



# Dairy Champion Challenge Study Guide 2009

## **2009 Champion Challenge Contest Guidelines**

Participants will be separated into categories and divisions. Once the orientation begins, contestants must not communicate with any person outside the competition. **Absolutely no communication with parents, advisors, friends or any other fair attendee will be allowed.**

### **Dress Code:**

Contestants **must** wear dress whites for all Champion Challenge competitions except for the written exam.

### **Contest Format:**

**Written Test:** Each Champion Challenge participant must qualify for the preliminary round by completing a written exam that is specie specific. (i.e., dairy exhibitors will answer dairy questions). The top scorers from the written exam will move on to the preliminary round.

**Preliminary Round:** Each station will consist of five questions specific to each species

**Semifinal Round:** There will be three stations with four or five questions at each station. Semifinalists will be expected to have general knowledge of each of the three species (dairy cattle, dairy goats and pygmy goats).

**Final Round:** Finalists will be interviewed by a panel of agricultural, community and government leaders. Questions will include all species and general agricultural issues.

Following the preliminary round, scores will immediately be tallied and the semifinalists will be announced. The semifinals will begin immediately following the announcement of results. In the event that there is a tie in any round, **the tie will be broken by considering the highest placement in showmanship**. If a tie still exists, the highest scores in specific Champion Challenge categories will be considered in the following order:

1. Show preparation, Ethics, Transportation, Animal Handling, Care & Quality Assurance
2. Consumer Awareness & Marketing
3. Nutrition
4. Animal Identification and Industry Technologies

5. Reproduction & Genetics
6. Environmental Stewardship
7. Animal health, disease, and Prevention
8. Conformation, Anatomy, & Physiology

### **Resource Material:**

Natural Resource Conservation Service  
14<sup>th</sup> and Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

U.C. Cooperative Extension (contact your local livestock or natural resources farm advisor).

*Quality Assurance: Strengthening the Chain of Wholesome Food Production (Video)*

Calif. Dept. of Food & Agriculture  
Division of Fairs & Expositions  
916/263-3948

Also available from 4-H leaders and FFA advisors

### **State/national dairy organizations**

Alliance of Western Milk Producers 916/447-9941  
American Dairy Goat Association 828/286-3801  
American Guernsey Association 614/864-2409  
American Jersey Cattle Association 614/861-3636  
Ayrshire Breeders Association 614/335-0020  
Calif. Cheese and Butter Assn. 925/672-8255  
Calif. Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. 559/323-2600  
Calif. Dairy Research Foundation 530/753-0681  
Calif. Milk Producers Advisory Bd. 650/871-6455  
Milk Producers Council .. 909/628-6018  
Western United Dairymen 209/527-6453

### **Other Helpful Websites:**

American Dairy Goat Association  
[www.adga.org](http://www.adga.org)

American Guernsey Association  
[www.usguernsey.com/](http://www.usguernsey.com/)

American Jersey Cattle Association  
[www.usjersey.com/](http://www.usjersey.com/)

American Society of Animal Scientists  
[www.asas.org](http://www.asas.org)

U.S. Ayrshire Breeders Association  
[www.usayrshire.com](http://www.usayrshire.com)

California Cheese and Butter Association  
[www.cacheeseandbutter.org](http://www.cacheeseandbutter.org)

California Dairy Herd Improvement Association

[www.cdhia.org](http://www.cdhia.org)

California Dairy Research Foundation

[www.cdrf.org](http://www.cdrf.org)

California Department of Food and Agriculture

[www.cdfa.ca.gov](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov)

California Farm Bureau Federation

[www.cfbf.com](http://www.cfbf.com)

California Milk Advisory Board

[www.RealCaliforniaCheese.com](http://www.RealCaliforniaCheese.com)

*Dairy Goat Journal*

[www.dairygoatjournal.com](http://www.dairygoatjournal.com)

*Dairy Today*

[www.dairytoday.com](http://www.dairytoday.com)

Dr. Temple Grandin's Web Page

[grandin.com](http://grandin.com)

Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database

[ace.orst.edu/info/farad/](http://ace.orst.edu/info/farad/)

Goatweb

[www.goatweb.com](http://www.goatweb.com)

Hilmar Cheese

[www.hilmarcheese.com](http://www.hilmarcheese.com)

*Hoard's Dairy Magazine*

[www.hoards.com](http://www.hoards.com)

Holstein Association

[www.holsteinusa.com/](http://www.holsteinusa.com/)

*Journal of Dairy Science*

[www.jds.fass.org](http://www.jds.fass.org)

Livestock Virtual Library

[www.ansi.okstate.edu/library/](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/library/)

Moomilk

[www.moomilk.com](http://www.moomilk.com)

Natural Resource Conservation Service

[www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)

U.C.C.E. Livestock and Natural Resources

[danr.ucop.edu/ucclr/ucclr.htm](http://danr.ucop.edu/ucclr/ucclr.htm)

U.C. Davis Veterinary Medicine Extension

[www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/vetext/Home.html](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/vetext/Home.html)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)

Western Fairs Association

[www.fairsnet.org](http://www.fairsnet.org)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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