

The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation

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MEMORANDUM

To: FFA Dairy Evaluation CDE Participants/4-H Dairy Judging Participants

From: Nancy Keith / Jason Wright

RE: State FFA Dairy Evaluation CDE / State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

Date: January 31, 2017

The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation is looking forward to working with each of you at this year's combined FFA State Dairy Career Development Event and 4-H State Dairy Judging Contest to be held **Saturday April 8th, 2017** at the Iredell County Fairgrounds in Troutman, NC. This is your registration notification. Please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your FFA chapter's or county 4-H team's eligibility for this CDE/contest. Individuals can dual participate in FFA and 4-H events. It is critical that I receive your registration information in a timely manner. The number of participants will impact event planning. **Therefore, please register for FFA through www.judgingcard.com on or before March 24th in order for your chapter to be eligible for this event. For 4-H registrations, please use the NC 4-H Dairy Youth Program website by March 24th.** Substitutions are allowed until the day of the event as long as the chapter/county registers for the event before March 24th.

The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation along with other dairy industry organizations/businesses will sponsor this event, so **no registration fees for this event will be required (lunch will be provided).**

Some schools have traditionally come down the night before for this event. Therefore, I have included a list of area hotels along with the rates and contact information. **There will not be any pre-event training options for this year's event.**

Registration/sign-in for chapters/county teams will be **7:30 am** until **8:45 am** on Saturday morning. The event will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Please remember to bring pencils for your scan sheets. Advisors/Coaches are also strongly encouraged to assist their students with completing their information on the scan sheets. **We will make NO changes to the sheets after they are turned into the event officials.**

This year's FFA Dairy CDE will have a Junior and Senior Division. Should three schools register from the middle grades, a middle grades division will also be established. You may obtain detailed information at www.ncffa.org under "Resources" and "Chapter Guide to State FFA Activities." There is a major difference in who is eligible to participate in each division. The Junior Division is restricted to FFA team members from grades 6–10. The Middle Grades Division is for students in grades 6-8. Should a Middle Grades Division not be needed, it will be grouped with the Junior Division and follow the corresponding

rules. The Senior Division is restricted to FFA team members from grades 9-12. Awards vary but will be given in each established division. **Please be sure to bubble in the appropriate division.**

This year's 4-H contest will have a Junior and Senior Division. Youth ages 9-13 as of January 1st of the current year may participate on the junior team. Youth ages 14-18 as of January 1st of the current year may participate on the senior team. The top 25 individuals of the senior contest will be invited to try-out for the 4-H State Dairy Judging Teams. **Please be sure to bubble in the appropriate division.**

Youth/Students can dual participate in one FFA contest and one 4-H contest.

This year's FFA Dairy CDE/4-H Contest will be a multi-breed event. At least three breeds are being judged. All FFA and 4-H Divisions may be required to place up to eight classes of cows/heifers. The reason classes will be identified the morning of the event. Please note on the rotational schedule that each class is based on a 15-minute time frame. Students will use Universal Form A to place classes. Oral reasons will be scored on the traditional cards located in your advisor packets. The contest officials/advisors will direct and assist with the rotational process. FFA Contestants are not allowed to use any notes other than their scan forms or oral reason cards while presenting oral reasons. 4-H Contestants are not allowed to use any notes, scan forms, or oral reason cards while presenting oral reasons.

	Classes	Reasons	Team Activity	Test
FFA Senior Division	8	2	✓	✓
FFA Junior Division	8	1		
FFA Middle Division	8	1		
4-H Senior Division	8	4		
4-H Junior Division	8	2		

The placing of classes will be based upon the PDCA (Purebred Dairy Cattle Association) Scorecard. An example can be found at www.holsteinfoundation.org under "Educational Workbooks" and "Dairy Judging Workbook." There are many valuable resources in this workbook including oral reason guidelines. Another helpful source of video examples can be found through the University of Wisconsin Extension website (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hdairyjudgingvideos>). North Carolina's very own State FFA Vice President, Sarah Thomas, can be found giving her set of oral reasons under the 2015 Guernsey class.

