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Date: March 12, 2024

TO: FFA Advisors, State Officers and Executive Committee

FROM: Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist

CC: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

RE: **State FFA Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation CDE** at Dark Horse Farm on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**

## **DAIRY CATTLE MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION**

The New Jersey FFA Association will participate in the New Jersey State 4-H Dairy Judging Event as the state qualifying event for National FFA Convention. This event will take place at Dark Horse Farm – Jim Harris and Family in Bucks County – 1901 Branch Road, Perkasio, PA 18944. It is scheduled for **Saturday, May 4, 2024**. **Please register your teams with the State FFA Office no later than Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The State office will pre-register all New Jersey teams by the deadline with the New Jersey 4-H.

Preregistration is required for participation. Please register at <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/dairycattlecde> by **April 3, 2024**.

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

Registration – 8:30 am  
Judge 4 classes of Cattle – 9:00 – 10:00 am  
Oral Reasons (two sets) – 10:00 am - Noon  
Comments from Judges – 12:30 pm

### **RULES**

1. All participants must be FFA members in good standing in their respective chapter.
2. A team must consist of four members. Teams must be accompanied by an adult advisor/coach.
3. This event will be used to select the team to represent New Jersey FFA at the National FFA Convention in October. Visit the CDE & LDE Event Participation Policy Handbook for a full breakdown.
4. Contestants are not allowed to take any books or notes to the contest. Only clip boards and blank notepaper will be accepted.
5. A timekeeper will be designated; there will be a total of 12 minutes to place each class. For those classes with oral reasons, an additional 8 minutes will be allowed for taking notes on the class.
6. All contestants must wear rubber boots which can be disinfected, or plastic boot covers.
7. Official dress is not necessary. However, an FFA shirt, long pants and close-toed shoes are mandatory.
8. Official score cards will be provided on the day of the event and must be turned in when requested.
9. New Jersey 4-H's rules and scoring procedures will be followed. FFA members CAN be a part of a 4-H team at this event.

### **NEW JERSEY 4-H EVENT PERMISSION FORM FOR YOUTH**

All contestants must submit a completed Permission Form **AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION**. These forms CANNOT be submitted on the day of the event. State FFA Staff must receive these forms in a timely manner so the forms can accompany the registration submitted to the State 4-H office.

### **PAYMENT:**

***The Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation CDE fee will be \$11.00 per participant payable to Treasurer, State of NJ. No lunch is included in registration. \*If your chapter has at least Blue Affiliation, the fee is waived.***

**Checks made out to Treasurer, State of New Jersey (\$11.00/ registrant/Dairy Cattle Evaluation) should be sent to Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625.**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1901 Branch Road  
Perkasie, PA 18944

#### *From the South:*

Take Swedesboro Rd, Woodstown Rd and Locke Ave to US-322 W in Woolwich Township.  
Turn left on US-322 W.  
Use any lane to merge onto I-95 N towards I-476/Philadelphia.  
Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 7 to merge onto I-476 N. Keep left at the fork to stay on I-476 N.  
Take exit 31 A from I-476 N.  
Turn left onto PA-63 W/Sumneytown Pike (signs for State Highway 63 W).  
Take Wambold Rd, Mininger Rd, W Cherry Ln, PA-113 N/W Main St/Souderton Rd and PA-152 N/N Walnut St to Branch Rd in East Rockhill Township.

#### *From the North:*

Take Route 519 South through Riegelsville Warren Glen Road.  
Turn left on PA-611 S.  
Turn right on Church Hill Road.  
Turn left on PA-412 S.  
Turn right on PA-563 S.  
Turn left on PA-313 E/PA-563 S.  
Turn right on Branch Road.