**The North Carolina**

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

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Nancy Keith / Jason Wright

RE: State FFA Dairy Evaluation CDE / State 4-H Dairy Judging

Date: January 10, 2019

The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation is looking forward to working with each of you at this year’s combined FFA State Dairy Career Development Event and 4-H State Dairy Judging Contest to be held **Friday March 22, 2019** at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. This is your registration notification. Please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your FFA chapter’s or county 4-H team’s eligibility for this CDE/contest. Individuals can dual participate in FFA and 4-H events. It is critical that we receive your registration information in a timely manner. The number of participants will impact event planning. **Therefore, please register for FFA through** [**www.judgingcard.com**](http://www.judgingcard.com/) **on or before March 15, 2019 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 March 15, 2019.**

Substitutions are allowed until the day of the event as long as the chapter/county registers for the event by the deadline.

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

Registration/sign-in for chapters/county teams will be **7:30 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 into the event officials. FFA participation waivers are required, please bring signed waivers to check-in on Friday morning. No FFA waiver = no participation.**

This year’s FFA Dairy CDE will have a Middle Grades, Junior, and Senior Division. You may obtain detailed information at [www.ncffa.org](http://www.ncffa.org/) under “Resources” and “Chapter Guide to State FFA Activities.” The Middle Grades Division is limited to grades 6-8, Junior Division is grades 6-10, and Senior Division is grades 6-12.

This year’s 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.

This year’s event will consist of at least three breeds. 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 Contestants 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.

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|  | **Classes** | **Reasons** | **Written Test** |
| **FFA Senior Division** | **8** | **2** | **** |
| **FFA Junior Division** | **8** | **1** |  |
| **FFA Middle Division** | **8** | **1** |  |
| **4-H Senior Division** | **8** | **2** |  |
| **4-H Junior Division** | **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).](http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hdairyjudgingvideos%29)

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 on pages 32 and 33.

Youth can participate in both FFA and 4-H contests, however both (two) registrations must be completed to be eligible for scoring purposes.

# FFA Registration

Please register your team members via www.judgingcard.com no later than **March 15, 2019.**

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," move the calendar to March and click the March 22nd event.
5. Register for the event.

*\*JudgingCard 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.*

# 4-H Registration

Youth who plan to participate in the 4-H Judging Competition should register using the NC State Dairy Extension website (https://dairy.ces.ncsu.edu/). You will find a Google form on the Dairy Youth Programs > Dairy Judging page. **Registration deadline is March 15, 2019.**

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, PDA’s or electronic devices including Apple Watches and Fitbits will not be allowed at the event. The NC FFA tobacco use policy will be in effect—no tobacco/vapes/e-cigarettes/Juuls are permitted.

# 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 approximately 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!

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