The written test will be taken from the following references:

- The latest edition of Modern Livestock and Poultry Production by James Gillespie will be the major reference.
- Instructional Materials Services, Texas A&M University (8642A, 8647A, 8646E, 84-5)
- Any questions available through VoCATS data banks.
- Cooperative Extension Service and Dairy Industry materials may also be utilized.

The Cooperative Team Activity for this year's Senior Division will be the sire selection exercise used at the national level. Students will work as a team. Each team will turn in one card for each problem. There will be two problems that count for 50 points each. A cow will be mated to four bulls in each problem. Students will use *Form 2* to place the bulls in order of preference for mating with each cow. See pages 117 through 119 in the National FFA Career Development Event Handbook for a sample of the problems.

If you have any special needs or dietary restrictions, please notify Jason Wright at jhwright627@gmail.com by March 24th.

Youth can participate in both FFA and 4-H contests, however both (two) registrations must be completed to be eligible for scoring purposes.

FFA Registration

Please register your team members via ww.judgingcard.com no later than **March 24th, 2017**.

To register, chapters should follow these instructions:

- 1) Go to www.JudgingCard.com.
- 2) Click "Sign In" and enter a username and password*.
- 3) Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
- 4) Click "Event Registration & Information," move the calendar to April and click the April 8th event.
- 5) Register for the event.

**JudgingCard accounts have been created for every FFA chapter in North Carolina. To sign in, the default username is 'NC' followed by your 4-digit chapter number (NCXXXX), for example NC0001. The password has been preset to the exact same thing, NCXXXX. If you need to have your password reset, please contact Megan Blanke at megan_blanke@ncsu.edu.*

4-H Registration

Youth who plan to participate in the 4-H Judging Competition should register using the North Carolina 4-H Dairy Youth Program website (https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/an_sci/extension/dairy/4-H/4hdairy.htm). **Registration deadline is March 24th, 2017.**

Students will be provided clipboards and scan sheets. Students should bring two sharpened number two pencils. Students may not bring or use any additional tools, learning devices or equipment. In addition to cell phones, iPods, PDA's or electronic devices will not be allowed at the event.

Coaches and Advisors WILL be assigned duties during this event to assist with the contest; please plan accordingly to participate.

The FFA event should be concluded by 3:00 pm. The 4-H event should be concluded by 4:00 pm. Please remember that alternates are not allowed in the FFA CDE. In the 4-H contest, youth can compete as individuals or as a team. Please be sure to follow the state guidelines for the dress code.

If you have any questions concerning the event please contact:

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Thank you!

Enclosures:

Fairground Info & Lodging

NC FFA & 4-H Dairy Judging

April 8, 2017

Iredell County Fairgrounds

630 North Main Street

Troutman NC 28166

The following accommodations are nearby

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
I-77 Exit 36
130 Norman Station Blvd.
Mooresville NC 28117
(704) 662-6900

Fairfield Inn of Mooresville
I-77 Exit 36
120 Consumer Square Drive
Mooresville NC 28117
(704) 663-6100

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton – Mooresville
I-77 Exit 36
119 Gallery Center Drive
Mooresville NC 28117
(704) 660-7700

Quality Inn & Suites
I-77 Exit 36
38 Norman Station Blvd
Mooresville NC 28117
(704) 664-6556

Wingate by Wyndham Mooresville
I-77 Exit 36
122 Regency Center Drive
Mooresville NC 28117
(704) 664-4900

Holiday Inn Express
I-40 Exit 51A
939 Carolina Avenue North
Statesville NC 28677
(704) 978-2800

Ramada Statesville
I-77 Exit 49-A
1215 Garner Bagnal Blvd.
Statesville NC 28677
(704) 878-9691

Courtyard by Marriott
I-77 Exit 49B
1530 Cinema Drive
Statesville NC 28625
(704) 872-2288

Hampton Inn Statesville
I-77 Exit 49B
1508 Cinema Drive
Statesville NC 28625
(704) 883-8380