

## Berry Takes the Gold at the 2011 Dairy Challenge!!

On the weekend of April 2nd, five Berry College students honored the schools name with a spectacular success. This Berry College Dairy Challenge team traveled to Hickory, NC to participate in the 2011 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, a national event hosted by North Carolina State University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The team consisted of Anthony Bonazza, a senior and the CEO of The Berry Farms Genetics Enterprise; Luke Cunningham, a junior and a former dairy worker; Amelia Teague, a senior and The Genetics Enterprise Barham Liaison; and Sarah-Baker Walker, who will be graduating with her MBA this May. The Berry College team members were awarded gold status for their knowledgeable and informative evaluation of their specified dairy. These students are highly qualified and many are preparing to make a strong entrance into the professional world.

As noted by Ben Wilson, the Berry Dairy Supervisor, "Internally, the experiences these students have received by participating in the Berry Student Work Program and the Berry Student Operated Enterprises has significantly impacted each of their skill sets, which allowed them to be highly competitive at this event. All five students have been, and are serving, leadership roles in both of these Berry College programs." This award is an outstanding honor, and the Berry College Dairy will miss the three contributing senior members that will be graduating this year. Congratulations to the 2011 Berry College Dairy Challenge Team!



## Clipping and Halters and Photos...OH MY!

Over the past month, the students in The Berry Farms Genetics Enterprise have been hard at work preparing for a photo shoot of the Berry Dairy's star cows and heifers. First, Anthony Bonazza, CEO, led the students in a workshop demonstrating the proper procedure for body-clipping. For some of these students, this was their first time clipping cows.

The next step in the process of preparing the animals for their photo shoot was to halter break them. The enterprise students dedicated many hours over the course of three weeks to ensure they would have calm, manageable cattle when the photographer arrived. Patience, roping skills, and sturdy legs are a necessity when halter breaking as Marissa Greer, Marketing Manager Assistant, quickly discovered. Greer had no prior experience halter breaking cattle before this opportunity. "It was fun, but definitely a challenge. The heifers will test your patience with every step, but at the end of the day it's very rewarding to see how much progress was made." As time went on, the cows and heifers made significant improvement, highlighting the hard work and dedication of the students.

After much anticipation, Mrs. Kathy DeBruin of Agri-Graphics joined us on a beautiful April day to photograph our uddered ladies. Students working at the dairy, as well as enterprise students, were instructed on how to properly set up a cow or heifer for a photograph. The day was filled with hard-work, learning, and lots of good memories. A special thanks to Kathy DeBruin and the Agri-Graphics staff for their assistance in making our Jersey ladies look like the rock stars that they are.