Have you ever wanted to be part of a program that:

- Provides hands-on leadership?
- Allows you to meet people with similar interests from around the state?
- Introduces you to potential future professors and employers?
- Ignites your passion for the dairy industry?
- Looks great on the resume you develop during the program?

If so, the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy is for YOU!

“The most valuable thing I have gotten from my participation in the 4-H dairy youth academy is a network in the dairy industry that I will be able to use as I continue in my career. Also, opportunities for careers in dairy besides becoming a vet. I had no idea what I would do before becoming a part of this academy.”

Kendra Arnholt, Class 2 Graduate

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- Indiana Dairy Producers
- Indiana Soybean Alliance
- NorthStar Cooperative, Inc.
- Purdue Extension Dairy Youth Activities Committee
The Dairy Youth Academy is for youth in grades 10-12 (as of September 1, 2016) who are interested in pursuing a career in the dairy industry.

The program consists of a series of hands-on workshops that focus on specific facets of the dairy industry, including veterinary science, dairy nutrition, and production management.

The Dairy Youth Academy exposes participants to progressive and profitable agricultural businesses and helps prepare them for employment as managers, technicians, and other agri-service professionals.

**Schedule of Events**: 

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*(Dates subject to change to avoid conflicts with other activities)*

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. To be eligible to participate in the academy you must be in grades 10-12 by September 1, 2016.
2. Be currently enrolled in the 4-H program.
3. Are able to reasonably commit to the Dairy Youth Academy from September of the current year to August of the following year.
4. Are not exhibiting dairy animals at the World Dairy Expo during the current year.
5. Are not participating in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest during the current year.

The top 14 delegates will be selected based on their leadership and written application by a panel of industry and extension representatives. Upon acceptance in the Academy, delegates must pay a fee of $150. Most expenses will be generously covered by our sponsors.

Each delegate will be required to evaluate how dairy industry conferences and agricultural tours have enhanced the development of their career opportunities in the dairy industry. These reports will be compiled and delivered in an oral presentation to the local extension groups, Indiana 4-H representatives, dairy industry leaders, and agri-service professionals.

**Objectives of the Academy:**

- Expose young people to herd management, crop management, and farm business management techniques on farms in the Midwest.
- Explore career opportunities through interaction with dairy industry leaders and professionals.
- Enhance teamwork approaches to problem solving.
- Develop and improve communication skills.
- Develop the leadership skills to make positive changes and contributions to the dairy industry.

“I think this is definitely an amazing program for all youth that have any plans for the dairy field. This program was very well balanced to cover a lot of different aspects. I would highly recommend this program to any youth in the dairy field.”

~Dairy Youth Academy Parent

**Applications available at:**

http://www.extension.purdue.edu/dairy/

Due: June 1, 2016