

AREA YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE

MADISON, WI- A delegation of one chaperon and two 4-H youth from New Hampshire enjoyed several days of fun and learning during the 58th annual National 4-H Dairy Conference on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, Wisconsin from September 30-October 3, 2012. The educational program attracted approximately 200 youth and adult delegates from across the U.S.A. and Canada.

The delegation included Julia Blood, of Swanzey NH, Jeremy Jochums-Chickering, also of Swanzey NH, and Courtney DeBlois, of Colebrook NH.

They were selected from a field of applicants to attend the conference based on a resume and interview which assessed their experience, knowledge and interest in the dairy industry.



The four-day experience exposed 4-H members to new dairy science technology and dairy-related careers. Through a combination of workshops, speakers, educational off-site experiences, and networking with other dairy-oriented youth, 4-H members gained information they could use to strengthen their futures in the dairy industry. Hands-on learning workshop topics included biotechnology, genetics, foods evaluation, animal nutrition and marketing. "Meeting people from all over the country who share similar interests was great! I learned so much!" reported Jeremy. The trip was made possible for the New Hampshire 4-H youth through generous donations from the New Hampshire 4-H Foundation.

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