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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

Rafael "Rafy" López is a second-generation dairy farmer from Camuy, Puerto Rico. He owns El Remanso Dairy Farm, which was established by his family in 1961. Growing up on the family dairy farm, López developed a lifelong passion for dairy farming and the Holstein breed.

López went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Dairy Science from Michigan State University in 1980, where he was coached in dairy cattle judging by Professor Lon D. McGilliard. He has been a member of Holstein Association USA for many years and was recently elected to serve as a delegate at the organization's 138th Annual Meeting in 2024.

Rafy has judged dairy shows in his native Puerto Rico and national and regional shows in the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, and Peru. He has judged categories of Holstein, Brown Swiss, Jerseys, and mixed breeds in over 30 fairs and national shows.

He continuously collaborates with FFA, 4-H clubs, and the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez 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 has described his farm motto as "God, Cows & Family".

Outside of agriculture, López is an active member of his local community. He supports various charitable causes and volunteers his time to mentor young people interested in careers in the dairy industry. López and his wife have three children and two grandchildren who represent the third generation of the family to be involved in the dairy business. He hopes to continue growing El Remanso Dairy Farm and passing on his passion for dairy farming to future generations. He is fluent in English and Spanish and is open to work as an interpreter.