**Dairy Handler 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 Dairy Handler Career Development Event is sponsored by the North Carolina FFA Foundation.

**State Event Superintendent**

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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, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA’s) 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.

**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. For male members: black slacks, white collared shirt, official FFA tie, black dress shoes, black socks, and an official FFA jacket zipped to the top. For female members: black slacks (**It is strongly recommended that girls wear pants/slacks with boots)**, black skirt, white collared blouse, official FFA blue scarf, black dress shoes with closed heel and toe, black nylon hosiery, and an official FFA jacket zipped up to the top (special note: The skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a split no longer than two inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat).

**Procedures for Administering the Event**

1. Contestants will register with the event official and/or ringmaster.

2. Contestants will draw for flight. Ten contestants will be the maximum number in any one 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: 40

1. Setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage.
2. Maintaining the animals(s) in its most advantageous pose.
3. Effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s)
4. Moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster.

Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful   
positive attitude 10

\* Appearance of the handler is based on all contestants being in Official Dress. No handler will be allowed to present an animal unless they are 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 following awards will be presented annually at the state FFA convention provided sponsorship is available:

State Winner   
First Place Plaque

Second Place Winner

Second Place Plaque

Third Place Winner

Third Place Plaque

**Bibliography**

# For more information see the National FFA Career Development Events Handbook .

**Dairy Cattle Handlers’ Activity Scorecard**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contestant ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **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:   * + 1. Setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage.     2. Maintaining the animal(s) in its most advantageous pose.     3. Effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s).     4. Moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster. | 40 |  |
| Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful positive attitude | 10 |  |
| **Total** | 100 |  |

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Judge’s signature

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