

DAIRY CATTLE Judging
Cico Park, Manhattan, KS
Monday April 29, 2024
Registration: 11:45 a.m. – Noon
Cico Park: 12:15 – 4:00 p.m.

The Dairy Cattle judging event will consist of two or three cow classes, three or four heifer classes (6 judging classes total) and two sets of oral reasons. The oral reasons classes may be based on either cow or heifer classes. The reasons classes will be designated by the official judge and announced at the beginning of the event. The cattle classes will be tied in place and the contestants will be allowed close inspection but handling of the cattle will not be allowed. All classes will be from the Holstein breed.

Oral reasons should be organized to cover major points of difference and limited to two minutes. Contestants will be penalized for using notes or reading their oral reasons.

A 50 question general dairy exam will be given at the beginning of the event. Students will have 20 minutes to complete the exam. The exam will contain some questions concerning housing, heat abatement and facilities, the dairy cow unified scorecard, and general dairy cattle management. References available at the Kansas FFA website under the Dairy CDE folder.

A team consists of 3 to 4 students. Only 3 students will be counted towards the team total score. The contestant with the lowest score will be dropped from the team total if there are 4 students on the team.

Students should have pencils and a clipboard. Blank paper for notes will be provided. No other notes or notebooks will be allowed in the contest. Any use of cell phones is grounds for disqualification. Please do not allow students to have them on them!