

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Event Rules

All members participating in this Career Development Event must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Rules Governing FFA Activities document.

Number of members on a team: Four (All scores count toward the team total.)

Official Dress Appropriate: No

Regional Event: No

State Event: Kentucky State Fair

EQUIPMENT

Equipment provided by student:

- Clipboard
- #2 Pencil

Equipment provided at the event site:

- Scantron score card
- Two reasons cards

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION (100 POINTS)

Participants will take a 50 question, multiple choice exam. The exam will cover various aspects of dairy science. Resources for the exam will be posted at www.kyffa.org

All answers for this component will be placed on the scantron form provided to each participant. An example is provided.

PLACING CLASSES (300 POINTS)

Participants will place six (6) classes of cattle with four animals per class based on type.

When possible, four breeds of dairy cattle will be used: Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Brown Swiss. A class of Ayrshire cattle may be used if available.

Four of the classes placed will be heifers while two of the classes placed will be cows.



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Ten minutes will be allowed for evaluation of the non-reasons classes. Twelve minutes will be allowed for evaluation of the reasons classes.

Contestants will be able to view the cattle from all angles but will not be able to place their hands on the animals.

All placings for this component will be placed on the scantron form provided to each participant. An example is provided.

REASONS (100 POINTS)

Participants will be provided two copies of a reasons note card at registration to be used at their discretion.

Participants will prepare and deliver oral reasons on the two cow classes.

Ten points will be deducted if students use notes while giving reasons.

Twenty minutes will be provided to prepare each set of reasons.

A guide to preparing oral reasons for dairy cattle is posted at www.kyffa.org

Scoring

Possible score for each participant is 500 points, with a possible team score of 2,000 points.

Teams will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final team score.

Individuals will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final individual score.

TIEBREAKER

The high scoring individual on a team will be used to break team ties. If the high individual on tied teams should be tied, the second high scorer will be used to break the ties.

Individual ties will be broken by the total reasons score for the individual.

