

# The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation

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c/o North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation, Box 7621, Raleigh, NC 27695-7621

## MEMORANDUM

To: FFA Dairy Evaluation CDE / 4-H Dairy Judging Participants

Date: February 20, 2023

The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation is looking forward to working with each of you at this year's combined 4H and FFA State Dairy Evaluation Event to be held **Friday April 14, 2023** at the Carolina Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem. This is your registration notification. Please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your FFA chapter or county 4-H team eligibility for this CDE/contest. Individuals can dual participate in FFA and 4-H events. **Please register for FFA through [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) on or before April 7, 2023 in order for your chapter to be eligible for this event. For 4-H registrations, please use the NC 4-H Dairy Youth Program website by April 7th.**

The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation along with other dairy industry organizations/businesses will sponsor this event. **No registration fees for this event will be required (lunch will be provided).**

Registration/sign-in for teams will be **7:45 am** until **8:45 am** on Friday morning. The event will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Please remember to bring pencils for your scan sheets. Advisors/Coaches are also strongly encouraged to assist their students with completing their information on the scan sheets. **We will make NO changes to the sheets after they are turned in to the event officials. Waivers submitted are required for all FFA participants.**

The FFA Dairy CDE will have a Junior and Senior Division. You may obtain detailed information at [www.ncffa.org](http://www.ncffa.org) under "NC FFA" and "Career Development Events." The Junior Division is restricted to FFA team members from grades 6–10.

The 4-H contest will have a Junior and Senior Division. Youth ages 9-13 as of January 1 of the current year may participate on the junior team. Youth ages 14-18 as of January 1 of the current year may participate on the senior team. The top 25 individuals of the senior contest will be invited to try out for the 4-H State Dairy Judging Teams.

All FFA and 4-H Divisions are required to place all classes of cows/heifers. The Reasons classes will be identified the morning of the event. FFA will only give reasons on cow classes. 4-H reasons classes can be cow or heifer classes. Please note on the rotational schedule that each class is based on a 15-minute time frame. Students will use Universal Form A to place classes. Oral reasons will be scored on the traditional cards located in your advisor packets. The contest officials/advisors will direct and assist with the rotational process. FFA participants are not allowed to use any notes other than their scan forms or oral reason cards while presenting oral reasons. 4-H Contestants are not allowed to use any notes, scan forms, or oral reason cards while presenting oral reasons.

Division	Classes	Reasons	Written Test
FFA Senior	8	2	✓
FFA Junior	8	1	
4-H Senior	8	2	
4-H Junior	8	1	

The placing of classes will be based upon the PDCA (Purebred Dairy Cattle Association) Scorecard. An example can be found at [www.holsteinfoundation.org](http://www.holsteinfoundation.org) under "Educational Workbooks" and "Dairy Judging Workbook." There are many valuable resources in this workbook including oral reason guidelines. Another helpful source of video examples can be found through the University of Wisconsin Extension website (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hdairyjudgingvideos>).

The FFA written test multiple choice questions will be taken from the following references:

- The latest edition of Modern Livestock and Poultry Production by James Gillespie will be the major reference.
- Instructional Materials Services, Texas A&M University (8642A, 8647A, 8646E, 84-5)
- Any questions available through SchoolNet question banks.
- Cooperative Extension Service and Dairy Industry materials may also be utilized.

The 5 questions for the Dairy Herd Record Evaluation portion will be similar to the sample provided in the National FFA Career Development Event Handbook.

If participants compete in both FFA and 4-H contests, both (two) registrations must be completed to be eligible for scoring purposes.

### **FFA Registration**

Please register your team members via [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) no later than **April 7, 2023**.

To register, chapters should follow these instructions:

- 1) Go to [www.JudgingCard.com](http://www.JudgingCard.com).
- 2) Click "Sign In" and enter a username and password\*.
- 3) Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
- 4) Click "Event Registration & Information," click the April 14 event.
- 5) Register for the event.

*\*JudgingCard.com accounts have been created for every FFA chapter in North Carolina. To sign in, the default username is 'NC' followed by your 4-digit chapter number (NCXXXX), for example NC0001. The password has been preset to the exact same thing, NCXXXX. If you need to have your password reset, please contact Megan Blanke at [megan\\_blanke@ncsu.edu](mailto:megan_blanke@ncsu.edu).*

### **4-H Registration**

Youth who plan to participate in the 4-H Judging Competition should register using the [NC State Dairy 4-H Form](#). You can also find the form on [Dairy Extension Portal](#) > Dairy Youth Programs > Dairy Judging page. **Registration deadline is April 7, 2023.**

Students will be provided clipboards and scan sheets. Students should bring two sharpened number two pencils. Students may not bring or use any additional tools, learning devices, or equipment. In

addition, cell phones, iPods, or other electronic devices including smart watches (Apple Watches, FitBits, etc.) will **not** be allowed at the event.

**Coaches and Advisors WILL be assigned duties during this event to assist with the contest; please plan accordingly to participate.**

The judging event should be concluded by approx. 3:30 pm. Please remember that alternates are not allowed in the FFA CDE. In the 4-H contest, youth can compete as individuals or as a team. Please be sure to follow the state guidelines for the dress code.

If you have any questions concerning the event please contact:

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Thank you!