OHIO STATE FFA DAIRY CATTLE CDE CONTEST
OHIO STATE ATI 4-H INVITATIONAL DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST
OHIO STATE FFA DAIRY HANDLERS CDE CONTEST

HOSTED BY
OHIO STATE ATI and the OHIO STATE ATI DAIRY CLUB

DATE: Saturday, April 9, 2016
LOCATION: Ohio State ATI Equine Center Arena, 3339 S Apple Creek Road, Apple Creek, OH 44606
PARKING: Parking is limited at the Equine Center. Please drop contestants off at the Equine Center and park in the parking area at the East Union Township Garage at 3474 S Apple Creek Road (across the street). Please do not park in the grass at the Township Garage or at the Equine Center.

TEAMS: FFA teams are defined by the Career Development Event (CDE) rules for the Dairy Cattle CDE as posted on the website of the Ohio FFA Association (www.ohioffa.org). Each 4-H club may enter an unlimited number of contestants. The top 4 scores will be considered the “team” and the team score of record. The 4-H contest will be scored separately from the FFA contest. Contestants cannot compete in both the 4-H and the FFA contest.

ENTRY FEES: Entry fee for 4-H contestants is $7.00/individual (cash or check) at time of registration. Make checks payable to: The Ohio State University.

SCHEDULE
8:00 am: Registration starts: pick up contest materials.
9:00 am: Contest begins: live animal evaluation.
11:00 am: Completion of live animal evaluation.
Explanation of official placings.

NOTES
There is no seating in the Equine Center Arena. Coaches and advisors may bring a folding chair if desired.

There is no heat in the Equine Center Area – dress appropriately for the weather.

In the event of cancellation, notification will be posted on the Ohio State ATI website: http://ati.osu.edu/

Scoring will be done using a computerized “scantron” form (CDE Scorer Dairy Cattle). Please review the copy of the form posted on the Ohio State ATI website to determine how to fill out the form prior to the start of the contest.

Results will be posted on the Judging Card website at www.judgingcard.com as soon as possible after scoring. Awards will be sent or delivered as soon as possible after the contest.
CONTEST SUPERINTENDENTS

4-H Invitational: Royce Thornton, Ohio State ATI Dairy Programs Coordinator, and Don Hange.

FFA Dairy Cattle: Tom Oglesby, Royce Thornton, and Don Hange (superintendents)
Dan Fulk, Dena Wuebker, and Lindsey Bowen (lead teachers)

FFA Dairy Handlers: Bruce Bennett

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST RULES

The following rules apply to both the FFA and 4-H dairy cattle judging contests. However, the rules for the Dairy Cattle CDE as posted on the website of the Ohio FFA Association (www.ohioffa.org) will take precedence over these rules if conflicts occur.

1. Each contestant needs to bring a clipboard and two sharpened No. 2 pencils with clean erasers. Placing logs and scan forms will be provided. **NO OTHER MATERIALS** may be used during the contest except those provided by the contest superintendent.

2. Coaches are not to mingle with the contestants after the contest has officially started. If they are viewing the contest they must stay behind the arena rail and away from the judging arena.

3. Contestants are not allowed to talk to each other from the start of the contest to the finish of the contest. This includes the time between as well as during the classes.

4. Contestants are **not** allowed to bring cell phones into the judging arena anytime during the contest.

5. Honesty is critical to the integrity of the contest. Each contestant must do their own work. The contest is an honest and fair way to prove that a contestant has a talent for dairy cattle evaluation. Awards need to be given to those who excel and who do it honestly. Contestants who violate the rules will be disqualified and be removed from the contest.

6. In case of ties, scores will be broken by the general FFA CDE rules; tiebreakers:
   a. Individual (in order): total placing score, total score of pedigree and sire selection classes, online exam score, consistency between placing classes.
   b. Team (in order): total team-placing score, total team score of pedigree and sire selection classes, total team online exam score, consistency between high and low individual placing scores.

7. Ohio State ATI, the Ohio State ATI Dairy Club, and the Ag Leadership Corporation are not responsible for lost property, injuries, or accidents during the contest.

8. Any individuals or teams vandalizing the facilities will be disqualified, asked to leave the premises, and will be held financially responsible for the damage.

9. If any questions arise concerning interpretation of the rules and management of the contests, the decision of the contest superintendent will prevail.
DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST FORMAT

1. Five classes of four dairy animals will each be placed on type/conformation. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows, or mature cows. Each class is worth 50 points.
   a. Classes will be selected from the five major breeds of dairy cattle: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, **Holstein**, and **Jersey**. However, priority will be given to selecting quality cattle from animals that are available for the contest and not necessarily to having all breeds represented in the contest.
   b. Contestants will be permitted to view the animals from all angles but will not be permitted to handle them.
   c. Animals will be numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. The holders will wear numbers which identify the animals and/or the animals will be marked with their number.
   d. Each live animal class will be allotted 15 minutes (questions included).

2. Four classes of five objective questions will be asked regarding factors on four of the five placing classes. Each question class will be allotted 25 points.

3. One pedigree evaluation class (no animals present): Fifty (50) points are allotted for this class. Pedigrees are 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.
   c. Official pedigrees (heifers, cows, or bulls) from the Holstein and Jersey breed associations will probably be used for the contest.

4. A sire selection class: The student will be given four sire pedigrees with performance data and one cow’s pedigree with performance data. The cow may be present during the judging for contestants to view in their decision making. The contestant will then rank the four bulls according to mating desirability with the cow. This section is worth 50 points.

5. The pedigree evaluation class and the sire selection class will be evaluated during the same time period of the contest. Contestants will have 15 minutes to complete both the pedigree and sire selection classes.
SCORING GUIDE

4-H CONTEST

A. Individual
   a. Five placing classes   50 points x 5 = 250 points
   b. One pedigree class   50 points
   c. Four written question classes   25 points x 4 = 100 points
   d. One sire selection class   50 points

   Total points possible per individual: 450 points

B. Team: 450 points x 3 individuals = 1,350 points

FFA CONTEST

A. Individual
   a. Five placing classes   50 points x 5 = 250 points
   b. One pedigree class   50 points
   c. Four written question classes   25 points x 4 = 100 points
   d. One sire selection class   50 points
   e. Management test   25 questions x 2 points = 50 points

   Total points possible per individual: 500 points

B. Team: 500 points x 4 individuals = 2000 points

DAIRY HANDLERS CONTEST RULES

The rules for the Dairy Cattle CDE are posted on the website of the Ohio FFA Association (www.ohioffa.org). If any questions arise concerning interpretation of the rules and management of the contest, the decision of the contest superintendent will prevail (in consultation with the dairy committee of the Ag Leadership Corporation – State FFA).