

Morgan County Youth and Leader Participate in National 4-H Dairy Conference

MADISON, WI- A delegation of Morgan County Georgia 4-H'ers enjoyed several days of fun and learning during the 54th annual National 4-H Dairy Conference on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, September 27 - 30, 2009. The educational program attracted over 170 youth and adult delegates from across the U.S.A. and Canada.

The Georgia delegation was made up of all Morgan County 4-Her's and leaders which included Katelin Benkoski, Meagan Wilson, and Bobby Smith- County Extension Agent- Morgan County. They were selected from a field of applicants to attend the conference based on past 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 one delegate.

4-H is the youth educational program of the Cooperative Extension Service. National 4-H Dairy Conference is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Supplemental monetary support is provided by numerous corporate sponsors including ABS Global; Accelerated Genetics; Alltech; Alta Genetics USA, Inc.; American Dairy Science Assoc.; AMPI; Cargill Animal Nutrition; Cooperative Resources International; Cotton Incorporated; Dairy Farmers of America; Foremost Farms USA; Hoard's Dairyman; Land O'Lakes Purina Feed, LLC; Mycogen Seeds; NASCO International, Inc.; National Dairy Shrine; Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA); Select Sires, Inc.; United Dairymen of Idaho; Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board; World Dairy Expo, and other Friends of the Conference.

***Caption for photo:* The Georgia Delegation to the 2009 National 4-H Dairy Conference was made up of: (Left to right) Katelin Benkoski, Morgan County 4-H, Bobby Smith, County Extension Agent- Morgan County, and Meagan Wilson, Morgan County 4-H.**