



Dairy Cattle Handlers

Purpose

The purpose of the National 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 the dairy cows and heifers during the National FFA Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation Career Development Event.

Event Rules

- The complete rules, policies and procedures relevant to all National FFA Career and Leadership Development Events may be found in the [Guide to the Career and Leadership Development Events Policies and Procedures](#).
- It is highly recommended that participants wear dairy whites.
- Each state shall be eligible to nominate one member to serve as a participant in the dairy cattle handlers' activity. A state may determine its dairy handler by selecting the top handler in a state FFA dairy showing event or any other method a state prefers to select a qualified dairy handler.
- All handlers will be recognized with gold or silver emblem medals. All handlers will be recognized at the National FFA Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation Career Development Event awards program.
- Handlers should have had prior experience in showing dairy cattle.
- Handlers will not participate in either the preparation or fitting of the animals assigned.
- Handlers will 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 handlers attend the team orientation meeting prior to the National FFA Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation Career Development Event, as well as report on time on the event day. Those who do not report at the team orientation or on time on the event day may be substituted by approved alternates.
- If a dairy handler cannot control his/her animal, this animal may have to be displayed by an alternate holder.

Scoring Criteria

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 in its most advantageous pose	15
Effectively restraining while avoiding exciting the assigned animal	15
Moving the animal as requested by the ringmaster	15
Poise and calmness of the handler	20
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful and positive attitude	10
Total Points Possible	100

Activity Scorecard

Name _____ Member Number _____

Chapter _____ State _____

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TOTAL POINTS EARNED OUT OF 100 POSSIBLE		

Judge's Name _____ Judge's Signature _____ Date _____