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Top five most significant judging experiences:

- Coached 3 national champion collegiate judging teams at UW-Madison
- Committee Chair 2009 PDCA Dairy Cow Unified Scorecard revision
- Committee Chair 2012 & 2016 PDCA Showmanship Evaluation Card revisions
- Conference leader for the 2011 America's Judges Workshop in Ecuador
- Member of 2003 All-Time All-American judges committee

In addition to judging conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship

Ted Halbach is a Distinguished Faculty Associate in dairy management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since joining the University's staff, he has coordinated dairy youth programs throughout Wisconsin, taught courses in dairy cattle evaluation and dairy management and coached the UW-Madison's dairy cattle judging team. Three of his judging teams won the National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest Halbach now coaches the University's North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge Team.

Ted has initiated several innovative and award-winning extension programs including Badger Dairy Camp, "The Rules are Black and White" dairy show ethics video and booklet, and the Dairy Cattle Judging Made Easy interactive CD-ROM. In 2014 he authored the Hoards' Dairyman publication Learning Linear. He now coordinates Wisconsin's 4-H and FFA state dairy cattle judging programs.

Prior to UW, he was an owner of Marana Dairy Farms in Arizona. The herd was dispersed in 1997 in a sale that at the time ranked as the second-highest grossing US registered sale on record. Halbach served on the board of directors for the Holstein Association USA from 1990 to 1998. In subsequent years he has worked on the type committees for both the Holstein and Brown Swiss breeds and chaired Purebred Dairy Cattle Association committees charged with revising both the Dairy Cow Unified Scorecard and the Showmanship Evaluation Card. He has extensive judging experience having placed state, regional, and national shows. Judging assignments have also taken him internationally to Brazil, Puerto Rico, and Ecuador.