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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Educators

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Re: Horse Evaluation and Dairy Evaluation Career Development Events
Tuesday, April 20 – Thursday, April 22, 2021
Hosted Virtually

WHAT DO HORSE EVALUATION AND DAIRY EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS INVOLVE?

Dairy and Horse Evaluation will be conducted using rules, judging forms and references available in the [New Jersey Career Development Events Handbook 2017-2021](#) unless noted otherwise. Copies are available on the State Activity Guide (http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/activity/index.html).

Students should be prepared in the event sections outlined in the event summary section of this document. These events will be hosted via Livestock Judging.

How will these events be administered online?

1. An online Dairy Evaluation and Horse Evaluation event will be New Jersey's qualifying event for the National FFA Convention.
2. Computers with internet access will be needed for each competitor in each event. **Access to technology**– If a student does not have access to a computer and internet, please notify the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education immediately. Alternative testing methods will be explored with the school.
3. A proctor will be needed. This person cannot be someone training and/or working with team members. You are encouraged to reach out to guidance counselors or school administrators. If schools are not back in session, a parent or guardian is acceptable. Having them proctor this event will allow you to share with them how agricultural education is on the cutting edge. The OFANRE reserves the right to request students to participate in a Zoom call while competing in order to ensure the integrity of the event.
4. Students will be assigned user names and passwords to access the exam after proctor approval. An instruction sheet for students and a password list will be e-mailed to registered chapters on or before Friday, April, 2021.
5. **On Tuesday, April 20 – Thursday, April 202 the online exam will be active.** The entire team must compete at the same time. Advisors are asked to schedule the day and time frame for which they plan to have the event(s) administered via <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/virtual-cde-scheduling>.

6. Students competing in Dairy Evaluation and Horse Evaluation will be utilizing Google Classroom for the submission of their oral reasons. Please be sure that students are utilizing a non-school based account to access the classroom.
7. Authenticity of Work Certification must be signed by participants and the proctor and submitted to the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education by 8:30 AM the day following the scheduled competition time. Certification forms can be accessed at <https://www.jotform.com/NJFFA/CDEAuthenticityCertification>.
8. Review the "Event Summary" section of this document for details on the structure of each event.

How do we sign-up and what does it cost?

Registration was due to judgingcard.com by **April 1 for Dairy and Horse Evaluation**. Participant lists submitted after these dates will not be accepted.

Steps to using the judgingcard.com registration.

1. Log in to www.JudgingCard.com (If you have an AET account, login using that information. If you don't have an AET account, use your chapter number for both the username and password (i.e. NJ0000). Both are case sensitive!)
2. Click on the left most icon at the bottom of the screen for "Registration and Information."
3. Use the month list at the top of the calendar to browse to the month of the contest you need to register for (April).
4. Click on the event link "Horse and Dairy Evaluation CDEs" on the calendar (April 8)...this will pull up the event's registration page.
5. Click the link to "Online Registration" at the top of the page.
6. Click on the link to "Registration" next to each event you need to register for.
7. Change the "Number of Contestants" to what you would like, specify an advisor, and then specify contestant names.
8. Click the "Submit Entry" button.
9. Repeat steps 6, 7, and 8 for each event for which you need to register.
10. Review all of the entries back on the event's main page.

An \$11.00 fee per contestant or \$44.00 fee per team will be assessed for each chapter participating, unless the chapter is Blue Affiliated, then the fee is waived. Payment should be forwarded prior to April 20. Make checks payable to the **Treasurer, State of New Jersey. Checks may be mailed to: Office of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, PO Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330.**

How do I get CDE results?

Official results will be available via email and on the New Jersey FFA website at http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/career/ in the days following the events. Please do not call the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education for results.

What are the Career Development Event Rules?

1. Dairy Evaluation and Horse Evaluation require four (4) members to compete and team scores will be based on all four members.
2. The school with the highest team score in each event will represent New Jersey in a national competition at the National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, in October if they receive 60% team mastery of the event. The first-place team will receive a state recognition plaque. The top three individuals overall will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal. The top five individuals in the practicum portions of each event will receive an H.O. Sampson certificate.
3. Members of a first-place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in

that particular New Jersey FFA CDE again, unless the team is uncontested and forfeit their first place team ranking or fail to reach the 60% team mastery. Individual awards will still be rewarded if the uncontested team forfeits their team ranking. **Members of a first-place team in 2020 are eligible to compete again in 2021.**

4. Official teams can only complete the online exam during the scheduled career development event timeframe (Tuesday, April 6 to Thursday, April 8) and all team members must participate in the event at the same time.
5. Calculators may be used and can only have the following functions – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, equals, percent, square roots, +/- key, and one memory register. NO other calculators are allowed during the event. Sharing of calculators between individuals is not permitted.
6. Participants may not talk or confer with one another during the event or access any materials or resources.
7. **Note: Requesting Assistance for a Career Development Event** – If a student needs assistance during a Career Development Event, the Office of Agricultural Education must be notified at the time of registration – March 1, 2021 – by identifying the student and their specific need. If a reader or scribe is needed, you are responsible for providing that person. To conduct a state level career development event efficiently, **no additional time will be provided** to a student to complete portions of a career development event.

EVENT SUMMARY

What is the Horse Evaluation Career Development Event?

The purpose of the New Jersey FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event is to promote the study of and interest in equine science, selection, care and well-being, management and production through the agricultural education curriculum, encourage experiential learning through use of practical skills, critical thinking and applied knowledge and to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of instruction in equine science.

The Horse Evaluation Career Development Event will have three components.

- Identification Class (Individual Activity) – 20 minutes – 25 items worth 50 points
- Selection Classes (this could include halter and/or performance classes) – 1 hour – 4 classes worth 200 points
- Oral Reasons – 20 minutes – 2 classes worth 100 points

What is the Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management Career Development Event?

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

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management Career Development Event will have two components.

- Evaluation – 50 minutes – 4 classes worth 200 points
- Oral Reasons – 20 minutes – 2 classes worth 100 points

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