



December 1, 2025

Dear FFA and 4-H Club Members and Advisors:

You are invited to participate in the annual Ohio State ATI Invitational Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. This year's contest will be held on **Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the OARDC Krauss Dairy, located at 2250 Oil City Road**, (between Dover Road and Secrest Road), **Wooster, Ohio**. (See map below)

With the contest being held at Krauss Dairy, contestants will be divided into 6 rotating groups. Contestants will judge the live animal classes from the animal alleys with the animals being restrained in tie-stalls or walking in a group pen. Contestants will need to wear appropriate clothing to be in close contact with animals. **Schools/clubs are expected to provide plastic boots for their contestants. Coaches/advisors may be asked to help with the contest as a ring or group leader.**

Registration will be in the Krauss Dairy office and/or breakroom. Only coaches/advisors should come into the Krauss Dairy office/breakroom to register their contestants. There is minimal heat in the facilities at Krauss Dairy – dress appropriately for the weather. Coaches and advisors may want to bring a portable chair as seating will not be provided.

Contest Schedule:	8:15 to 9:15 am	Registration at Krauss Dairy (2250 Oil City Road, Wooster, OH)
	~ 9:15 am	Contest begins as registration is completed.
	~ 11:30 am	Contest ends – followed by official placings.

Parking is available at Krauss Dairy on the north side of the dairy complex around the hay, silage, and equipment storage barns/areas. Students from the ATI Dairy Club will be assisting with parking – please follow their directions.

FFA chapters and 4H clubs can enter as many individuals on a “team” as desired. The scores for the top three individuals from each “team” will become the official team score.

Entry fees are \$10.00/contestant (cash or check) and are due at the time of registration. Make checks payable to: ***The Ohio State ATI Dairy Club***.

Rules for the contest are listed below in the accompanying document. The contest will be scored by Tom Oglesby (Ohio FFA CDE coordinator). The Ohio FFA computerized scan form will be used to score the contest. An example of the form is in this document. Results will be posted at www.judgingcard.com as soon as possible after scoring.

In the event of cancellation, notification will be posted on the Ohio State ATI website:

<http://ati.osu.edu/>

We look forward to your participation in the contest. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Haley Campbell: 330-462-6321 or Campbell.2708@osu.edu

Thank you,

Faith Hemmann
President
Ohio State ATI Dairy Club

Haley Campbell, M.S.
Dairy Club Advisor

Kiana Lingenfelter
Academic Coordinator
Krauss Dairy

Aerial view of Krauss Dairy location at 2250 Oil City Road, Wooster, Ohio, 44691





OHIO STATE ATI DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

RULES

1. Anyone who is a 4-H or FFA member is eligible to participate.
2. Each school, chapter, or club may enter one “team” consisting of one or more individuals – as many as desired.
3. The scores for the top three individuals from each “team” will become the official team score used for team awards.
4. Individuals may also compete as contestants.
5. Each contestant needs to bring a clipboard and 2 sharpened **No. 2 pencils**. Placing logs and scan forms will be provided. **NO OTHER MATERIALS** may be used during the contest.
6. 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 area.
7. 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.
8. **Contestants are not allowed to bring cell phones into the judging areas anytime during the contest.**
9. 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 dairy cattle evaluation. We want to recognize those students that excel in this area and who do it honestly. We are structuring the contest to be an efficient quality event. We seek to provide quality animals in a structured learning environment, with the goal of giving you an outstanding educational judging experience.
10. 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 a tie still exists, then the point spread between the highest and next lowest class score and so on will be used.
11. If any questions arise concerning interpretation of the rules, the decision of the official judge will prevail.
12. The Ohio State University or any of the hosting clubs are not responsible for lost property, injuries, or accidents during the contest.
13. **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.**



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FORMAT

1. Five classes of four dairy animals will each be placed on desired conformation. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows, and/or mature cows. Each class is worth fifty (50) points.
 - a. All classes will be selected from the **Holstein** and **Jersey** dairy cattle breeds.
 - b. Contestants will be permitted to view the animals from all angles but will not be permitted to touch or handle them.
 - c. Classes will be numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - d. Each live animal class will be allotted 15 minutes (questions included).
 - e. The sire selection and pedigree classes will be combined into one 15-minute period.
2. Two classes of 5 objective questions will be asked regarding factors on two of the five classes of dairy cattle. Twenty-five (25) points per question class.
3. One pedigree evaluation class (no animals present). Fifty (50) points are allotted for this class. Pedigrees will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. A scenario will be provided, and the evaluation will be based on the scenario.
 - b. Pedigrees are to be evaluated on the following criteria and placed accordingly:
 - i. The animal's ability to transmit production and type traits to offspring.
 - ii. Completeness (number of daughters or records), accuracy (reliability or predictability), level of performance (production and type), and profitability.
4. A sire selection placing class. The contestant will be given four bull pedigrees with performance data along with the performance data and cow characteristics for a dairy herd. A scenario will be provided to be used in answering 5 questions concerning breeding options. This section will be worth fifty (50) points.
5. Scoring Guide:
 - a. Individuals:

i. Five placing classes:	50 points x 5 = 250 points	
ii. Two question classes:	25 points x 2 = 50 points	
iii. One pedigree class:	50 points x 1 = 50 points	
iv. One sire selection class:	50 points x 1 = <u>50 points</u>	
Total points possible per individual		400 points
 - b. Teams: 400 points x 3 individuals = 1200 points



CDE Scorer Dairy Cattle Form (2010)

Form # 284868-1

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Event Name/Team Name/Additional Info

Team/Schl ID table with 10 rows and 4 columns of bubbles for team and school identification.

Codes table with 10 rows and 4 columns of bubbles for sheet, test, team, and student codes.

Large grid for Full Name (First, Space, Last) with 26 columns and 26 rows of bubbles for name entry.

Placing Classes table with columns for Placing, Class Number (1-12), and Placing, containing a grid of bubbles for class placement.

Questions on Placing Classes table with 20 rows and 4 columns of bubbles for question selection.

Written Exam table with 20 rows and 4 columns of bubbles for written exam questions.

Judge Reason Scores table with 10 rows and 6 columns of bubbles for judge scores.

Herd Record, Raw Scores, or Identification - A table with 10 rows and 10 columns of bubbles for herd record or identification.

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