

**Tennessee Association FFA**

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**Dairy Cattle  
Handlers  
Handbook  
2017-2021**

## **Purpose**

*The purpose of the Tennessee State FFA Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity is to recognize the contributions of the handlers in presenting each animal to its best advantage in the evaluation of the dairy cows and heifers during the State FFA Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation Career Development Event.*

## **Event Rules**

- Participants should wear dairy whites or FFA Official Dress.
- Each chapter shall be eligible to nominate one member to serve as a participant in the dairy cattle handlers' activity. Tennessee will determine its dairy handler by selecting the top handler at the state Dairy Evaluation Career Development Event.
- Handlers should have had prior experience in showing dairy cattle.
- Handlers will not participate in either the preparation or fitting of the animals assigned or exhibit an animal that belongs or is leased to the student. Every effort should be made that a student not show an animal that they have exhibited before.
- If a dairy handler cannot control his/her animal, this animal may have to be displayed by an alternate holder.
- If possible, every effort should be made to have three qualified individual judges for the event.

## Scoring (100 points)

Evaluation and scoring of each participant will be performed by a person(s) designated by the event superintendent.

CRITERIA	Points
Appearance of the handler:	10
<b>Control of animal(s) by the handler</b>	
Setting up the assigned animal to its best advantage	15
Maintaining the animal(s) in its most advantageous pose	15
Effectively restraining, as well as avoiding exciting the as-signed animal(s)	15
Moving the animal(s) as requested by the ringmaster	15
<b>Poise and calmness of the handler</b>	20
<b>Display a cooperative, courteous, helpful and positive attitude</b>	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

# Activity Scorecard

NAME

MEMBER NUMBER

CHAPTER

STATE

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JUDGE'S NAME

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

## **Tie Breakers**

- Poise and Calmness
- Effective Restraint
- Maintain Poise

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