



Milk Quality and Products

Purpose

The purpose of the Tennessee FFA Milk Quality and Products Career Development Event is to promote practical learning activities in milk quality and dairy products while assisting students in developing team decision-making skills.

The focus of the Tennessee FFA Milk Quality and Products CDE is raw milk quality, dairy products, federal milk marketing orders and attributes of selected milk products. The five general areas that contribute to milk quality and consumer demand are

- Milk production.
- Milk and dairy product quality and safety.
- Milk processing or manufacturing.
- Raw milk marketing.
- Facility operations:
 - Safety/sanitation.
 - Labor.

Objectives

THIS EVENT WILL PROVIDE THE PARTICIPANT WITH THE ABILITY TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

Utilize knowledge of milk quality related to

- Producing quality milk:
 - Regulations.
 - Grades and classes of milk.
 - Factors necessary to produce quality milk.
- Cleaning and sanitizing:
 - General types of cleaners and sanitizers.
 - Water hardness.
 - Milkstone.
 - Approved milking equipment and design.
 - Proper milking procedures.
- Cooling milk.
- Identifying diseases transmitted to consumers via milk.
- Recognizing causes of off flavors in milk.

Utilize knowledge of milk pricing related to

- Marketing and marketing concepts:
 - Pricing trends.
 - Economics.
 - Supply and demand.
- Federal milk marketing orders, economics and distribution:
 - Transportation costs.
 - Cooperatives.
 - Pricing.

Utilize knowledge of the composition and quality characteristics of raw and pasteurized milk and milk products including

- Nonfat solids portion:
 - Milkfat.
 - Adulterants, including water.
 - Bacterial standards and testing.
 - Quality testing.
- Identification of cheese varieties and characterize properties.
- Identification flavor defects and evaluate milk quality.
- Understanding the importance of dairy food safety programs.
- Identification and comparison of dairy vs. non-dairy products.

Event Rules

- Teams will consist of four members.
- Team ranking is determined by combining the scores of all team participants.
- Official FFA Dress is not required for the state event.
- Participants are not to use strong deodorant, perfume, chewing gum or other detractors to the taste and smell senses.
- Any participant in possession of an electronic device in the event area is subject to disqualification. (Calculators will be provided.)
- **Allergy Information:** Food products used in this event may contain or come in contact with potential allergens. Any participant in need of a reasonable ADA accommodation(s) for their participation in the Milk Quality and Products CDE should complete the online [Request for Accommodation Form \(ADA and other\)](#). This form must be received 30 business days prior to the start of the event. All requests will remain confidential, and the participant will be contacted by a national FFA staff member to gather additional information and/or discuss the reasonable accommodation(s) or assistance being requested. For questions regarding the ADA and/or other Accommodation Process, please email ryan.inman2@tnffa.org. The event committee will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate students with food allergies.

Event Format

EQUIPMENT

- Materials to be provided by the student:
 - Two no. 2 pencils.
 - Bottled water and/or palate cleanser.
- Materials provided by the CDE committee:
 - All paper and other supplies.
- Participants are **not** to bring these items:
 - Glass of any kind to the event.
 - Cell phones, calculators or other electronic devices.

FLOW OF EVENT

- Milk Flavor Identification and Evaluation: 20 minutes
- Product Identification: 20 minutes
- Cheese Identification: 20 minutes
- Written Exam: 40 minutes

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Milk Flavor Identification and Evaluation (120 Points — 6 points for flavor ID, 6 points for intensity score)

- Ten milk samples will be scored on flavor defect (taste and odor) using the computerized scorecard. Check only the most serious defect in a sample even if more than one flavor is detected (all samples of milk are prepared from pasteurized whole vitamin D milk intended for table use). Milk samples will be tempered to 60 degrees F. Only those cups provided at the event may be used. (Six points per correct answer.)
- Participants are to use whole numbers when scoring “Defect Intensity.” If no defect is noted, participants should check “No defect” and score as a ten (See Scoring Guide below). (Six points per correct answer.)

Palate cleansers (e.g., apples, apple juice or soda crackers) will be allowed for refreshing.

SCORING GUIDE

Refer to the current scorecard being used at the national level.

