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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Advisors of Meats Evaluation CDE Teams

FROM: Allison Jennings, Eastern Region Agricultural Education Coordinator

RE: 2021 NC FFA Meats Evaluation Virtual CDE

The 2021 North Carolina FFA Meats Evaluation Virtual CDE Exam will be held on **May 20, 2021, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.**

This event is open to any chapter in the state. Each chapter may submit one team to participate in the virtual event. A maximum of four participants will be allowed to participate per team. There will only be one division for this event. There are no registration fees for this virtual career development event.

**May 13, 2021 — Online Registration Deadline**

Advisors must register their team by the deadline in order to participate. Late entries will not be accepted.

To register, go to: <https://ncffa.org/ncffa-more/2020-2021-virtual-events/> and click on the “Meats Evaluation” link in the table. Please provide complete registration information for each student.

Advisors must provide a valid email address for each individual student at the time of registration. The email address for each student is needed to administer the online event to each specific student.

Student waivers are required for virtual career development events and must be uploaded at the time of registration. One virtual student waiver form has been created for all virtual career and leadership development events. The student waiver form is available in MS Word and PDF format on the registration website listed above. Completed student waivers should be submitted online on the Meats Evaluation CDE Registration page. Accepted file types for uploading include: MS Word, PDF, JPG, and PNG.

**Virtual Event Format**

This virtual career development has been designed for students to participate from any location. Students may participate from the comfort and safety of their own home or any other location of their choosing. Students should participate individually and should not have other students in the same room with them during the event. Proctors will be required as outlined below. Students need access to any device that has an internet browser, an internet connection and a working camera. The online event will be administered using Google Forms and Zoom. Please follow all

local rules and regulations regarding group gatherings and school attendance.

### **Proctors**

Adult proctors will be required for all CDEs/LDEs. Proctors cannot be agriculture teachers/FFA Advisors. Students will be required to log on to Zoom with their cameras on at the beginning of the event with their proctor in the room. Students should remain connected to Zoom with their cameras on and their audio off during the entire career development event. Once the student completes the online CDE/LDE, the proctor will be required to certify that the student did not use or receive any additional assistance from any means. This certification will be done by the proctor typing in their name and contact information in the Google Form just before the student submits their test. Once the test is submitted via Google Forms, the student may exit the Zoom call.

### **North Carolina FFA Honesty Pledge**

Students should participate individually. All work they do should be the result of their own efforts with no assistance from anyone or any type of reference material available in any form. At the very beginning of the virtual event, all students will have to agree to abide by the North Carolina FFA Honesty Pledge before they are able to participate.

### **North Carolina FFA Virtual CDE/LDE Dress Code**

FFA members participating in a virtual CDE/LDE should be in official dress, a shirt with a collar, or an FFA/school shirt. No scoring penalty will be assessed if students do not have official dress.

### **Special Accommodations**

Advisors should email [allison.jennings@ncsu.edu](mailto:allison.jennings@ncsu.edu) at the time of registration if any student requires any special accommodation to participate in the virtual career development event.

### **Meats Evaluation CDE Virtual Format**

The Meats Evaluation CDE will contain the general knowledge test with 25 questions, 10 retail cuts with pictures for identification (partial credit awarded with a point spread of 5 points for the correct cut, 1 point for the correct species, 2 points for the correct primal cut, and 2 points for the correct cooking method), and placing a retail meat quality class with 4 questions. All components will be combined and administered online as one test. Every registered student will take the online test on May 20, 2021. The combined knowledge exam, retail cut identification, and retail meat quality will be developed using references cited in the Meats Evaluation Career Development Event Guide available online at:

[https://ncffa.org/as/ncffa/i/chan/documents/Meats\\_Evaluation\\_2019-20\\_.pdf](https://ncffa.org/as/ncffa/i/chan/documents/Meats_Evaluation_2019-20_.pdf)

Registered students will receive an email with a link on the morning of May 20, 2021, inviting them to participate in the online test. The test will only be available from **3:30 pm to 4:30 on May 20, 2021**. The online test may only be accessed one time through the link in the email that is sent to the student.

Students will have 60 minutes to take the test. The online system has a timer bar at the top of the screen so students know exactly how much time they have remaining. **If students allow the time to expire and do not submit their test, none of their answers will be submitted and they will receive a 0.** This message is shared with the students when they begin the test; however, we ask that you please share this information with them before they begin the online test so they are prepared.

Every online test administered in Google Forms will have a section that says “Submission ID (skip this field).” There will be a unique number entered in this section with a warning to not edit the number. If the number is altered, then the time and test will not be recorded and the student will receive a 0. This section is required by the system in order to accurately submit and score each student’s test. A screenshot of this section is provided below for your information. The student should simply skip over this section as no action on their part is needed.

**Scoring**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Individual Points</b>	<b>Team Points</b>
General Knowledge Exam	100	400
Retail Cuts Identification	100	400
Retail Meat Quality	100	400
Maximum Points	300	1200

**Final Results**

Once the event is completed and the scores are tabulated, the results of the event will be shared via the NC FFA Listserv.

If you have any questions, please contact: Allison Jennings, Eastern Region Agricultural Education Coordinator, (252) 241-3532 or [allison\\_jennings@ncsu.edu](mailto:allison_jennings@ncsu.edu).