

# An Udderly Amazing Dairy Event



Red Deer Alberta 4-H celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Provincial Dairy Show July 14-16 at Westerner Park in Red Deer.

The event kicked off with the knowledge skills competition, followed by a number of social activities designed to encourage interaction between the competitors. Highlights from the evening activities included the dairy relay, salt block toss, straw bale hurdles, and calf nipple bobbing. Truly a spectator's delight!



On Wednesday, the competition began early with the clipping competition. A judging competition took place following lunch, which was put on by title sponsors, Gas Alberta Inc. and Westerner Park, and co-sponsors, Alberta Dairy Industry, the Government of Alberta, Kubota Canada Inc, and the Westgen Endowment Fund. Dairy husbandry quizzes and a print marketing competition rounded out the evening. The top six members from the afternoon's judging competition were invited back to the ring to compete in the Show Ring Judging competition. Each member was paired with another top judge and between the two of them, they had to decide who would be the judge and who would be the ringman. The pair was then challenged to maneuver and judge a class together and make comments on the placing for the audience. The team was judged on their ability to work and communicate together effectively, as well as their abilities on the microphone. The champion show ring judging team was crowned at the end of the evening, with Casey Morey of Moo's on the Moo-ve and Micheal Haeni of Mountain View Dairy claiming the title.

While competitors began their mornings at 4:00 a.m. to wash their show cows, Thursday morning officially kicked off with its Parade of Clubs at 9:00 a.m. Led by Claire Chiang Chia-Hua, a Taiwan summer exchange student, 56 members representing five of the province's dairy clubs proudly opened up the showmanship and conformation competition.



Non-stop competition ensued following the ceremonies as members scrubbed, snipped, sprayed, and showed their way to many successes throughout the day. Some members won their classes, while others members defined success in terms of achieving their own personal goals. Sportsmanship and camaraderie levels were visibly noticeable, as older members stepped up to help where needed without being asked.

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