



Leah James

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Top five most significant judging experiences:

- Judging Internationally - Guatemala National Shows for Holsteins and Jeseys
- Judging the North Carolina State Fair Junior Show – All Breeds
- Judging the Minnesota State Fair Open Guernsey Show
- Judging the Minnesota State Fair Open Milking Shorthorn Show
- Showmanship Judge 2021 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show

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

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship

Leah James is a native of Minn. and finished her bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. With a background rooted in the dairy industry; Leah was extremely active collegiately with the dairy judging team including being on the winning collegiate team at the North American International Livestock Exposition contest in Louisville, Ky. as well an All-American judge at World Dairy Expo.

Leah's career portfolio includes serving as a type evaluator and area representative for many years with the American Jersey Association before joining the AI industry. Currently, Leah is the Global Dairy Marketing Manager at GENEX Cooperative. Leah is a YDLI alumni and a superintendent for the youth and collegiate judging contest at World Dairy Expo. Leah, her husband Jason, and daughters Brenlyn, Annika, and Everlea are also active owners of their herd - Pine-Valley Farm in southwest Wis. The focus of their herd includes breeding and developing elite animals across three breeds, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn. The couple also enjoys leasing animals to multiple youth across Wisconsin; helping them get a start in the dairy project.

Leah and Jason have developed All-American's, put bulls into stud and were recognized as the American Jersey Cattle Association Young Breeders in 2018. They also received the Kitchell Sayre Sportsmanship Award at the International Milking Shorthorn Show in 2019.