

Indiana Dairy Cattle CDE

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A. Dairy suggestions for county/area event coordinator:

1. Select and schedule the judge or judges as soon as possible. Preference should be given to judges who have previously handled events. Please include in your contact a suggested payment to defray their expenses.
2. Be sure you have verification in writing from the judge(s) that he/she has accepted the assignment.
3. Select and contact the dairy farm(s). Be sure farms have enough cow numbers to allow for selection of good classes. Since oral reasons will be required on four classes in the state contest, it is recommended that at least two or three classes of oral reasons be used in area contests.
4. Two weeks before the contest, send a reminder notice to judge(s) concerning location and time to meet.
5. The area dairy contest does NOT have to be the same day and time as the livestock contest. Areas adjacent to each other are encouraged to combine efforts by utilizing the same farm and animals, but score contestants and present awards according to their area.

B. Area and State Event Rules

1. The state contest will be held in conjunction with the Indiana Holstein Dairy Show.
2. Divisions will be designated as Junior, Senior 4-H, or Senior FFA. Refer to the State Ag Judging Committee Handbook for team designations. Each area may advance their top five senior teams (combined 4-H and FFA) and top two junior teams to the state contest. Any junior or senior (combined 4-H and FFA) top five individual not on a team advancing to state may advance to state and compete as an individual. Awards will be presented at the state contest to all divisions.
3. Participants in the Area Event will judge 3 - 4 classes of lactating dairy cows and dairy heifers. Oral reasons will be given on two of the classes as judges determine by Senior 4-H and Senior FFA contestants while Junior contestants will present oral reasons on one class. Lactating classes are preferred for oral reasons
4. Participants in the State Event will judge 6 - 8 classes of lactating dairy cows and dairy heifers. Oral reasons will be given on four of the classes as judges determine by Senior 4-H and Senior FFA contestants while Junior contestants will present oral reasons on two classes. Lactating classes are preferred for oral reasons.
5. All contestants are to enter the contest with a clean notebook and no notes or handouts other than what may be provided by the contest coordinator. The group leader is to take away from contestants any notes or handouts in their possession.
6. Each participant will be given 15 minutes to place and take notes on each class in the state event.
7. Each participant will be allowed two minutes to give each set of oral reasons. Notes cannot be used by Senior 4-H or Senior FFA contestants while giving oral reasons. Junior contestants may use their own notes taken during the contest.
8. Animals will be designated by number: 1-2-3-4.
9. Fifty points will constitute a perfect score on a placing class and on a set of oral reasons.
10. The overall team ranking will be determined by totaling all scores of the top three team members. All four team members will be eligible for individual awards.
11. Ties (based on the three highest contestants' scores that went into making the tie) will be broken by the following criteria for each division:
 - a) **Individual rank** - If two or more contestants have the same total points score, it will be broken by total reasons score.
 - b) **Team rank** - If two or more teams have a combined total score that is the same, the tie will be broken by a combined total reasons score.
 - c) If still tied for either Individual and/or team rank, the contestant or team having the highest placing score in the class(es) with the lowest total cuts, will be listed first.

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- d) If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest total placing score (adding together the placing scores on reasons classes) on reasons classes, will be listed first.
- e) If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest single class reason score will be listed first.
- f) Ties for individuals and teams in the oral reasons category will be broken such that the contestant or team with the lower total placing score (adding together the placing scores on reasons classes) on reasons classes, will be listed first.

If all of the above fail, duplicate awards shall be given.

- 12. Group Leaders. A group leader shall be in charge of each group to move the contestants, to assist in supervising the class, to see that the animals are properly exhibited, and to answer any questions, which may not pertain to the actual placing of the animals under consideration.
- 13. Students, volunteers and coaches will be selected as leadsmen for the contest. If sufficient holders are not present for a class, the animals will be judged in stanchions.
- 14. Indiana FFA may conduct their dairy showman contest in conjunction with the state event, using those contestants to lead animals. An individual cannot compete in both the state dairy cattle CDE and dairy showman contest if both are at the same time.

C. Suitable References:

- 1. Techniques in CDE Dairy Cattle, available from: Dennis Hartman, 2709 Mt. Vernon Lane, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060.
- 2. Hoard's Dairyman CDE Guide, available from: Hoard's Dairyman, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
- 3. Dairyman's DHI Manual, available from herds on test or Bob Jones, 208 Poultry Building, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907
- 4. Dairy Cattle CDE Techniques by G. W. Trimmerger and W. M. Etger, available from bookstores serving Purdue students or Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.
- 5. Cattle and Dairy Goat Evaluation and CDE, Oregon State University, 4-H 709. Available from Purdue Mailing room through the County Extension Office.
- 6. Evaluating Dairy Cattle Using Production, Genetic, and Visual Estimates, ID 177, 1988, Purdue University. Available from Purdue Mailing Room through the County Extension Office. Cost
- 7. Teaching 4-H Oral Reasons, EM 4789, Washington State University, 1987. See last four pages in back of this 4-H/FFA Ag. CDE Handbook.

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