

# DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

## Rules for the State FFA Event

### **Sponsor**

This event is currently sponsored by the North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation and Horace Johnson, Central Region Agricultural Education Coordinator.

### **State Event Superintendent**

The superintendent for this event is Mr. Jason Davis, State FFA Coordinator, Campus Box 7607 NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695 Phone: 919-515-4206 Fax: 919-515-9060. Email: jason\_davis@ncsu.edu

### **Eligibility and General Guidelines**

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in this area are ineligible.

Each chapter may send one team to compete at the state event. Teams may consist of three or four individuals. The fourth lowest team member score is not considered except in the case of a tie. No alternates are allowed in state events. Any alternate found participating in the state event will result in team disqualification. FFA members and advisors may not visit the site of a state career development event within seven days of the start of the event. Teams that violate this rule will be disqualified.

FFA members in good standing may also participate as individuals in this event. A chapter may have up to two members participate as individuals as long as the chapter does not have a team participating in the event. Their scores will only count toward individual recognition, and will not be tallied as a team score. Three members participating in this event from the same chapter constitute a team.

The use of cellular phones, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's) or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule by any team member will result in total team disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total team disqualification for that event.

## Procedures for Administering the Event

- A. Using Form 2, six classes of four animals will be placed on type. (All classes will be selected from one or more of the five major breeds of dairy cattle.)
  - 1. A maximum of 12 minutes will be allowed to place each class.
  - 2. A perfect score is 50 points per class.
  - 3. Animals will be numbered 4, 3, 2, and 1, left to right, as viewed from the rear.
  - 4. The Hormel Computing Slide or an appropriate software program will be used for scoring.
  - 5. Contestants will be permitted to view the animals from all angles but will not be permitted to handle the animals.
  
- B. Oral reasons will be required for two classes of cows to be designated by the contest official(s).
  - 1. Contestants will have 15 minutes to place this class; a minimum of 12 minutes to prepare reasons; and two minutes to deliver the oral reasons.
  - 2. Contestants may use their placing card while giving reasons. No other notes will be permitted.
  - 3. A perfect score for reasons is 50 points.
  
- C. Participants will take a 25-question, multiple choice written test involving dairy management practices and DHI records. Contestants will have 20 minutes to complete the written test. A perfect score on the written test will be 50 points.
  
- D. Cooperative Team Activity
  - 1. The sire selection activity as set up by National FFA for the current school year will be used.
  - 2. The cooperative activity will count as one score for the team. Using Form 2, one score card will be turned in which indicates the team's selections.
  - 3. A perfect score will be 100 points.

## Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied

In the event a tie score exists, apply the following methods in sequential order until the tie is broken:

- 1. Compare the alternate scores. The lowest team member score is the alternate score.
- 2. Compare the total team scores for the cooperative team activity and the higher scoring team is the winner.
- 3. Compare scores on the placing categories starting with the youngest to the oldest until the tie is broken.

4. If these methods fail to break the tie, co-winners will be declared and a run-off event will be held to determine which team will represent North Carolina at the National FFA Convention. The run-off event will follow the same rules as the state event.

## **Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied for Individual Participants**

Ties in scores between individuals will be broken by comparing the scores of the portion/section of the event that carry the highest point value. For example, if an event consists of 500 points for placement, 100 points for oral reasons, and 50 points for the written test; the tie breaker would be on the *placement* section of the event.

## **Dress Code**

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. A ten percent reduction in the total team score will be taken if a participant violates the dress code. Participants in this event are required to wear long pants and an appropriate shirt with a collar or an appropriate FFA or school t-shirt.

## **State Awards**

The following awards will be presented annually at the state FFA convention provided sponsorship is available:

State Winning Team	\$500, first place team plaque, pins for team members
Second Place Team	Second place team plaque, pins for team members
Third Place Team	Third place team plaque, pins for team members
High Scoring Individual	Belt buckle

## **National Career Development Event Participation**

State winning teams advancing to national career development event participation will be automatically registered for the national event. It is the responsibility of the Chapter FFA Advisor to complete all necessary national certification forms and return them to the State FFA Coordinator by the assigned due date.

State winning CDE Teams that choose not to participate at the national level should contact the state office by Sept 1 prior to national convention. Teams that fail to inform the state office prior to Sept 1 will be ineligible to participate in that same CDE for the next year (chapters may appeal to the State FFA Board of Directors). Teams that do not compete at the National Convention will be required to pay back the \$500 travel award.

## **Bibliography**

For more information see the National FFA Career Development Events Handbook.

The written test will be taken from the following references. The major references will be Modern Livestock and Poultry Production by James Gillespie; The Holstein's Foundation Dairy Judging Workbook by the Holstein Foundation (802.254.4551); Linear Classification System by the Holstein Foundation; and Instructional Materials Services, Texas A & M University (8642A, 8647A, 8646E, 84-5). *Additional questions may be taken from the: N. C. Agricultural Statistics, Latest edition available and other Cooperative Extension Service and Dairy Breed Association manuals or booklets.*

**JUDGING EVENT PLACING CARD**

Form 2 Participant Number \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACINGS	Check Placing
1-2-3-4	1
1-2-4-3	2
1-3-2-4	3
1-3-4-2	4
1-4-2-3	5
1-4-3-2	6
2-1-3-4	7
2-1-4-3	8
2-3-1-4	9
2-3-4-1	10
2-4-1-3	11
2-4-3-1	12
3-1-2-4	13
3-1-4-2	14
3-2-1-4	15
3-2-4-1	16
3-4-1-2	17
3-4-2-1	18
4-1-2-3	19
4-1-3-2	20
4-2-1-3	21
4-2-3-1	22
4-3-1-2	23
4-3-2-1	24

Participant's Score \_\_\_\_\_

**ORAL REASONS SCORECARD**

Participant No. \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class No. \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name \_\_\_\_\_

You're Placing \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

I. (Posture, clarity in speaking, confidence, convincing)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 12)

II. Proper use of Terms

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 10)

III. Accuracy of Statements (based on what the participant saw)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 10)

IV. Importance of points covered (reasons for placings, crucial points covered, complete explanation or reasons)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 18)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

(Max 50)