I. OVERVIEW
Participants in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE will place in order of relative merit, a maximum of four classes of dairy cows or heifers. Oral reasons in defense of their placing will be given on one of the classes. Additionally, a Dairy Management exam consisting of 10 multiple choice questions will be administered.

II. PURPOSE
The Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE is designed to provide a competitive event for agriculture education students, emphasizing skills in dairy cattle evaluation, selection, and dairy herd management.

III. ELIGIBILITY
This event is open to students in grades 6-9 who are agricultural education students, and are paid members of a chartered FFA chapter. Each member of the team must be a member of the chapter registering them, and each student's name must appear on the chapter's FFA roster at least 10 days prior to competition above the chapter level.

At present, there are no eliminations before the state event. The event is limited to one four person junior team per chapter. A team will consist of four members with all four individual scores constituting the final team score. A junior team that wins the state event or any member of that first place junior team may not participate in the state junior event again.

IV. SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST
To report any special needs or request special services for a student to compete in a Career Development Event or FFA Award area (Area or State level), it is the responsibility of the FFA advisor to provide a detailed and specific request and explanation in writing. Requests should include written documentation from the school system verifying the IEP and need being requested. Written requests must be submitted to the CDE Superintendent prior to registering for the CDE/event (at least 3 weeks prior to the date of competition.)

V. RULES
1. A team consists of four members. A team score consists of the total of all four individuals' scores.
2. A chapter can enter one team for the Area CDE; the top two teams per Area will advance to the state CDE.
3. A junior team may consist of students in grades 6-9. The 9th grade is a swing grade and students have the option of participating at the junior or senior level.
4. Participants will be assigned to a group and should remain with that group throughout the event.
5. Absolutely no talking will be allowed once the event starts. Participants found talking may be excused from the CDE.
6. Computer score sheets will be used to record all responses and must be completed within the time allotted for each section.
7. Junior teams will give one set of oral reasons.
8. Each participant will bring a clean, note free clipboard and two sharpened No. 2 pencils ONLY. Notepaper will be provided by CDE superintendent or appointees
9. During the event, participants and their advisors and/or coaches may not talk or be together in groups until the completion of the contest.

VI. EVENT FORMAT

A. Registration

    1. Registration time and event location will be decided and advisors notified by the state FFA executive director prior to the event. Instructions will be given and group assignments made during registration. Notepaper will be provided by CDE superintendent or appointees.

B. Dairy Management Exercise (possible 50 points)

    1. The exercise will consist of 10 questions involving dairy management practices and DHI Records.

    2. Participants will have 30 minutes to complete this exercise.

C. Evaluation and Selection (possible 200 points)

    1. A maximum of four classes of four dairy animals will each be placed on type. Classes will consist of heifers or cows from the recognized breeds of dairy cattle.

    2. Participants will have a minimum of 12 minutes to place each class. For classes on which oral reasons will be given, participants will be given a minimum of 15 minutes.

D. Oral Reasons (possible 50 points)

    1. Oral reasons will be required on one class for junior teams. This class will be designated by the event superintendent prior to the actual judging of the class.

    2. Participants will have at least 15 minutes to prepare each set of oral reasons.

VII. SCORING

Exam………………………………………….………..50
Judging (4 classes)…………………………………………200
Oral reasons (1 set)………………………………………..   50
Total possible score………………………………….………300 points (per individual)
                                                      1200 points (per team)

VIII. TIE BREAKERS

If ties occur, the following events will be used to break the tie for team and individual awards:

1. Total oral reasons score (all 4 scorers to break team tie)
2. Written Exam Score (all 4 scorers to break team tie)
3. Highest score on a selected placing class

IX. AWARDS

Awards shall be determined each year by the board of Trustees of the Georgia FFA Foundation. This event is made possible through the Georgia FFA Foundation as a special project of an industry sponsor or from the Foundation general fund. Minimum awards will recognize the first place individual in each area, and the first and second place individuals at the state level.

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