POURPOSE – The purpose of the National FFA Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation Career Development Event is to provide a competitive event for agricultural education students, which emphasizes skills in dairy cattle management and evaluation.

OBJECTIVES
1) Contest Format
   - 8:15AM to 8:45AM - General Knowledge Exam: This exam will consist of 50 questions involving dairy management practices and DHI records. (30 minutes)
   - 8:45AM to 9:15AM - TEAM ACTIVITY - Dairy Management Activity: Each team will be provided with a dairy farm management scenario to ID problems and determine possible improvements. ALL necessary information will be provided. Teams should assume the role of a hired consultant advising the producer. (30 minutes)
   - 9:15AM to 10:30AM - Cows will be in the ring at 9:00AM Six classes of four dairy animals will be each placed on type. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows, or mature cows.
   - 10:30AM to ? - Oral Reasons (2 sets with 12 minutes allowed to prepare each) & Team Activity Presentations to the Producers (Judges). Teams will be given 10 minutes to wrap up their final presentation before they present to the judges. Teams will be allowed 10 minutes to present their recommendations, followed by 5 minutes of clarifying questions from the judges.

ELIGIBILITY
1) One team may represent a sub-district or a single chapter. No team will be eligible to participate without a coach and a leadperson present if needed to show cattle at 8:30
2) Junior teams are encouraged to compete in this area. Junior team will judge six classes and do one set of oral reasons only. They do NOT need to do the Exam or the Team Activity.
3) A team MUST consist of four members with the total from ALL FOUR to be the team score.

EVENT RULES
4) There is to be no communication (including cell phone use) between contestants and others during the contest
5) All decisions of the judges and superintendent are final.
6) Points breakdown will be as follows:
   Individual Maximum Points
   General Knowledge Exam 150
   Evaluations (Classes) 300
   Oral Reasons (2 sets) 150
   Total Possible 600 x 4 team members

   Team Maximum Points
   Dairy Management Activity 600
   Grand Total possible 3000

7) Refer to the National FFA Career Development Events Handbook for the NEW RULES!!!!
8) Students may judge for FFA and 4-H - note check with your 4-H advisor prior to the event.
9) Contest coordinators will have the right to adjust events as needed to accommodate cows availability and time to complete the contest (i.e., only two classes of oral reasons instead of three)

ATTIRE & MATERIALS – ALL member of the team must have FFA T-shirts, a clipboard (with NO notes), Two sharpened No. 2 Pencils & a Calculator.

LOCATION – Dairy Cattle Barn arena bleachers Friday, August 31, at 8:00AM

***REGISTRATION – Starts at 7:45AM in Dairy Barn Arena
***CDE Individual General Knowledge Exam starts at 8:15AM and ends at 8:45AM