



Dear 4-H and Dairy Agents,

Attached is a nomination form for candidates to the National 4-H Dairy Conference to be held in Madison, WI, this September. Each county may nominate **two** 4-H members for this event. Nominees must be at least 15 years old but must not have reached their 19th birthday as of **September 27, 2009**. National guidelines suggest students be enrolled in grades 10-12. A selection committee will interview candidates at PA 4-H Achievement Days on Wednesday, July 29. Candidates not attending 4-H Achievement Days will be interviewed by phone during that week. The Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association is providing major financial support for this trip through a grant with the Center for Dairy Excellence.

This year's conference will probably feature trips to Nasco, Dairy Shrine, and Hoard's Dairyman. Last year's workshop topics included artificial insemination, dairy products marketing, interviewing, biotechnology, and herd mating strategies. The National 4-H Dairy Conference offers tremendous opportunities for networking and for injecting new ideas into local programs.

A nomination form is attached. Please return the information (nomination form, recommendation letter, and answers to questions) to Molly Martin, 324 Henning Building, University Park, PA, by Tuesday **July 21, 2009**. Our FAX number is 814-863-6042. Our state's delegation will be selected based on answers to the questions, interest in the dairy industry, communication skills, and ability to work successfully in a team situation.

Thank you for your interest in this program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale R. Olver".

Dale Olver
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