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Scio Woman Crowned Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador

Salem, Ore. – January 21, 2019- Emily Henry representing Linn and Benton Counties was crowned the 2019 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador during a ceremony Saturday night. The 60th annual coronation event was hosted by the Oregon Dairy Women at the Salem Convention Center, Henry was among seven county contestants vying for the 2019 title. Natalie Berry, representing Washington County was named First Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador and received the Congeniality Award.

Henry, 20, is a student at Linn Benton Community College and works for the Gourley Family Dairy Farm in Scio. Through her job, she developed a passion for the dairy industry and was inspired to advocate for the dairy industry.

Her speech during the contest, titled “Telling Our Story: How Farmers Can Help Educate Consumers” discussed the ways that farmers can connect with consumers to promote dairy farming and dairy foods. Henry spent two days in interviews, performing impromptu speeches and interacting with the three judges before she was selected Saturday for this honor.

Henry grew up in Scio where she was homeschooled. Throughout her school-aged years, she was active in her church, essay contests and participated in 4-H and FFA in Linn County. She is now a student at Linn-Benton Community College, majoring in Animal Sciences.

Henry is looking forward to a busy year informing and educating the public about the dairy industry. She will spend the next twelve months traveling statewide attending fairs, town meetings and public events as a representative of Oregon’s dairy farmers. Much of her reign will be spent in Oregon schools delivering educational presentations about life on a dairy farm and the nutritional benefits of consuming dairy products.

Upon being crowned, Henry received \$3,000 in scholarships to continue her education. Outgoing Dairy Princess-Ambassador Stephanie Breazile received \$14,000 for her year dedicated to the Oregon dairy industry, personally informing over 15,000 students of the benefits of dairy products and life on a dairy farm in schools and community events.

Natalie Berry representing Washington County was named First Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador. Also a recipient of scholarships, Berry will play an important role assisting in the promotion of the dairy industry throughout the state in the coming year. The other state finalists included Samantha Arnold of Clackamas County, Belle Erhardt of

Columbia County, Donata Doornenbal of Marion County, Allyson Durrer of Tillamook County and Jessica Monroe of Yamhill County.

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Oregon Dairy Women (ODW) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization with the main objective to promote the dairy industry. The ODW mission is to promote greater use of all dairy products through outreach and educational programs.

Since 1959, the Oregon Dairy Women's Dairy Princess Ambassador Program has served as the premier advocate for the Oregon Dairy Industry in collaboration with the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association and the Oregon Dairy Nutrition Council. The ODW award scholarships, and provides financial support to 4-H and FFA programs, Agriculture in the Classroom, Ag Fest, Summer Ag Institute, Adopt-a-Farmer and judging teams.



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2019 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Emily Henry with 2019 First Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Natalie Berry.