

Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

Skills in dairy cattle selection and herd management are essential for successful careers in the dairy industry. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event provides a competitive opportunity for agricultural education students to test their skills in evaluating dairy cattle on physical characteristics and give oral reasons explaining the various classes.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy and Visual and Performing Arts standards. Some examples of how the Dairy Cattle Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will access, view, evaluate, and respond to print, non-print, and electronic texts and resources.

- Comprehension and critical analysis skills of Agricultural Education students are developed through identification and evaluation of animals through media (slides, videos, and computer CD-ROM). [3.5 - Language Arts Literacy: Viewing and Media Literacy]

All students will develop, apply and reflect upon knowledge of the process of critique.

- Students apply the process of critique through the evaluation of animals. [1.4 Visual and Performing Arts: Critique]

All students will speak in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Through agricultural education, students learn speaking skills as it relates to the evaluation of an animal. [3.3 Language Arts Literacy: Speaking]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of two (2) phases including judging classes (15 minutes for each class) and oral reasons. The number of classes is determined by Delaware Valley College, the host of the event. Material will be distributed to teams prior to the event. A chapter may have a team of three (3) or four (4). The top three (3) scores are used in determining the team's rank. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

(other scoring will occur on the national level)

Phase I - 6 - Placing Classes of Heifers and Cows - 50 points per class

Phase II - 2 - Sets of Oral Reasons - 50 points per set

Team Total - 1200 points Individual Total - 400 points

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Proficiency Award Areas
that correspond to the Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Career Development Event!](#)