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Top five most significant judging experiences:

- All American Junior Jersey Show
- All American Junior Ayrshire Show
- New York State Fairy Junior Holstein show
- Kentucky State Fair Ayrshire show
- Conducting Dairy Judging 101 workshops across the US and in South Korea

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

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship

Dr. Katharine Knowlton is a professor of Dairy Science at Virginia Tech who grew up on a dairy farm in Conn. She earned her B.S. in animal science from Cornell University, her M.S. from Michigan State University, and her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. At Cornell, she was on a national champion dairy judging team, and she helped coach state 4-H and collegiate judging teams in both Michigan and Maryland.

At Virginia Tech Dr. Knowlton's primary responsibilities include research and teaching on environmental issues associated with the dairy industry. She is the head of the Dairy Science undergraduate program and teaches four courses in the department. Dr. Knowlton owns a small herd of Jerseys in New York with friends, and owns a few Brown Swiss and Jersey heifers for her students to show. She is the author of the popular Dairy Judging 101 Youtube channel and teaches Dairy Judging 101 workshops for young people (11 states, >1,000 kids since 2017). She has judged dairy shows in 25 states and three foreign countries, and coaches the Virginia Tech dairy cattle judging team (five times national champions in the last 15 years!).