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Dear 4-H and Dairy Agents,

Attached is a nomination form for candidates to the National 4-H Dairy Conference to be held in Madison, WI, this September. Each county may nominate <u>one</u> 4-H member for this event. Nominees must be at least 15 years old but must not have reached their 19th <u>birthday as of September 28, 2008</u>. National guidelines suggest students be enrolled in grades 10-12. A selection committee will interview candidates at PA 4-H Achievement Days in August. Candidates not attending 4-H Achievement Days will be interviewed by phone during that week. Four 4-H members will be selected to represent Pennsylvania at this event. The maximum cost for your county should be approximately \$400 if your candidate is selected. There is additional sponsorship this year so this cost should be less than this amount.

This year's conference will probably feature trips to Nasco, Dairy Shrine, and Hoard's Dairyman. Last year's workshop topics included artificial insemination, dairy products marketing, interviewing, biotechnology, and herd mating strategies. The National 4-H Dairy Conference offers tremendous opportunities for networking and for injecting new ideas into local programs.

A nomination form is attached. Please return the information (nomination form, recommendation letter, and answers to questions) to Molly Martin, 324 Henning Building, University Park, PA, by Friday **July 25, 2008**. Our FAX number is 814-863-6042. Our state's delegation will be selected based on answers to the questions, interest in the dairy industry, communication skills, and ability to work successfully in a team situation.

Thank you for your interest in this program.

Sincerely yours,

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