herber—Livingston
10 Arthur GuZ-Lenawee
11 Honor Howe—Newaygo A
12 Brandon Dekok—Newaygo B
13 Jessica Guerink—Ottawa B
14 Miranda Smith—Newaygo A
15 Greta Koebel—Ottawa A
16 Fred Ludwig—Genesse
17 Brock Palen—Clinton
18 Christy Huisjen—Newaygo A
19 Faye VanderHoff—Lenawee
20 Ben Kaeb—Kent B
21 Will Green—Clinton
22 Emily Sneller—Huron A
23 Alan Gust—Lenawee
24 Corey Deveaux—Clinton
25 Gayle Brasher—Hillsdale

The top 25 seniors are eligible to try out for the 3 national contests:
North American Judging contest—Louisville, Kentucky.
All American Judging Contest—Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest—Madison, Wisconsin.

The Judging Program is sponsored by ABS Global, Michigan United Dairy Industry Association, Michigan Holstein Association and NorthStar Cooperative Inc.

The Dairy Shrine Award goes to the high individuals in oral reasons. This year’s senior winner was Beth Munsell and junior winner Bryan Lenneman. The award was sponsored by George Atkeson, retired Dairy Agent, and North Star Select Sires.

The 2001 Judging Contest Results—Juniors

Top 5 Individuals in Oral Reasons
1 Beth Munsell—Livingston
2 Kristin Kramer—Huron A
3 Matthew Sneller—Huron A
4 Gayle Brasher—Hillsdale
5 Greta Koebel—Ottawa A

Top 5 Teams in Oral Reasons
1 Huron A
2 Kent A
3 Ottawa B
4 Shiawassee A
5 Ottawa A

Top 5 Teams Overall
1 Ottawa A
2 Huron A
3 Kent A
4 Newaygo A
5 Kent B

High Individuals in the Junior Judging Contest.

Junior Division—Top 10 Individuals
1 Angel Nisbet—VanBuren
2 Bryan Lenneman—Shiawassee A
3 Tera Koebel—Berrien A
4 Missy Brower—Ottawa A
5 Jenna Kramer—Huron
6 James Dunn—Branch A
7 Andrea Jackson—Ionia A
8 John Guerink—Ottawa A
9 Jessica Fry—Isabella
10 Emily Butcher—Shiawassee A

Top 5 Individuals Oral Reasons
1 Bryan Lenneman—Shiawassee A
2 Jerry Jorgensen—Ingham B
3 John Guerink—Ottawa A
4 Amanda Zwagerman—Ottawa A
5 Jenna Taylor—Ingham B

Top 5 Teams Oral Reasons
1 Ingham B
2 Ottawa A
3 Shiawassee A
4 Ingham A
5 Berrien A

Beth Munsell receiving the Dairy Shrine Award from George Atkeson.
Every year at Dairy Days, six outstanding members are chosen to go home with a calf. Exhibitors are chosen for these awards based on their participation in 3 of the 4 Dairy Days events. These events are: Showmanship, Management Contest, Judging Contest and Quiz bowl. The person with the lowest score wins first choice of the six calves. For example, a three would be a perfect score. Meaning they placed first in three events. A 4-H member can win once as a Junior and once as a Senior. The following are members that qualified to win a calf but had already done so in years past.

- Danny Benjamin
- Honor Howe
- Bonnie Lenneman
- Bryan Lenneman

Thanks to Michigan dairy producers, we were able to give away six calves to six very deserving 4-H members.

- Sand Creek Dairy, Hastings
- Jonathon and Delores Dunk, Union City
- Gerald and Joan Geurink, Allendale
- Green Medows Farm, Elsie
- Bill and Lisa Bowerman, Quincy
- Country Dairy, New Era

(From left to right) Danny Benjamin, Bonnie Lenneman, Bryan Lenneman, Jon Geurink, Jenna Kramer, Jessica Fry, Kristin Kramer, Honor Howe, Emily Barnes, Mary TenBrink.