

***DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION  
CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT***

*RULES AND REGULATIONS*

*TEAM COMPETITION*



***ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION***

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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 are 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.
- If a cell phone or smart watch is seen or heard in the possession of a competitor, that individual student will be disqualified from competition and receive a score of zero.
- Competitors must enter their **first and last name** as well as their **chapter number and name** on the scorecard or they will receive a score of zero. Judges will not attempt to figure out who the card belongs to.
- 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.
- Only one team per FFA chapter will be allowed to officially compete; however, alternates are allowed to participate in the contest.
- Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited.
- All forms of tobacco use are prohibited.
- The top four FFA teams and the highest overall FFA competitor will be recognized on stage at the State FFA Convention.

## DISCLAIMER

In the event that contests (CDE, LDE, TDE's) cannot be held in person, a virtual option may be conducted. Contest rules and guidelines are subject to change to meet the needs of a virtual experience.

## **DRESS CODE**

Participants must wear closed toed shoes/boots (no sandals, crocs or slides) and long pants (jeans with no holes/ khakis/dress pants) or skirts that cover the knees if not in official dress. Leggings, jogging pants, yoga, lycra, are not permitted. Shirts should be long enough to be tucked in (no crop tops or midriff showing) and not contain vulgar or suggestive material or language. Contest where oral reasons are given should respect the professionalism of the event, and dress aligning with the profession is preferred. Official FFA Dress is an allowable form of dress for all events. **Consequences for not being in dress code will be a 25 % deduction in scores**

## **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](http://www.alabamaffa.org/forms_applications.htm)

## **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](http://www.hoards.com)