

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: FFA Advisors

From: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

Re: Livestock Judging Career Development Event

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The state Livestock Judging CDE will be held at **Hunt Horse Arena** in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your students' eligibility for this CDE. The keep/cull class for this year's event will be **breeding ewes**. The reasons classes for this year's event are **market steers and breeding gilts**.

Team check in will begin on Wednesday morning, December 1 at 7:30 a.m. The event will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. The competition will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be included.

Again this year, the North Carolina FFA Association will host a junior and senior division event. At-large junior and senior division teams will be allowed to participate in this event provided they register before the deadline. **Regional qualifications will not be required for this year only.** Awards will be given to the top junior division and senior division teams. Awards will be given to the top three middle school teams in each division. Alternate participants are not allowed at this event.

Registration fees for this event are \$20 per student (\$10 CDE fee + \$10 meal ticket). Additional meal tickets may be requested online for advisors, bus drivers, etc. for \$10 per person. You will receive an invoice after the event, please do not bring payment to the event. Should your team not be able to attend, any meal tickets requested will not be refundable.

In registering for the event please note that the junior division is for students enrolled in grades 6-10. Participants in the senior division may be in grades 6-12.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS
PLEASE REGISTER BY **November 21, 2022**

1. Go to ncffa.org and underneath the main homepage area, you will see 3 boxes – click on the one that says **Register & Request**.
2. Click on "Livestock Evaluation CDE registration" to go to <http://www.judgingcard.com>
3. Sign in using your username and password. Be sure to click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account. These email addresses will be used for event communications.
4. Click "Event Registration & Information," select the December 2022 calendar, and click the North Carolina Livestock Evaluation CDE on December 1.
5. Register for the event. Students are selected from a dropdown list. A completed and signed waiver form must be on theaet.com for students to be eligible for registration.

6. Please submit only the appropriate number of team participants! Alternates are not allowed at state CDE events.
7. Meal tickets can be purchased for advisors, bus drivers, etc. Please register all advisors and chaperones that will need meal tickets. Meal tickets are \$10 and are not refundable once registration has been submitted.
8. If anyone traveling with you to the event has any dietary restrictions, please indicate that to carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu prior to the registration deadline.

JudgingCard accounts have been created for every FFA Chapter in North Carolina. To sign in, the username is 'NC' followed by their 4-digit chapter number: "NC0001", for example. The password has been preset to the same thing, with a capital "NCxxxx". If you don't know your login information, please contact megan.blanke@ncsu.edu.

We will use a scan form for the event. The state office will provide your students with forms the day of the event. The *Judging Card* website and the Event Guidelines both contain sample scorecards for the event so you may download these forms and train your team. It is imperative that your students pay particular attention to the signage at each stop so they will use the correct part of the scorecard. Oral reasons scores will be bubbled directly onto the scorecard by the judges. We will continue to use the cooperative activity cards from previous events and manually enter them into the online scoring program.

Please review the scorecard with your students prior to the event and remind your students to check their work. Failure to bubble in placings or bubbling two selections in the same column will result in a score of 0.

Livestock Judging Reminders

1. Eight classes will be placed and can include one class of breeding swine, one class of market swine, one class of breeding ewes, one class of market lambs, one class of breeding heifers, one class of market cattle, one class of breeding goats and a class of meat goats. **Performance data will be provided on breeding animals. Students may choose to use this information.** We will do our best to secure all classes but cannot guarantee all classes.
2. A keep/cull class of eight animals will be evaluated as the team activity. One scorecard will be used for this event and will be based on visual and performance or production data. The data will be in chart and/or table format and will be included on one sheet of paper. **NOTE: Visual appraisal can affect the animals chosen to keep or cull.**
3. Students will use visual appraisal and production records to answer a 10-item, **multiple choice test on one class of breeding animals.**
4. One set of oral reasons will be given on **market steers.**
5. One set of oral reasons will be given on **breeding gilts.**
6. **You will receive a package of scantron forms for your students in addition to instructions when you sign-in.** Plan to arrive in plenty of time to assist your students in placing the correct information on these cards.
7. Students must bring their own pencils to the event for the scantron form. We will provide clipboards for everyone to use. You may not use your own clipboards.
8. Students will provide their scantron to the oral reasons judges for scoring. Judges will bubble the score directly onto the scantron, highlight the score, and return it to the

student. Students should not write anything in the "Reasons Classes" section on the scantron.

9. **Students should bring their own blank materials for taking notes on oral reasons. However, they cannot use any notes while giving oral reasons.** Students and advisors are reminded that students are not allowed to use any notes while presenting oral reasons. Only blank paper or notebooks without writing or notes are allowed to be used.
10. Teachers will be asked to assist with this event. Advisors will be split into groups to assist with directing students during the rotational process. **Please assist us by participating in the groups to which you are assigned. A few others may be assigned for special tasks.** Thank you very much for your help!

A few additional reminders:

- Follow the dress code outlined in the chapter guide to state FFA activities:
 - o *The North Carolina FFA Dress Code for this event will be a collared shirt and long pants. T-shirts with FFA emblems and school logos are also acceptable. Students should wear close-toed shoes.*
- **No tobacco products are permitted.** *The NC FFA Tobacco Use Policy will also be in effect during this event. This means that tobacco products, Juuls, e-cigarettes, and vapes are not to be used at any time during any official FFA event.*
- No cell phones or other electronic devices (this includes Apple watches) are allowed. Have your students leave these devices with an advisor.
- *Violations of these policies will result in penalties as outlined in the current edition of the event guidelines.*
- Participation waivers are required for this event and must be signed by a parent if the student is under the age of 18. *Waivers should be submitted electronically on theaet.com prior to the event. **No waiver = no participation.***
- There will not be any corrections made to scantron forms after they are submitted by the students. Failure to provide a chapter number, division, name, etc. or incorrect information will result in the loss of points. Please remind your students to check their work. Two classes that are bubbled into the same column will also result in a score of 0.
- Advisors of students with special needs should notify the state office before the November 21, 2022 registration deadline. **Please be sure that your students eat a healthy breakfast before the event. Students that skip breakfast have experienced issues during the event.**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, NC FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests to: Carmen Bracey at carmen_bracey@ncsu.edu. Requests can be served more effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.

Please complete the online registration no later than November 21, 2022. The North Carolina FFA Association will invoice your chapter for the registration fee of \$20.00 per member, plus any extra meals requested *after* the event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact carmen_bracey@ncsu.edu or our office at 919-513-0216.

Attachments:
Advisor Checklist

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To help things go smoothly during registration, please make sure you have completed the following prior to checking in:

- Signed waiver for each participant submitted electronically
- Two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers for each participant.
NC FFA will provide clipboards.
- Review registration material and Event Guidelines
- Review scorecard with students for correct marking procedures
- Check dress code!
 - No shorts
 - Closed-toe shoes
 - No cell phones
 - No smart watches
 - No tobacco/vapes

On-Site Checklist/After Registration

- Disperse and adhere name badges
- Disperse meal tickets to students
- Review scorecard instructions with students (name, chapter #, contestant #, division, etc.)
- Direct participants to assigned location