**PA FFA Dairy Handling**

**Career Development Event**

***Chairperson Information***

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| **CDE Chairperson** | Darla Romberger |
| **Email** | [dromberger@cvschools.org](mailto:dromberger@cvschools.org) |
| **Best Contact Number** | 570-617-8074 |
| **Contest Date/Times** | June 11, 2025 @ 9:00 am |
| **Contest Location** | Dairy Cattle Barns-University Park, PA |
| **CDE Review Time** | 12:30 pm |
| **CDE Review Location** | Dairy Cattle Barns |

***Basic CDE Guidelines***

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| **Event Type:** Individual | **# of Team Members:** 0 |
| **Contestant Requirements:**   * Previous experience showing dairy heifers/cattle at county/regional/national shows   **Items to Bring to Contest:**   * Showmen must wear “Show Whites” to the contest * Showmen must wear closed-toe shoes to the contest (boots are recommended) | **Contest Chair will provide:**   * Show Harnesses * Show Halters * Scorecards * Bottled Water between rounds |
| **Qualification:**   * 24 contestants will be selected to participate based on years of experience, grade, etc. * Submit the Dairy Showmanship Application via email to [DRomberger@cvschools.org](mailto:DRomberger@cvschools.org) by 11:59 pm on May 1, 2025. | |
| **Trip Winners *(updated 11/25/2024):***  There is no longer a Dairy Showmanship CDE at the National level. As such, the following individuals will advance to represent Pennsylvania at the Big E Dairy Showmanship Competition in September of each year:   * 1st Place Individual – Advance to Big E * 2nd Place Individual – Advance to Big E * 3rd Place Individual – Advance to Big E * 4th Place Individual – Advance to Big E | |

***CDE Rules***

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| **CDE Component** | **Points** | **Component Description** |
| Appearance of Showman | 15 | Contestant must wear professional show whites |
| Control of animal by showman | 20 | Contestant must provide eye contact, Mannerisms, Gestures and Poise to judge while showing animal with confidence |
| Poise and calmness of showman | 25 | Contestant must provide calm mannerism while showing |
| Skill in Showing | 40 | Ability to properly show dairy cattle |
| **Clarification for Showing Heifers:**  Dairy Showmanship participants will be evaluated utilizing the ***Purebred Dairy Cattle Association’s 2016 Showmanship Guidelines***. All showman should review the “Showing Animal to its Best Advantage” section of the document to fully understand the new revisions for showing heifers. The judging rubric will remain the same to align with the National FFA Dairy Showmanship CDE. | | |
| **Causes for Disqualification:** None | | |
| **Tie-breaker:** Score of animal #4 | | |

***Resources***

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| * National FFA Dairy Handling CDE Handbook * Purebred Dairy Cattle Association’s 2016 Showmanship Guidelines |