

2015 Wisconsin 4-H Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Results

(Madison, WI) The Wisconsin 4-H Quiz Bowl and Skillathon contests were both held on Saturday, March 7 at the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal Sciences Building. Livestock Quiz Bowl is a competition where questions are about beef, sheep, swine and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a judge. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. A group discussion round is included in the senior division to simulate the national competition.

The senior team winner represents Wisconsin at the National 4-H Quiz Bowl contest at AKSARBEN in Omaha, NE in September. Winners of the senior division (14 years of age or older) was Iowa County Team A. Members included: Kristin Keenan, Natalie Elfering, Morgan Fitzsimmons and Paige Gaffney with coach Valerie Gaffney. Dodge County was second. Members included: Tim Rynearson, Natalie Siedschlag, Morgan Wollin and Samuel Nehls, coaches Christine Siedschlag & Annie Grillo.

Winners of the Junior Quiz Bowl division (under 14 years old) was Langlade County. Members included: Allison Peters, Marcus Schroepfer, Tyler Schroepfer, Robby Hegerty and Camree Powell, and coach Jolynne Schroepfer. Iowa County Jr. Team A was second. Members included: Noelle Elfering, Bree Gaffney, Morgan Vondra and Joey Robinson, coached by Valerie Gaffney.

Winners of the Mixed division (must contain at least one youth from each age division) was Marathon County. Members included: Stephanie Witberler, Kailen Smerchek, Cortney Zimmerman and Alexis Bulak, coached by Mark Zimmerman. Columbia County was second place. Members included: Hannah Taylor, Zach Mickelson, Justin Taylor and Tyler Cross, coached by Todd Taylor.

In the Skillathon contest, participants complete a 25 question written test, 4 individual skill-a-thon stations where contestants take part in livestock breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification and meat identification. The final portion is the team exercises where each team works together to best solve 4 different scenarios involving live animals/concepts. This phase helps youth learn problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork.

The winning 4-H Skillathon team was from Marathon County and will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Quiz and Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY in November. They were coached by Mark Zimmerman. Members included: Katelyn Zimmerman, Emma Walters, Jake Thunder, and Nathan Utecht. The team was coached by Mark Zimmerman. Second place senior team was Iowa County Team A, which included: Kristin Keenan, Natalie Elfering, Morgan Fitzsimmons and Paige Gaffney. This team was coached by Valerie Gaffney.

Top Ten Overall Senior Skillathon Individuals were: Hannah Taylor, Columbia, Katelyn Zimmerman, Marathon, Morgan Fitzsimmons, Iowa A, Nathan Utecht, Marathon A, Amber Patterson, Grant, Dillin Meier, Grant, Samuel Nehls, Dodge, Emma Walters, Marathon A, Natalie Siedschlag, Dodge and Zachary Mickelson, Columbia.

Columbia County topped the Junior division. Members included: Tyler Cross, Justin Taylor, and Hayden Taylor, coached by Todd Taylor. Second place was Langlade County. Team members were: Allison Peters, Marcus Schroepfer, Tyler Schroepfer, Robby Hegerty and Camree Powell, and coach Jolynne Schroepfer.

Top Ten Overall Junior Skillathon Individuals were: Tyler Cross, Columbia, Marcus Schroepfer, Langlade, Justin Taylor, Columbia, Allison Peters, Landglade, Noelle Elfering, Iowa A, Morgan Vondra, Iowa A, Kelly Gaffney, Iowa, B, Tyler Schroepfer, Langlade, Joey Robinson, Iowa A, Bree Gaffney, Iowa A.

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In the Mixed division Marathon County A was 1st place. Members included: Stephanie Witberler, Kailen Smerchek, Cortney Zimmerman and Alexis Bulak, coached by Mark Zimmerman. Dodge County was second place. Team members were: Riley Kappell, Natalie Rennhack, Mackenzie Schraufnagel, and Liz Grillo. Coached by: Christine Siedschlag & Annie Grillo

Top Ten Overall Mixed Skillathon Individuals were: Stephanie Witberler, Marathon A, Kailin Smercheck, Marathon A, Cortney Zimmerman, Marathon A, Riley Kappell, Sterling Kleist, Richland, Liz Grillo, Dodge, Dyllan Griepentroy, Marathon B, Rachel Moseley, Jackson, Alexandria McKibben, Marathon B, and Ryan McKibben, Marathon B.

These events was organized and facilitated by Bernie O'Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist , Alissa Grenawalt, Outreach Specialist, Pam Hobson, 4-H Youth Development Specialist and partially funded by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Numerous judges and helpers from University of Wisconsin – Extension, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Platteville and River Falls assisted in the success of these contests.

For upcoming events and programs in the animal sciences, contact your county UW-Extension office or the Wisconsin Livestock Youth Web Site <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock>

2015 Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Photos for Publicity

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1st Junior Quiz Bowl - Langlade

L to R: Robby Hoegerty, Camree Powell, Allison Peters, Tyler Schroepfer, Marcus Schroepfer

2nd Junior Quiz Bowl – Iowa County A

L to R: Noelle Elfering, Morgan Vondra, Bree Gaffney, Joey Robinson

1st Junior Skillathon – Columbia

L to R: Tyler Cross, Hayden Taylor, Justin Taylor

2nd Junior Skillathon – Langlade

L to R: Robby Hoegerty, Tyler Schroepfer, Marcus Schroepfer, Camree Powell, Allison Peters

1st Mixed Quiz Bowl– Marathon A

L to R: Stephanie Witberler, Kailen Smercheck, Cortney Zimmerman, Alexis Bulak

1st Mixed Skillathon– Marathon A

L to R: Kailen Smercheck, Stephanie Witberler, Cortney Zimmerman, Alexis Bulak

2nd Mixed Quiz Bowl– Columbia

L to R: Justin Taylor, Tyler Cross, Zach Mickelson, Hannah Taylor

2nd Mixed Skillathon – Dodge County

L to R: Mackenzie Schraufnagel, Natalie Rennhack, Liz Grillo, Riley Kappell

1st Senior Quiz Bowl – Iowa County A

L to R: Natalie Elfering, Morgan Fitzsimmons, Kristin Keenan, Paige Gaffney

2nd Senior Quiz Bowl – Dodge

L to R: Morgan Wollin, Natalie Siedschlag, Tim Rynearson, Sam Nehls

1st Senior Skillathon – Marathon A

L to R: Nathan Utecht, Katelyn Zimmerman, Emma Walters, Jake Thunder

2nd Senior Skillathon – Iowa A

L to R: Morgan Fitzsimmons, Paige Gaffney, Natalie Elfering, Kristin Keenan