



December 15, 2018

Dear FFA and 4-H Club Members and Advisors:

You are invited to participate in the annual Ohio State ATI Dairy Club Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. This year's contest will be held on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Ohio State ATI Equine Center, located at 3339 S. Apple Creek Road, Apple Creek, Ohio.**

The dairy contest will follow the state FFA procedures and rules as closely as possible. Rules for the contest are listed 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 on the ATI website.

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.**

The time schedule for the day is as follows:

- 10:45 am – 11:45 am: Registration at ATI Equine Center (3339 S. Apple Creek Road, Apple Creek).
- ~ 12:00 pm: Contest begins after the General Livestock Contest is completed
- ~ 1:45 pm: Contest ends. Official placings given after all contestant decisions/cards are turned in.

Reminders:

- There is no seating in the Equine Arena. You may bring a folding chair if you like.
- There is no heat in the Equine Arena.
- **Parking is very limited at the Equine Center. Contestants may be dropped off at the Equine Center, but you are requested to park at the East Union Township Garage (old fire station) located just south of the Equine Center on Apple Creek Road. Do not park at the new fire station. Please do not park on the grass at the Equine Center.**

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

Results will be posted at www.judgingcard.com as soon as possible after scoring. 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 contact Mr. Royce Thornton: 330-287-1373 or thornton.5@osu.edu.

Thank you,

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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 arena.
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 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 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 the 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 ATI Dairy Club or The Ohio State University is 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 major breeds of dairy cattle: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, **Holstein**, Red & White, and **Jersey**. Priority will be given to selecting quality cattle in the breeds available.
 - 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. Four classes of 5 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 present). Fifty (50) points are allotted for this class. Pedigrees will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. The animal's ability to transmit production and type traits to offspring.
 - b. 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 and one cow's pedigree with performance data. The live cow may be present for contestants to use in their decision making. The contestant will rank the four bulls according to the mating desirability with the cow. This section will be worth fifty (50) points.
5. Scoring Guide:
 - a. Individuals:

i. Five placing classes:	50 points x 5 = 250 points
ii. Four question classes:	25 points x 4 = 100 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	450 points
 - b. Teams: 450 points x 3 individuals = 1350 points