



January 2010

Dear FFA and 4-H Club Members:

You are invited to participate in the annual Ohio State ATI Dairy Club and Hoof-N-Hide Club Judging Contests. This year's contests will be held on **Saturday, February 27, 2010** at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio.

Both dairy and livestock contests will follow the state FFA regulations as closely as possible. Please see the enclosed contest rules. Computerized scoring will be used. We will follow the procedure used at state contests in which the contestants record their results on a worksheet and transfer them to the computer sheet at the end of the contest. Once again we will be using one scan sheet for registration and contest data. This will be the form used at the State FFA Dairy & General Livestock contests to be held in April. FFA teams should know their state contest ID number. Other teams (4-H) will be assigned a number on the day of the contest.

All contestants from a school chapter or club will be members of a single team. The three highest scores from each school, chapter, or club will constitute the "team score". All contestants will receive line scores and placings. All contestants will be eligible for individual awards. Entry fees are \$7.50/contestant (cash or check) and are due at the time of registration. Make checks payable to: The Ohio State University.

The time schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration (at Fairground Coliseum)
10:00 a.m.	Contests begin
~1:00 p.m.	Explanation of official placings

Results will be posted on the internet as soon as possible after scoring. Log on to www.ohioffa.org and follow these links: *Events* → *OSU-ATI Invitational*. Awards will be sent or delivered as soon as possible after the contest.

We look forward to your participation at the contest. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Mike Amstutz; phone: 330-287-1380.

Due to other activities at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, February 27, the Fair Board asks that you park buses, vans and cars **west** of the Coliseum, outside the fairgrounds gate. **Please do not park beside the racetrack, other buildings, and along the fairgrounds drives.**

Thank you,

Mike Amstutz
Swine Coordinator
Hoof and Hide Club Advisor

Carrie Pickworth
Beef/Sheep Coordinator

Royce Thornton
Dairy Coordinator

Gary Crocker
Dairy Club Advisor

Ty McGuire
President
Hoof and Hide Club

Eric Miller
President
Dairy Club

CONTEST RULES

1. Anyone who is a 4-H or FFA member is eligible to participate. Because of time and geographic limitations, each team or individual may judge in only one division; either general livestock or dairy.
2. All contestants from a school chapter or club will be members of a single team. The three highest scores from each school, chapter, or club will constitute the "team score". All contestants will receive line scores and placings. All contestants will be eligible for individual awards.
3. Each contestant needs to bring a clipboard, and 2 sharpened **No. 2 pencils** with clean erasers. **NO OTHER MATERIALS** may be used during the contest.
4. Coaches are not to mingle with the contestants after the contest has officially started. If they are viewing the contest they should stay back away from the judging arena.
5. Contestants are not allowed to talk to each other from the start to the finish of the contest. This includes the time between as well as during the classes.
6. **Contestants are not allowed to bring cell phones into the judging areas anytime during the contest.**
7. We will continue to enforce the honesty policy. This contest is an honest and fair way to prove that a student has a talent for livestock evaluation. We want to award those students that excel in this area and who do it honestly. We are structuring the contest to be an efficient high quality event. We seek to provide quality livestock in a structured learning environment, with the goal of giving you an outstanding educational judging experience.
8. In cases of ties, high individual and high team will be determined by judging consistency, i.e. point spread between the highest and the lowest class scoring. If the tie still exists then the point spread between the highest and next lowest class score and so on will be used.
9. If any questions arise concerning interpretation of the rules, the decision of the official judge will prevail.
10. The Ohio State ATI Dairy and Hoof-N-Hide Clubs and the Wayne County Fairgrounds are not responsible for lost property, injuries, or accidents during the contest.
11. ***ANY INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS CAUGHT VANDALIZING THE FACILITIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, ASKED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES, AND WILL BE HELD FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE.***

GENERAL LIVESTOCK CONTEST FORMAT

1. There will be a total of 8 classes of livestock to evaluate and/or place (3 beef, 3 swine and 2 sheep).
2. Two classes each of beef, sheep and swine will be placed on live visual merits. Up to five objective questions will be asked about each of these classes with the exception of one sheep class which will not have any questions.
3. One class each of beef (breeding heifers) and swine (breeding gilts) will be placed on visual merit as well as performance data. Performance records will be provided to contestants at the start of each of the two classes. Performance data may include beef - adjusted 205 and 365 day weights, and EPDs for Birth, Weaning and Yearling weights and for Maternal milk; swine - backfat, sow productivity index, daily gain, BVSP (breeding value for sow productivity), Number born alive, adjusted 21 day litter weight, etc.

DAIRY CONTEST FORMAT

1. Five classes of four dairy animals will each be placed on type. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows or mature cows. Each class is worth fifty (50) points.
 - a. All classes will be selected from the five major breeds of dairy cattle: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey. However, priority will be given to selecting quality cattle in the breeds available, and not necessarily to having all breeds represented in the judging classes.
 - b. Contestants will be permitted to view the animals from all angles but will not be permitted to handle them.
 - c. Classes of animals will be numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - d. Each class with questions will be allotted 15 minutes. Twelve (12) minutes will be given for classes without questions.
2. Four classes of five objective questions will be asked regarding factors on four of the five classes of dairy cattle. Twenty-five (25) points per question class.
3. One pedigree evaluation class (no animals will be present). Fifty (50) points are allotted for this class. Twelve minutes will be given to this class. Pedigrees to be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. The animal's ability to transmit production and type traits to its offspring.
 - b. Completeness (number of daughters or records), accuracy (predictability), level of performance (type and production) and profitability.
4. A sire selection placing class. The student will be given four bull pedigrees and performance data and one cow's pedigree and performance data. The student will then place the four bulls according to mating desirability with the cow. This section will be worth fifty (50) points. Twelve minutes will be given to this class.
5. Two cows will be evaluated on type using a linear evaluation form. The Holstein Association USA, Inc. Linear Descriptive Traits recording worksheet listing major traits only will be used (enclosed). Fifteen (15) points per animal. The class of two cows to be evaluated on the Linear Evaluation Worksheet may be of any dairy breed. A minimum of 12 minutes will be allowed for the linear evaluation.

SCORING GUIDE

A. Individual

1. Five placing classes
 $50 \text{ points} \times 5 = 250 \text{ points}$
2. One pedigree class
 $50 \text{ points} \times 1 = 50 \text{ points}$
3. Four written question classes
 $25 \text{ points} \times 4 = 100 \text{ points}$
4. Two linear evaluation classes
 $15 \text{ points} \times 2 = 30 \text{ points}$
5. One sire selection class
 $50 \text{ points} \times 1 = 50 \text{ points}$

Total Points Possible per Individual = 480 points

B. Team

$480 \text{ points} \times 3 \text{ individuals} = 1440 \text{ points}$