



8 CHAPTER

NATIONAL FFA

DAIRY CATTLE HANDLERS' ACTIVITY

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

A Special Project of the National FFA Foundation

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please thoroughly read the Introduction Section at the beginning of this handbook for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to all National FFA Career Development Events.

I. OBJECTIVE

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 during the National Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event.

II. EVENT RULES

1. The state advisor must certify participants. Participants must meet the same rules of membership as in all other events conducted during the National FFA Convention.
2. It is highly recommended that participants be in either official dress or top half official dress and white pants.
3. Each state shall be eligible to nominate one member to serve as a participant in the dairy handler's activity. A state may determine its dairy handler by one of the following methods: (a) select the top handler in a state FFA dairy showing event (b) any other method a state prefers to select a qualified dairy handler.
4. All handlers shall be recognized with gold, silver or bronze emblem medals. All handlers will be recognized at the National Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event awards program.
5. Handler candidates must identify the class of dairy in which they wish to handle. However, they may not be assigned their first choice.
6. Handlers should have had prior experience in showing dairy cattle.
7. Handlers will not participate in either the preparation or fitting of the animals assigned.

8. Those selected as handlers shall report to the event superintendent for instructions at the time and place shown in the current year's team orientation packet. It is important that all selected handlers attend the information/organizational meeting the day before the National Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event, as well as report on time at event day. Those who do not report the day before the event or on time at event day will be substituted by approved alternates.
9. 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.

III. SCORING (100 POINTS)

Evaluation and scoring of each participant will be performed by a person or persons designated by the event superintendent.

Evaluation Criteria: Points

Appearance of the handler.	10
Control of animal(s) by the handler	20
Poise and calmness of the handler.	20
Demonstrate competence in:	40
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.	
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful positive attitude.	10
TOTAL	100

Dairy Cattle Handlers' Activity Scorecard

Name: _____ State: _____

SCORECARD

CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS EARNED
Appearance of the handler	10	
Control of animal(s) by the handler	20	
Poise and calmness of the handler	20	
Demonstrate competence in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful positive attitude	10	
Total	100	

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