



## **RAFAEL LOPEZ LOPEZ**

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### Top five most significant judging experiences:

- 2014 Puno, Peru - 2 days of judging over 230 animals, all Brown Swiss
- 2005 San Miguel, El Salvador - This show had very large classes of over 40 cows
- 2009 Puerto Rico National Dairy Show - It meant the most to be able 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 dairy 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 in 1980, with a. While in MSU, where 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, he is a current member of 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 registered breeder for Holstein, Brown Swiss and Jersey cattle. He is fluent in English and Spanish and is open to work as an interpreter.