



ND FFA Association

**DAIRY CATTLE
HANDLERS ACTIVITY**

CDE Handbook

Purpose

The Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity is to recognize the contributions of the handlers in presenting each animal to its best advantage in the evaluation of the dairy cows and heifers. Recommended that participants should have livestock and/or dairy cattle showing experience, but not required.

Rules

- a. Each chapter may enter one participant.
- b. Form 1 (found on ndff.org) will be used to evaluate the skills of the individual in presenting dairy animals to their best advantage. This form will be returned to the chapter after award presentation.
- c. This activity will take place during the dairy cattle evaluation career development event.
- d. Participants will not be required to participate in either the preparation or finishing of the animals for showing.
- e. The first round will consist of presenting the animals to the dairy cattle judging event with the finals scheduled immediately after this activity's conclusion.
- f. Dairy exhibitors dress code - white dress shirt/blouse, dark jeans/slacks (white optional-not required), boots, no hats or caps. FFA jacket not recommended.

Awards

- a. All participants will be recognized, and no defined quota shall be assigned for the gold, silver, or bronze emblem awards.
- b. Gold individuals will receive state gold dairy showmanship pins.
- c. The high individual shall be awarded the "baby bison" trophy and a travel stipend from the ND FFA Foundation to national FFA convention to represent North Dakota in the Dairy Cattle Handlers recognition program.

Scoring

Appearance of the handler	10
Control of animal(s) by the handler:	
Setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage	15
Maintaining the animal in its most advantageous pose	15
Effectively restraining while avoiding exciting the assigned animal	15
Maintaining the animal as requested by the ringmaster	15
Poise and calmness of the handler	20
Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful and positive attitude.	10
Total points	100