Scores may range from 1 to 10 on a quality basis:

| | |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 10 | Excellent (no defect) |
| 8 to 9 | Good |
| 5 to 7 | Fair |
| 2 to 4 | Poor |
| 1 | Unacceptable/unsalable |

EXAMPLE: MILK FLAVOR

| Defects | Scores* | | |
|--------------|---------|----------|------------|
| | Slight | Definite | Pronounced |
| Acid | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Bitter | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Feed | 9 | 8 | 5 |
| Flat/Watery | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Foreign | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Garlic/Onion | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Malty | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| No defect | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Oxidized | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Rancid | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Salty | 8 | 6 | 4 |

**Suggested scores are given for three intensities of flavor. All numbers within the range may be used. Intermediate numbers may also be used; for example, a bitter sample of milk may score four.*

Product Identification — Dairy versus Non-Dairy (100 points — 6 points identification, 4 points fat content)

- A total of 10 samples consisting of dairy and non-dairy products will be identified and assigned a milk-fat content score.
- The following products may be included among the samples:
 - Dairy Products: nonfat (skim) milk (.05%), lowfat milk (1.0%), reduced fat milk (2%), milk (3.25%), half and half (10.5%), butter (80%), sour cream (18%), flavored milk (0.05%–3.25%) light whipped cream (30%), heavy cream (36%).
 - Non-Dairy Products: margarine, non-dairy creamer, non-dairy sour cream, non-dairy milk, non-dairy flavored beverage and non-dairy whipped topping. All of these are to be categorized as non-dairy fat.

Cheese Identification (100 Points)

- Ten cheese samples for identification will be selected from those listed. Cubes of the cheeses will be available for tasting. **Note:** More than one sample of a given cheese may be used. A score of four points is given for each variety correctly identified. Uncolored cheeses may be used. (40 points possible)
- In addition to identifying cheese samples, participants will classify characteristics of identified cheeses using the following matrix. Participants will have six characteristics to select based on the 10 identified cheese samples. An example cheese characteristic problem can be found in the Reference section of this handbook. (60 points possible).

Cheese Characteristics Matrix

A description of major varieties of cheeses popular among American consumers.

| Variety | Moisture (%) (Maximum) ¹ | Fat (%) (Minimum) ² | Pasta Filata ³ | Brine/Surface Salted | Ripened by | Origin |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Blue/Bleu | 46 | 50 | no | yes | mold | France |
| Brie | 52.5 | 20 | no | no | bacteria and mold | France |
| Cheddar Mild | 39 | 50 | no | no | bacteria | England |
| Cheddar Sharp | 39 | 50 | no | no | bacteria | England |
| Colby | 40 | 50 | no | no | bacteria | US |
| Cream | 55 | 33 | no | no | unripened | US |
| Feta | 60 | 42 | no | yes | bacteria | Greece |
| Gouda/Edam | 45 | 48 | no | yes | bacteria | Netherlands |
| Havarti | 54 | 30 | no | no | bacteria | Denmark |
| Gruyere | 39 | 45 | no | yes | bacteria | Switzerland |
| Monterey Jack | 44 | 50 | no | no | bacteria | US |
| Mozzarella | 60 | 45 | yes | yes | bacteria | Italy |
| Muenster | 46 | 50 | no | no | bacteria | France |
| Parmesan | 32 | 32 | no | yes | bacteria | Italy |
| Processed American | 40 | 50 | no | no | bacteria | US |
| Provolone | 45 | 45 | yes | yes | bacteria | Italy |
| Queso Fresco | 59 | 18 | no | no | unripened | Mexico |
| Ricotta | 73 | 4 | no | no | unripened | Italy |
| Swiss | 41 | 43 | no | yes | bacteria | Switzerland |

¹Some cheeses have a range in moisture permitted, but these are the highest permitted amounts.

²Some cheese standards use percentage by weight of total solids (e.g., cheddar) while others use percentage by weight of the cheese (e.g., cream).

³Curd is stretched in hot water to align the protein molecules and provide stretch to the curd

CHEESE CHARACTERIZATION EXAMPLE PROBLEM

The six items in the “characteristics” column are based on the information found in the [Cheese Characterization Matrix](#) in this handbook.

Cheese samples are from the cheese identification activity. Participants will select all characteristics that apply to each sample. Answers will be recorded on the event-specific scan form. Characteristics in the problem can change each year.

| Characteristics | Sample Numbers | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | 1 (Cheddar) | 2 (Cream) | 3 (Swiss) | 4 (Mozzarella) | 5 (Bleu) |
| A. Maximum moisture = 39% | X | | | | |
| B. Minimum fat in the solids = 33% | | X | | | |
| C. Receives “pasta filata treatment” | | | | X | |
| D. Salted in brine | | | | X | |
| E. Ripened by molds | | | | | X |
| F. Originated in England | X | | | | |

Written exam (60 Points)

The written exam will be comprised of a total of 60 multiple-choice items. The exam will be given in two parts with one part consisting of thirty (30) questions on quality milk production and a second part of thirty (30) questions on milk marketing. All questions will come from the previous five years written exams and will be maintained and updated annually on the downloads page of tnffa.org.

