

2025 Dairy Interview Champions and Finalists

Animal Science Interviews at the State Fair are designed to further enhance educational opportunities for young people exhibiting livestock. The interview process offers a visual philosophy of recognizing 4-Hers who have utilized their livestock project to grow and develop as young people. Livestock Interviews emphasize many life skills such as communication, responsibility, decision making, and problem-solving. The interview process is seen as a step to help insure the stability of youth livestock shows as a positive form of youth development.

Interview Champions receive a chair sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association.

Interview Finalists receive coupons redeemable at the Gopher Dairy Bar and Northwest Designs.

Dairy - Grades 6 & 7

Champions

Daphne Frericks - Stearns
Sawyer Johnson - Fillmore

Finalists

Daphne Frericks - Stearns
Sawyer Johnson - Fillmore
Aiden Schroeder - Brown

Grant Clemenson - Goodhue
Lauren Berning - Sherburne
Bella Raths - Wabasha

Isaac Albers -Rice
Maverick Klug - Houston

Additional Interview Award Winners

Anna Kegley - Sherburne
Caleb Miller -Stearns
Cali Nelson- Steele
Clara Benrud - Goodhue
Dustin Portner - Brown
Levi Nelson - McLeod

Macy Albers - Rice
Maddison Heeren - Dodge
Murdock Krueger - Sibley
Parker Albrecht - Stevens
Roran Vold - Pope
Royal Oyster - Wadena

Lauren Dahler - Benton
Madelyn Marsolek - Winona
Madilyn Johnson - Otter Tail -
West

Dairy - Grades 8 & 9

Champions

Charlie Nelson - McLeod
Molly Albers - Rice

Finalists

Allison Ratka-Stearns
Whitney Henning-Nobles
Clare Caughey -Crow Wing

Charlie Nelson-McLeod
Ashley Mellgren -Wabasha
Maggie Wingert -Fillmore

Victoria Bush-Nobles
Molly Albers -Rice
Evelyn Elsenpeter -Wright

Additional Interview Award Winners

Emily Mellgren-Wabasha
Payton Puppe-Goodhue
Maximilian Kegley-Sherburne
Elizabeth Lahr-Stearns
Gavin Wilhelmson -Wabasha

Tyler Turner-Houston
Caroline Schwantes -Otter Tail -
East
Ruger Oyster -Wadena
Treyce Garther-Fillmore

Jared Portner -Brown
Sidney Brown -Wabasha
Brityn Wendorff-Beltrami
Olivia Hollenkamp -Mille Lacs
Jaden Gorentz -Otter Tail - East

Dairy - Grades 10 & 11

Champions

Ella Lahr - Stearns
Blake Siewert - Wabasha

Finalists

Ella Lahr-Stearns
Lillian West -Fillmore
Blake Siewert-Wabasha
Mattea Quigley-Dakota

Loretta Belknap - Stearns
Hanna Gudknecht-Goodhue
Monika Frericks-Stearns

Troy Clemenson-Goodhue
Kenley Huss-Dakota

Additional Interview Award Winners

Isaac Klug-Houston
Anthony Berning-Sherburne
Will Steinhagen- Carver
Kamrie Mauer-McLeod

Hailey West-Fillmore
Treyton Alberts-Olmsted
Olivia Rindels-Fillmore
Ryan Rechtzigel -Goodhue

Addison Turner-Houston
Anna Rott-Olmsted
Mausten Krueger-Sibley
Caleigh Hoefs -Le Sueu

Dairy - Grades 12 & 13

Champions

Breckin Anderson - Wilkin
Claudia Frenchick - Meeker
Dan Frericks - Stearns

Finalists

Kayla Visser - McLeod
Christopher Fronning - West
Ottetail
Abbey Jurek - Benton
Garrett Waldenberger - Houston

Claudia Frenchick - Meeker
Chase Dahler - Benton
Breckin Anderson - Wilkin
Dylan Tate - Dakota
Holly Feist - Carver

Grace Herdering - Stearns
Kaleb Heins - Stevens
Dan Frericks - Stearns
Wyatt Glessing - Wright

Additional Interview Award Winners

Brady Lorenz - Faribault
Paige Frenchick - Meeker