

12. DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION

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PURPOSE – The purpose of the Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation Career Development Event is to provide a competitive event for agricultural education students, which emphasizes skills in dairy cattle management and evaluation.

OBJECTIVES

1) Contest Format

- **8:15AM to 8:45AM-** General Knowledge Exam: This exam will consist of 50 questions involving dairy management practices and DHI records. (30 minutes)
- **8:45AM to 9:15AM- TEAM ACTIVITY** -Dairy Management Activity: Each team will be provided with a dairy farm management scenario to ID problems and determine possible improvements. ALL necessary information will be provided. Teams should assume the role of a hired consultant advising the producer. (30 minutes)
- **9:15AM to 10:30AM-** Cows will be in the ring at 9:00AM Six classes of four dairy animals will be each placed on type. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows, or mature cows.
- **10:30AM to ?-** Oral Reasons (2 sets with 12 minutes allowed to prepare each) & Team Activity Presentations to the Producers (Judges). Teams will be given 10 minutes to wrap up their final presentation before they present to the judges.
Teams will be allowed 10 minutes to present their recommendations, followed by 5 minutes of clarifying questions from the judges.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1) One team may represent a sub-district or a single chapter. No team will be eligible to participate without a coach and a leadsperson present **if needed** to show cattle at 8:30
- 2) Junior teams are encouraged to compete in this area. Junior team will judge six classes and do one set of oral reasons only. They do **NOT** need to do the Exam or the Team Activity.
- 3) A team **MUST** consist of four members with the total from **ALL FOUR** to be the team score.
 - Junior Level- 6-8
 - Senior Level 7-12

EVENT RULES

- 4) There is to be no communication (**including cell phone use**) between contestants and others during the contest
- 5) All decisions of the judges and superintendent are final.
- 6) Points breakdown will be as follows:

Individual	Maximum Points
General Knowledge Exam	150
Evaluations (Classes)	300
Oral Reasons (2 sets)	150
Total Possible	600 x 4 team members

Team	Maximum Points
Dairy Management Activity	600

Grand Total possible 3000

- 7) All contestants will record their answers on a scan sheet. An example of the scan sheet used for this contest can be found at <https://www.judgingcard.com/scansheets/samples/705C-1-UnivC.pdf>
- 8) Students may judge for FFA and 4-H - note check with your 4-H advisor prior to the event.
- 9) Contest coordinators will have the right to adjust events as needed to accommodate cows availability and time to complete the contest (i.e., only two classes of oral reasons instead of three)

ATTIRE & MATERIALS – ALL member of the team must have FFA T-shirts, a clipboard (with NO notes), Two sharpened No. 2 Pencils & a Calculator.

LOCATION – Dairy Cattle Barn arena bleachers Thursday, August 31st at **8:00AM**

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***REGISTRATION – Starts at 7:45AM in Dairy Barn Arena

***CDE Individual General Knowledge Exam starts at 8:15AM and ends at 8:45AM