

# Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event

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## A. General Information

1. **Team:** The event will include four divisions: (1) High School - Non-Reasons; (2) High School - Reasons; (3) 7th/8th grade - Non-Reasons; (4) 7th/8th grade - Reasons. In the Non-Reasons divisions five (5) team members from each school will be permitted to judge. The three (3) participants with the highest scores shall constitute the team score (a school may compete with three members). A school may enter less than three members, but then the member(s) will compete only as individuals. In the Reasons divisions five (5) team members from each school will be permitted to judge. The four (4) participants with the highest scores shall constitute the team score (a school may compete with four members). A school may enter less than four members, but then the member(s) will compete only as individuals.
2. **Placings/Scoring:** Official ring placings and reasons will be given immediately following completion of the event.
3. **Scorecards:** The Scantron card used in the event will be posted on iavat.org
4. **Miscellaneous:**
  - a. Participants should have clipboards and #2 pencils for use during the CDE.
5. **Additional Information:** Refer to the "General Rules" section for the current year for information concerning **Entry Fees, Registration, and Location** of the event.

## B. Event Format

1. Judge **six** rings of cows and/or heifers on type. (50 points each)
2. Complete a test/activity consisting of 20 questions. (3 points each)
  - a. The test may include written questions and/or hands-on activities.  
Questions/activities may include, but are not limited to:
    - Parts of a Dairy Cow
    - Equipment ID
    - Parts of A DHIA Sheet
    - Dairy Herd Management
3. **Oral Reasons Presentation:** Those teams registered for the Reasons Division shall present Oral Reasons on two classes identified in Part B1 of these rules. Each reasons presentation shall have a maximum score of 50 points per set of reasons, making this section worth 100 points.
  - a. Reasons shall be the final activity in the Reasons Division of the Dairy CDE
  - b. Reasons shall be presented in Official FFA Dress

## C. Suggested References

1. ITCS University of Illinois  
MDS255 Dairy Cattle Resource CD-ROM (new)  
<https://pubsplus.illinois.edu/MDS255.html>

A catalog of instructional materials is available from ITCS Instructional Materials at <https://pubsplus.illinois.edu/>. To place an order please call 1-800-345-6087, fax your order to 217-333-3917, or email [pubsplus@illinois.edu](mailto:pubsplus@illinois.edu)

2. Holstein Association - <http://www.holsteinfoundation.org/education/workbooks.html>
3. Hoards Dairyman - <http://www.hoards.com/?q=youthresources>
4. **Other**  
*Career Development Events Handbook 2006-2010*. National FFA Organization,  
P.O. Box 68960, 6060 FFA Drive, Indianapolis, IN.46268-6060.

My event:        teams x        participants per team x        ring(s) =        cards.