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CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity 2023

Purpose

The purpose of the New Jersey FFA Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity is to recognize the contributions of the handlers in presenting each animal to its best advantage in the evaluation of dairy cows and heifers. Skills in dairy cattle handling and herd management are important for successful careers in the dairy industry.

Event Rules

- Participants are to wear dairy whites with an FFA tie or scarf and appropriate footwear (no sneakers or open toed shoes).
- Participants must bring their own show harness.
- Chapters may register up to four members to participate in the state event.
- Handlers should have had prior experience in showing dairy cattle.
- Handlers will not participate in either the preparation or fitting of the animals assigned.
- If a dairy handler cannot control his/her animal, this animal may have to be displayed by an alternate holder.
- Each handler will have no more than 15 minutes to properly display the animal.
- The handler will follow the instructions set forth by the judge(s) in the ring – turn cattle side by side, line the cows/heifer up head to tail, etc.
- The handler may be asked to switch animals and display the new animal at the discretion of the judge(s) in the ring.
- Cattle must be set-up to her most advantageous pose.

Scoring (100 points)

Evaluation and scoring of each participant will be performed by a person(s) designated by the event coordinator.

CRITERIA	Points
Appearance of the handler:	10
Control of animal(s) by the handler	
Setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage	15
Maintaining the animal(s) in its most advantageous pose	15
Effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s)	15
Moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster	15
Poise and calmness of the handler	20
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful and positive attitude	10
TOTAL	100

Awards

Awards will be presented to individuals based on their rankings at the CDE awards ceremony at the conclusion of the event.

The first place Dairy Handler Activity individual has the opportunity to represent New Jersey at the National FFA Convention in October. The top four individuals have the opportunity to represent New Jersey at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in September.

Awards are sponsored by the New Jersey FFA Association.

Individual

- Overall Medals
 - Medals – Top three individuals in overall event
- H.O. Sampson Certificates (hands-on sections ONLY)
 - Certificate – Top five individuals
- 1st Place individual – Banner Sponsored by the New Jersey FFA Association



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Activity Scorecard

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Effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the assigned animal(s)	15	
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TOTAL	100	

JUDGE'S NAME _____

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DATE _____