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## **NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE OPEN TO PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH**

*Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association and Center for Dairy Excellence Support State Delegation*

**HARRISBURG** – Dairy 4-H members may apply to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference this fall in Madison, Wis., thanks to a grant provided to the Center for Dairy Excellence by the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association.

Up to eight individuals, age 15-19, will be chosen to represent Pennsylvania at the Sept. 28 – Oct. 1 conference.

Penn State's Department of Dairy and Animal Science is coordinating Pennsylvania's delegation to the National 4-H Dairy Conference. Each county 4-H program can nominate one 4-H member; applications are available online at [www.das.psu.edu](http://www.das.psu.edu). Click on "Dairy Cattle," under "4-H Programs," to find more information about the conference. All nominations must be submitted to Penn State by July 25.

"The future of Pennsylvania's dairy industry lies with our dairy youth," said John Frey, executive director for the center. "Events like the National 4-H Dairy Conference give young people the opportunity to develop leadership skills and dairy knowledge because they expose them to a broad array of careers available in the industry."

The annual conference draws 200 4-H dairy youth from the U.S. and Canada, and features trips to Nasco, National Dairy Shrine and *Hoard's Dairyman*. It also includes workshops on dairy production, biotechnology, genetics, marketing and other areas at the University of Wisconsin campus, as well as a visit to the World Dairy Expo in Madison.



“By working closely with the Pennsylvania Dairymen’s Association and Penn State, more of Pennsylvania’s young people can benefit from this outstanding conference while gaining a better understanding of today’s complex dairy industry,” Frey said.

“We are pleased that the Center for Dairy Excellence and the Pennsylvania Dairymen’s Association worked together to expand this opportunity for our 4-H dairy members,” said Dale Olver, Pennsylvania 4-H dairy specialist. “This is another example of the long-term support both have shown for dairy youth programs in our state.”

Candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee at Penn State’s 4-H Achievement Days in August. Any candidate not attending Achievement Days will be interviewed by phone during that week. For more information, contact Olver at 814-863-3664.

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*The Center for Dairy Excellence is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture and was launched in January 2004 by Governor Edward G. Rendell. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center’s mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more about the Center at [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org).*