

Registration: 11 am

Test: 12 pm

Judging: 1 pm

We wanted to provide a tentative schedule for the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE, being held May 4th at the OSU Dairy in Corvallis.

Please have students bring writing utensils (pen and pencil to be safe), a clipboard, and paper/judging notebook. Absolutely no pre-written notes of any kind (including note outlines) will be allowed, as this is a state-level contest. Students will be asked to discard any pre-written materials. Due to biosecurity, students will be required to wear disposable boots, provided by the state FFA office.

Registration will run from 11am-12pm inside the employee break room, located right at the front of the barn (used to be called the “lab” for those familiar with the dairy). During this time teams will check in and get their judging cards. This will also serve as the scoring room.

Promptly at 12pm, competitors will start the contest with the test. Cattle judging will then begin at 1pm (or earlier if all are ready and done with the test).

OSU staff are selecting the 6 classes of cattle for us. Details on these classes will be clearly given at the start of the contest so that contestants know the relevant details. These details are not known until the start of the contest to ensure the integrity of the selection process. Cattle will either be run halter-less into the inside of a viewing area (a “circle” of students) or locked in the OSU research pens for students to view (very few dairy farms have 24 halter-broke cows, so we will make the best of the situation we have).

Of these 6 classes, our official judges will select two to be used for reasons (these will be clearly communicated during the contest). Throughout the contest, we should have volunteers running cards to our scoring table so that scores are basically real-time.

After judging, we will move right into reasons taking and try to conclude the contest by 4pm. We will likely only have 2 reasons takers (our two official judges) so students will have to prepare somewhat promptly to keep it moving. Reasons will likely be given in the main barn on each end of the haystack. Please be aware of the fact that we are having this CDE on a working dairy farm and we will need to be understanding of the workings around us as the farm operates.

Awards will follow as soon as they are complete. We look forward to a great contest and wish you all the best of luck! See you soon!