



Georgia FFA Association

Dairy Evaluation CDE - Junior Division

I. OVERVIEW

Participants in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE will place in order of relative merit, a minimum of four classes of dairy cows or heifers. Oral reasons in defense of their placing will be given minimum of one and a maximum of two of the classes. Additionally, a Dairy Management exam consisting of 25 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 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.
3. Participants will be assigned to a group and should remain with that group throughout the event.
4. Absolutely no talking will be allowed once the event starts. Participants found talking may be excused from the CDE.
5. Computer score sheets will be used to record all responses and must be completed within the time allotted for each section.
6. Junior team members will give a minimum one and a maximum of two sets of oral reasons.
7. 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
8. During the event, participants and their advisors and/or coaches may not talk or be together in groups until the completion of the contest.
9. It is highly recommended that students wear official dress as outlined in the official FFA manual.



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VI. EVENT FORMAT

- A. Dairy Management Exam (possible 100 points)
 - 1. The exam will consist of 25 questions including dairy cattle breeds and body parts.
 - 2. Participants will have 30 minutes to complete this exam.
- B. Evaluation and Selection (possible 50 points per class)
 - 1. A minimum 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 15 minutes to place each class.
- D. Oral Reasons (possible 50 points per set)
 - 1. Oral reasons will be required on minimum of one or maximum of two classes 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.....	100 points per student
Judging	50 per class
Oral reasons	50 per set
Total possible score.....	350 points (minimum per individual)
	1400 points (minimum per team)

VIII. TIE BREAKERS

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

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

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.

X. REFERENCES

- A. **Test Reference:** *Modern Livestock and Poultry Production*, James R. Gillespie; 2006. 8th Edition.
- B. *Linear Classification Manual*, Sept. latest Edition, American Holstein Association, 1 Holstein Place, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0808. Call toll free 1-800-952-5200
- C. National FFA Core Catalog—Past CDE Material (<http://shop.ffa.org/cde-qas-cl413.aspx>)
- D. Hoard’s Dairyman- Judging contest and materials, youth tests and quiz questions: www.hoards.com
- E. Cornell University Department of Animal Science Dairy Resources:
<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dairycattle/dairyresources.html>
- C. Virginia Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials: <http://www2.dasc.vt.edu/youth/bowlmat.html>
- D. CEV Multimedia, Inc.: www.cevmultimedia.com
- E. Holstein Association: www.holsteinusa.com
- F. Dairy Herd Improvement: www.drms.org
- G. 2009 Dairy Unified Scorecard:
http://www.usjersey.com/Reference/PDCA_Dairy_Cow_Unified_Scorecard_2009update.pdf