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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Livestock Career Development Event is to measure the students' knowledge in the following categories: to develop skills in observing differences and organizing thoughts; to develop expertise in logical reasoning, decision making and other higher order thinking skills; to develop confidence in defending decisions in either oral or written form; to function as part of a team; to develop sportsmanship; to promote and encourage the training of youth in animal agriculture; to develop character and leadership abilities necessary to become contributing members of society; to provide opportunities to observe agriculture and society in other regions of the state and country; to provide career enhancement opportunities; to strengthen and enhance leadership skills; and to provide a competitive event for FFA members, emphasizing skills in dairy cattle evaluation, selection, and dairy herd management.

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS**

For specific eligibility of participants, refer to the Contests and Awards Booklet.

The state finals in Dairy Cattle Evaluation is the only level of competition and will be held prior to the Alabama State FFA Convention. This event is held in partnership with the Alabama 4-H. The contact for this event is

Boyd Brady, Extension Dairy Specialist Auburn University 109 Upchurch Hall Auburn University, AL 36849 (334) 844-1562 bradybo@auburn.edu

#### **ALTERNATE POLICY**

For district level events, if a chapter brings alternates there will be no more than two alternates allowed per team. Alternates will use a copy of the scan form (not an original) for those events scored via judgingcard.com. If more than four official scan forms are turned in for a chapter in one event, the highest score(s) for that team will be disqualified and deleted until the chapter only has four team members in the scoring system. Alternates must not be in groups with official team members.

For state level events, alternates are not allowed.

## STATE AWARDS/SPONSOR(S):

Refer to Alabama FFA Contests and Awards Booklet at: http://www.alabamaffa.org/forms\_applications.htm

#### **EVENT RULES**

- 1. Each team competing in the state finals must be enrolled in the competition at least one week prior to the event. Enrollment is to be done on the "Registration Form for 4-H Dairy Events" and is to be recorded in the office of Boyd Brady, 109C Animal Science Bldg, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: <a href="mailto:bradybo@auburn.edu">bradybo@auburn.edu</a>; phone: 334-844-1562; cell: 334-321-8826; fax: 334-844-1519 by at least one week prior to the event.
- 2. If a cell phone is seen or heard in the possession of a competitor, that individual student will be disqualified from competition and receive a score of zero.
- 3. Competitors must enter their name on the scorecard or they will receive a score of zero. Judges will not attempt to figure out who the card belongs to.
- 4. The team will consist of a maximum of four members. The team's total score will be based on the sum of the points earned by the three highest scoring participants on the team.
- 5. Only one team per FFA chapter will be allowed to officially compete; however alternates are allowed to participate in the contest.
- 6. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited.
- 7. Contestants should not wear any markings, clothing items, or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency
- 8. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited.
- 9. All materials needed for this event will be furnished.
- 10. The top four FFA teams and the highest overall FFA competitor will be recognized on stage at the State FFA Convention.

#### STATE EVENT

Contests will typically have six classes of any combination of cow and heifer classes.

Two sets of oral reasons and one set of questions will be part of the event.

An exam could be added to the event; however, if added, it will be announced prior to the state event.

### **RESOURCES**

www.hoards.com