

# DAIRY CATTLE HANDLERS

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the State Dairy Cattle Handlers' CDE is to recognize the contributions of the handlers in presenting each animal to its best advantage for the dairy cattle participants in the evaluation of the dairy cows and heifers.

## **Objectives**

Students participating in the State Dairy Cattle Handlers' CDE should be able to:

- I. Set up their animal to its best advantage.
- II. Maintain the animal in its most advantageous pose.
- III. Effectively restrain, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal.
- IV. Move the animal as request by the ringmaster.
- V. Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful positive attitude.

## **Event Format and Scoring**

1. The event will take place at the Missouri State Fair FFA Dairy Show.
2. The judges will select a showmanship champion from each breed as normal.
3. The six winners will compete against each other.
4. Participants will be judged using the “Dairy Cattle Handler Scorecard”.
5. A judge will determine the top two showman. The top two showmen will be certified to compete in the National Dairy Handlers’ CDE at National Convention.

## **Event Rules and Regulations**

1. Each participant must show their own animal representing the breed in which they won showmanship.
2. After an individual has been selected for the National Dairy Handlers’ CDE they are no longer eligible to compete.
3. The selection of the winners is to be based strictly on the showman’s ability to handle the animal. Since this is all they are expected to do at the National CDE.

## **References**

Advanced Livestock Production & Management (Instructor and Student Reference). University of Missouri, Instructional Materials Laboratory, 1400 Rock Quarry Rd. Q156, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. Phone: 800-669-2465, [www.iml.coe.missouri.edu](http://www.iml.coe.missouri.edu).

National FFA Career Development Events, Dairy Cattle Development Event. National FFA Organization, 1532 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309.

## **Forms**

See the Dairy Cattle Handler Scorecard below.

## Dairy Cattle Handler Scorecard

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Judge's Score	
1. Appearance of the handler	10	
2. Control of animal(s) by the handler	20	
3. Poise and calmness of the handler	20	
4. Demonstrate competence in: a. setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage b. maintaining the animal(s) in its most advantageous pose c. effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s) d. moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster	40	
5. Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful positive attitude	10	
Total:	100	

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