

2024 State 4-H & FFA Dairy Youth Field Day

The 2024 State 4-H & FFA Dairy Youth Field Day will serve as the **State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest**, **State FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management Career Development Event**, and **State FFA Dairy Handlers Activity**.

General Information

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg

Schedule

Morning	Senior FFA Team Activity - Teams will receive appointments after registration closes.
12:30 PM	Junior FFA check in
12:40 PM	General Knowledge Exam - Junior FFA and Senior FFA
1:00 PM	4-H Teams and FFA Dairy Handlers check-in
1:30 PM	All teams begin judging classes
3:00 PM	Oral reasons preparation and delivery
4:30 PM	Ice cream social
5:00 PM	Results announced (estimated)

Note: Lunch will not be provided. All teams should eat before arrival at the fairgrounds. Senior FFA teams may wish to pack a lunch depending on their team activity schedule.

Dual Entry Allowed

Youth will be allowed to count their scores in both the State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and State FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management Career Development Event provided that they are bona fide members in each organization and entered in both contests by the registration deadline.

Registration

There is no fee, but registration is required. To register, complete the registration form and email it to Dave Winston (dwinston@vt.edu) by noon on Friday, July 26.

Health History and Code of Conduct Forms

It is the responsibility of the lead chaperone to ensure each participant is enrolled and to have the health history form and code of conduct forms for their group members with them at all times. The chaperone should remain in close proximity of the event. (Use the forms for your organization - 4-H or FFA.)

Supplies

1. Each participant must provide:
 - A. Two sharpened No. 2 pencils
 - B. Clipboard with one sheet of blank paper
2. All other necessary materials will be provided by the event committee.

State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

Event Rules

1. Teams will consist of three or four members. When four members are entered, the three members with the highest individual scores will be used for the team score.
2. Age requirements
 - A. Juniors will be 9 to 13 years old as of September 30, 2024.
 - B. Seniors will be 14 to 18 years old as of September 30, 2024.
 - C. Youth born between January 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010 have the option to compete either as a junior or a senior.
3. Oral Reasons
 - A. Junior 4-H contestants will present one set of oral reasons.
 - B. Senior 4-H contestants will present two sets of oral reasons.

Event Format

- I. **Judging Classes** (300 points)
 - A. Six classes of four dairy animals will each be placed on type. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows or mature cows.
 - B. The dairy cattle handlers will wear numbers, which identify the animals.
 - C. Each class is worth 50 points maximum for a correct placing.
 - D. Participants will have 12 minutes to place each class. For classes on which oral reasons will be given, participants will be given 15 minutes.
- II. **Oral Reasons** (Junior contestants - 50 points, Senior contestants - 100 points)
 - A. Oral reasons will be required on one class for Junior contestants and two classes for Senior contestants. These classes will be designated by the event superintendent prior to the actual evaluation of the class.
 - B. Participants should not use notes during delivery of reasons. Points will be deducted for the use of notes.
 - C. Each class is worth 50 points maximum for each set of reasons.
 - D. 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.

Scoring

Activity	Juniors		Seniors	
	Maximum Individual Points	Maximum Team Points	Maximum Individual Points	Maximum Team Points
Judging classes	300	900	300	900
Oral reasons	50	150	100	300
Total Possible Score	350	1,050	400	1,200

Tiebreakers

If a tie occurs, the following events will be used to determine award recipients:

1. Individual
 - A. Oral reasons score
 - B. Placing score - class 1
 - C. Placing score - class 2
2. Overall Team
 - A. Oral reasons score
 - B. Placing score - class 1
 - C. Placing score - class 2

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