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Dairy Evaluation CDE May 11, 2018
University of Connecticut‑ Horse Arena & Ratcliffe Hicks Arena
Start time: 9:00 am

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Superintendent:
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Rules & Regulations:
1. Contest will start at 9:00 am sharp, students need to be at the <u>Horse Barn Hill Arena</u> by 8:45am. This CDE tends to run later than most CDE's, do not plan to pull students from the competition without penalty. Any teams who leave early will be given zeroes for all components not completed.

2. Each student is allowed to have: a clipboard, two #2 pencils, a non‑graphing calculator, and a snack. No notes are allowed, blank paper will be provided for each contestant.

3. Please have each contestant familiar with their school number and letter (school numbers are available from CAAE website, then assign each student either A, B, C, or D)

4. Each school is allowed to have 4 contestants per team, NO ALTERNATES. All scores will be counted; there will be no drop scores.

5. NO electronic devices such as cell phones, tablet, IPod, IPad, etc. are permitted during the contest. Use or sight of any device will result in immediate disqualification.

6. No coach, student or teacher may speak to any contestant or judge until the competition is complete. If any coach has a question it must be directed to the superintendent or assistant superintendent. Any conversation between a coach and a student or coach and a judge will result in immediate disqualification of that coach's team. Teammates can speak to each other ONLY during the team activity.

7. At no time during the contest are animals to be handled by any participant.

 Please note that this contest will abide by the General Rules for the National FFA Career Development Events, CT CDE General Regulations and the National Dairy Evaluation Career Development Event Rules

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Rotation for Content:
2018: Housing/Facilities

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<u>Contest Format:</u>
1. **General Knowledge Test (30 Minutes) (150 points)**
   a. 50 Question Multiple Choice Test from the 2017 Virginia Dairy Quiz
                                   Bowl materials (Chapters 7, 9, and 13)
                      (https://youth.dasc.vt.edu/quiz-bowl.html)

   b. To closely align our contest with nationals there will be no Hoards Dairyman questions.
2. **Dairy Management Team Activity (40 Minutes) (600 points)**
   a. Each team will be provided with a dairy farm management scenario to identify problems and determine possible improvements. (See team activity example in Appendix C. of Nationals competition guidelines) All necessary information will be provided. Teams should assume the role of a hired consultant advising a producer (judges). Teams will be given 40 minutes to prepare their recommendations to be presented to a panel of judges. It is not necessary to describe the scenario to the judges since they are the producer. Teams will be allowed 10 minutes to present their recommendations, followed by 5 minutes of clarifying questions from the judges.
   b. Each scenario will be based on the following content:
      ### **<u>2018: Housing/Facilities</u>**
   c. Each scenario may include animal welfare, biosecurity, business management, current issues, environmental management, and safety concerns related to the topic area.
3. **Evaluation and Selection – (300 points)**
   a. Six classes of four dairy animals will each be placed on type. Classes will be selected from the recognized breeds of dairy cattle. The class selection committee, however, shall give priority to selecting quality cattle in the breeds available and not be obligated to having all breeds represented in the evaluation classes. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows or mature cows.
   b. Participants will be permitted to view the animals from all angles but will not be permitted to handle them.
   c. The handlers/cattle will wear numbers which identify the animals.
   d. Each class is worth 50 points maximum for a correct placing.
   e. Participants will have 12 minutes to place each class. For classes on which oral reasons will be given, participants will be given 15 minutes.
4. **Oral Reasons - (100 points)**
   a. Oral reasons will be required on two cow classes. These two classes will be designated by the event superintendent prior to the actual evaluation of the class.
   b. Oral reasons will be given in another location immediately following the evaluation classes.
   c. Participants *may not use notes* during delivery of reasons. Points will be deducted for the use of notes.
   d. Each class is worth 50 points maximum for each set of reasons.
   e. Participants will have 12 minutes to prepare each set of oral reasons. No more than two minutes may be used to deliver the reasons before the judges