Scoring

The event will be worth 2,720 total points based on positive-type scoring.

| Activity | Points/Sample | Samples | Individual Points | Team Points |
|---|--|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Milk flavor identification and evaluation | 12 points/sample (6 points for flavor defect 6 points for intensity) | 10 samples | 120 | 480 |
| Product identification | 10 points/sample (6 points for identification 4 points for milk fat) | 10 samples | 100 | 400 |
| Cheese type identification | 10 points/sample (4 points per type 6 points for characteristics) | 10 samples | 100 | 400 |
| Written exam | | 60 questions | 60 | 240 |
| <i>Total Possible Individual Points</i> | | | 360 | 1,440 |
| TOTAL POINTS PER TEAM | | | | 1,440 |

**CMT Samples are scored 0-8 in 2 point increments. Individual results are compared to official results to determine final score. A deduction of 2 points is assigned for each increment deviation from the official score.

TIEBREAKERS

If ties occur, the following events, in this order, will be used to determine award recipients:

Team.

1. Milk identification total score of all team members.
2. Cheese identification score for all team scores.
3. Product Identification

Individual

1. Milk identification.
2. Cheese identification.
3. Product identification.

References

This list of references is not intended to be all-inclusive. Other sources may be utilized, and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available. The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation.

- National FFA National Career Development Event Questions and Answers, [FFA.org, Event Resources, Past exams and practicums](https://www.ffa.org/Event-Resources/Past-exams-and-practicums)
- Hoard's Dairyman, P.O. Box 801, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin 53538. Phone (414) 563-5551. Issues used are from November of previous year to May of current year.
- Dairy Business <http://dairybusiness.com/> 7. Agricultural Marketing Service, <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/DairyLandingPage> Issues used are from November of previous year to May of current year.
- Dairy Foods: Producing the Best, Dr. Robert Marshall; Instructional Materials Laboratory, [https://ffa.box.com/Dairy Foods booklet](https://ffa.box.com/DairyFoods-booklet)
- The Dairy Practices Council: Guidelines, www.dairyperc.org
 - #21 – Raw Milk Quality Tests
 - #24 – Troubleshooting High Bacteria Counts of Raw Milk
 - #38 – Preventing Off-Flavors in Milk
 - #71 - Prevention of and Testing for Added Water in Milk
 - #98 – Milking Procedures for Dairy Cattle
- Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, <https://www.fda.gov/media/114169/download>
 - SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS
 - SECTION 6. THE EXAMINATION OF MILK AND/OR MILK PRODUCTS
 - SECTION 7. STANDARDS FOR GRADE "A" MILK AND/OR MILK PRODUCTS
 - ITEM 15p. PROTECTION FROM CONTAMINATION
 - APPENDIX E. EXAMPLES OF 3-OUT-OF-5 COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES
 - APPENDIX G. CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTS
 - APPENDIX K. HACCP PROGRAM
 - APPENDIX N. DRUG RESIDUE TESTING AND FARM SURVEILLANCE
 - **NOTE:** In the document, items followed by a "P" referred to the Pasteurized side while items followed by an "R" refer to the Raw side.
- Code of Federal Regulations Title 21, Part 133 – Cheeses and Related Cheese Products, <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/CFRSearch.cfm?CFRPart=133>
- Code of Federal Regulations Title 21, Part 131 – Milk and Cream, <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/CFRSearch.cfm?CFRPart=131>
- Swab Procurement: Hygiena PRO-Clean Rapid Protein Residue Test. 25 of the swabs come in a sealed aluminum foil envelope. <https://www.hygiene.com/food-and-beverage-sales/united-states.html>. Web site that a teacher can resource to obtain the sanitation swabs (Hygiena PRO-Clean Rapid Protein Residue Test), obtain a product brochure, and watch a video demonstration on use of the swabs. Updated for 2019. <https://www.hygiene.com/pro-clean-food-and-beverage.html> Another possibility is to contact a local dairy processing plant laboratory and ask the lab tech if they would either have some available or be able to order them for the school.