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Top five most significant judging experiences:

- 2014 Puno, Peru - 2 days judging over 230 Brown Swiss
- 2005 San Miguel, El Salvador
- 2009 Puerto Rico National Dairy Show – meaningful to judge in my own country
- 2012 Dominican Republic, National Show
- 2011 Azuero, Panama - first time judging cross breed animal

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

- Showmanship

Rafael “Rafy” Lopez is a second-generation dairy farmer from the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He was raised on a farm which developed his passion for dairy farming from an early age. As a teenager in 1972 he represented Puerto Rico in the 4-H National Convention in Chicago in the dairy project competition. He went on to earn his bachelors in dairy science from Michigan State University. While at MSU he was coached in dairy cattle judging by Professor Lon D. McGilliard. Rafy has judged dairy shows in his native Puerto Rico and National and regional shows in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Panama, and Peru.

He has judged Holsteins, Brown Swiss, Jerseys, and mixed breeds at over 30 fairs and national shows. Rafy has been involved in several dairy organizations; he was president of the Puerto Rico Holstein Association, served on the board of directors of the P.R.D.H.I.A, and the A.P.L.C.Q (dairy farmers coop). He continuously collaborates with FFA, 4-H clubs, and the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus (Land grant college), either training for dairy cattle judging, providing animals for research or work experience, as well as receiving groups of students at his dairy farm “El Remanso.” He is also a breeder of Registered Holstein, Brown Swiss and Jersey cattle. He is fluent in English and Spanish and is open to work as an interpreter.