



Dairy Handlers CDE

Purpose

The purpose of the Dairy Cattle Handlers Career Development Event is to recognize the contributions of the handlers in presenting each animal to its best advantage

Sponsor

The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation currently sponsors this event.

State Event Superintendent

The superintendent for this event is Mr. Andy VonCanon, Western Region Agricultural Education Coordinator, Mountain Horticulture Crops Research and Extension Center, 455 Research Drive, Mills River, NC 28759

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Eligibility and General Guidelines

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing. FFA Members may not participate in a Career Development Event that leads to a state level event after July 1, following their high school/early college graduation. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in this area are ineligible.

Chapters are limited to one participant at the state event.

Members who are competing in the event must not have shown or handled the animals that are being used in the event at any time prior to the event. This would include preparation or fitting of the animals assigned. In addition, it is highly recommended that handlers should have prior experience in showing cattle or livestock.

If a dairy handler cannot control his/her animal, this animal may have to be displayed by an alternate holder. The original handler SHALL NOT be given a different animal to display.

The use or possession of cellular phones or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule by any team member will result in total team disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total team disqualification for that event.

The North Carolina FFA Association, in keeping with the FFA mission and purposes, does not permit the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapes, or Juuls at any FFA facility or at any FFA activity.



Dress Code

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. A ten percent reduction in the total team score will be taken if a participant violates the dress code.

Participants in this event must wear official dress as described in the FFA manual. Official dress for an FFA member includes: an official FFA jacket zipped to the top, black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons, white collared blouse or white collared shirt, official FFA tie or official FFA scarf, black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.

The North Carolina FFA Association strives to promote a positive image at all Official FFA Events. The dress code policy was established to address the issue of appropriate attire at all Official FFA Events. Members should adhere to this policy for all events. A ten percent reduction will be applied to all individual scores from a chapter if a participant from that chapter violates the dress code during that career event.

Procedures for Administering the Event

1. Contestants will register with the event official and/or ringmaster.
2. Contestants will draw for flight.
3. Contestants will draw for the order of showing for each flight.
4. Contestants will draw for the cow that they are going to show for each flight.
5. Contestants will lead their animal into the ring at the direction of the event official and/or ringmaster.
6. Contestants will follow the directions given by the event official and/or ringmaster.
7. Contestants excused from the ring will lead their animal out immediately.
8. Contestants selected to present a second animal will draw for the animal and order of presentation prior to presentation.

Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner

Evaluation and scoring of each participant will be performed by a person or persons designated by the event superintendent. The evaluation criteria will be as follows:

Scoring

Appearance of handler	10*
Control of animal(s) by the handler	20
Poise & Calmness of the handler	20
Demonstrate Competences in:	
i. Setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage.	
ii. Maintaining the animals(s) in its most advantageous pose.	
iii. Effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s)	
iv. Moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster.	40
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful positive attitude	10

* Appearance of the handler is based on all contestants being in Official Dress.



***Every participant should be ranked in a final list to be determined by the event judge for determining regional placings.**

State Awards

The awards for the state event will be presented at the State FFA Convention to include a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plaque. The 1st place winner will receive a monetary award.

Bibliography

For more information see the [National FFA Career Development Events Handbook](#)



Dairy Cattle Handlers' Activity Scorecard

Name: _____ Contestant ID Number: _____

Chapter _____

OFFICIAL SCORECARD		
CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS EARNED
Appearance of the handler in Official Dress	10	
Control of animal(s) by the handler	20	
Poise and calmness of the handler	20	
Demonstrate competence in: i. Setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage. ii. Maintaining the animal(s) in its most advantageous pose. iii. Effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s). iv. Moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster.	40	
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful positive attitude	10	
Total	100	

Judge's signature

Official FFA Dress for this event: Official dress for an FFA member which includes: an official FFA jacket zipped to the top, black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons, white collared blouse or white collared shirt, official FFA tie or official FFA scarf, black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.