

## **UGA PLACES HIGHER THAN ANY PREVIOUS UGA TEAM IN THE 2007 WORLD DAIRY EXPO'S INTERCOLLEGIATE DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST IN MADISON, WISCONSIN**

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Twenty-three teams competed in this year's National Collegiate Dairy Judging Contest on October 1 held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo. Twelve classes from seven breeds were placed and six sets of oral reasons were given during the competition.

UGA was the 13<sup>th</sup> team overall and 14<sup>th</sup> team in reasons. This is the best a team from UGA has done in the past 30 years!

UGA was fourth in Milking Shorthorns, 8<sup>th</sup> in Ayrshires and 10<sup>th</sup> in Holsteins. Heather Savelle was 24<sup>th</sup> in the contest for reasons and placed in the top 25 three times in Ayrshires, Brown Swiss and Holsteins. Heather also talked a perfect score with her Jersey Cow reasons. Meredith Stovall was in the top 25 in Holsteins and Red & Whites. Meredith not only improved the most since Harrisburg, PA, she also talked a personal best of 46 in Holstein Cow reasons. Matt London and Jesse Patrick were both in the top 25 in Milking Shorthorns. Both Matt and Heather placed 4 classes perfectly with the official judges. Heather was highest scoring and highest in reasons on the team while Matt was highest in placings.

Prior to the contest the team visited six dairies across Wisconsin practices many breeds often difficult to find in Georgia. The highlight of the trip (besides just getting to go to World Dairy Expo) was visiting the new Hoard's Welcome Center, milking parlor and free stall barn in Fort Atkinson and seeing the NASCO amphibian facility. From left to right are Meredith Stovall, Matt London, Heather Savelle and Jesse Patrick at Vilter's Guernseys in Hartland, WI.

