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March 7, 2005

TO: FFA Advisors, State Officers and Executive Committee

FROM: Nancy J. Trivette, Program Leader, Agricultural Education
Robin C. McLean, State FFA Specialist

RE: **State FFA Livestock Judging and Dairy Judging CDE**
at Delaware Valley College on **Saturday, April 16, 2005**

Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture in Doylestown, PA, has announced their annual 4-H and FFA Judging Contests for Livestock and Dairy to be held **Saturday, April 16, 2005. Please register your teams with the State FFA Office no later than Monday, April 4th to avoid a late charge with DVC.** The State office will preregister all NJ teams by the deadline with Delaware Valley College. DVC will charge a $1.00 late fee in both events.

Preregistration is required for participation using the online registration form. Please email your completed registration form to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us by **April 4, 2005.**

Teams must be accompanied by an adult advisor/coach.

Please note the varied payment plan:
Livestock registration fee is $5.00 per contestant *payable to*: **Delaware Valley College** *and a* ***$2.00 registration fee per contestant*** *payable to:* **Treasurer, State of NJ.** No lunch is included in registration. Students must bring a bag lunch.

Dairy Judging registration fee is $8.00 per contestant*, payable to:* **Delaware Valley College,** *and a* ***$2.00 registration fee per contestant*** *payable to:* **Treasurer, State of NJ.** The $8 Dairy registration fee includes lunch.

The Delaware Valley College registration fee must be paid on the day of the event. Please arrive at the event prepared to pay for the event at check-in.

Checks made out to Treasurer, State of New Jersey ($2/ registrant/ CDE) should be sent to **Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625.**

The State Executive Committee voted to completely follow DVC's rules and scoring procedures, therefore, an FFA member may not also be a part of a 4-H team.

Please email the registration form by April 4 to: ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us.

Additional information and the schedule of events follows for both contests.

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Dear 4-H and FFA Club Advisors:

Delaware Valley College will be conducting a livestock judging contest for 4-H and FFA groups on April 16, 2005

Schedule is as follows:
Registration 8:00 - 8:45 AM – Lobby Feldman Agricultural Building
General Meeting 8:45 AM Instructions – Mandell Science Building Room 114
Judging 9:00 AM Seven classes, three reasons - At Farm III
3 cattle , 2 hog ,2 sheep
Reasons Giving Approximately 12:30 PM (3 sets)
Awards Presentation : 3:00 PM

There will be an entry fee of $5.00 per person with an unlimited number of entries.

There will be both team and individual awards. Team members will be eligible for both team and individual awards. If teams are entered, they must be designated as teams at registration. Individuals can serve on only one team. A team shall consist of three or four members. If three members, there will be no alternate; if four members are on a team, the low member's score will be dropped. If there are not enough participants for a complete team, individuals may participate as individuals. Low member of team will be determined by total score for placing and reasons for all species. Junior participants will not be required to give reasons.

Students should bring a box lunch. None may be purchased.

A coach's meeting will be held during the time that reasons are given. This meeting will provide an opportunity for input by the coaches for future contests. A pre-registration form is enclosed.
We encourage you to return it so that our office receives it by April 11. We hope to see you on April 16.

Entries may be faxed to 215-489-2347.

Sincerely,

Fredrick R. Hofsaess
Professor of Animal Science

DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & AGRICULTURE
4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Delaware Valley College
Doylestown, PA 18901

Dr. Fredrick R. Hofsaess

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All pre-registration entries must reach Dr. Hofsaess at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA 18901; phone (215-489-2321) or 2308 no later than April 11, on entry form attached. Fax: 215-489-2347.

The members of each team and their coaches shall report to the Feldman Agriculture Building by 8:45 am, Saturday, April 16, 2005

Each contestant will be assigned a number and given such instructions as deemed necessary. Participants shall not have an opportunity to ask questions while the contest is in progress. There shall be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by the person in charge of the contest or his representative. Officials for the contest shall confer only with each other during the contest.

Contestants and coaches are not allowed to enter the livestock barns prior to the contest.

Eligibility: Each team is to consist of three members. Each organization may submit teams of four individuals, with the low scoring member of each team being designated as an alternate for that team, but eligible for an individual award.

Reasons: Contestants shall give oral reasons, two minutes in length, on three classes (one each on cattle, sheep and swine). Before the contest starts, the contestants shall be notified on which classes reasons shall be required in order that contestants may take notes.

Delaware Valley College will supply official place cards. Each contestant should supply their own pencils and paper for reasons notes. It is permissible to use a plain, unmarked clip board during the contest.

Ring Judges: The contest will include seven classes of four animals each. Number of classes or elimination of a type of class may be necessary if quality or quantity of animals are not available.

Determination of Ratings: Ratings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons. The final rank of each contestant shall be determined by totaling his grades on placing and reasons. Points made by teams shall be determined by adding points of members. Team ranks are determined by points made by members; that is, the highest number of points gives first place, etc.

Ties: When there is a tie, it shall be decided in favor of the contestant having the highest reason scores, followed by highest placing total. If there still is a tie, the contestant with the highest total swine class score will be the tiebreaker.

Showing Animal: Ten minutes will be allowed for placing each ring for placing and reasons classes. The contestants shall be notified at the end of ten minutes and collection of cards shall begin. All cards will be collected by twelve (12) minutes.

The animals will be held in a careful manner so that all contestants may have an equal opportunity to examine them. The animal, for identification, shall be numbered 1-4 inclusive. When the animals are aligned side by side, the numbers will be from left to right (1-4), as viewed from the rear.

Official Placing and Grading: A competent committee will select the classes. Another committee will make the official placing and listen to oral reasons from the contestant. In grading the placing of the contestants, the individual cuts between the respective animals shall be supplied by the official judges. The cuts total shall not exceed 15 points. If, in the opinion of the official judging committee, total cuts should be less than 15 points due to closeness of placing within the entire class, such lesser total may be used.

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DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Dear 4-H and FFA Club members and advisors,

Delaware Valley College will be conducting our annual Dairy Judging Contest for 4-H and FFA groups. The contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2005.

Schedule is as follows:

Registration	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Feldman Agriculture Building – Room 114
General Meeting	9:00 AM – followed by judging six classes of animals. Two of these classes will be reasons classes.
Reasons Giving	Approximately 12:30 PM
Awards Presentation	Approximately 3:00 – 3:30 PM

There will be n entry fee of $8.00 per person (includes lunch) with an unlimited number of entries. Please let us know how many are coming. All we require is the number of individuals you will enter in each division.

There will be both team and individual awards for 4-H and FFA. Team members will be eligible for both team and individual awards. If teams are entered, they must be designated as teams at registration and **an individual can serve on only one team**. A team shall consist of three or four members. If three members, there will be no alternate. If there are four members on a team, the low member's score will be dropped. If there are not enough participants for a complete team, the one individual participant may judge as an individual. Lunch will be provided to all registered contestants. Coaches can request lunch at a cost of $4.50 each.

A pre-registration form is enclosed. We encourage you to return the form so that our office receives it by Monday, April 11. We hope to see you on April 16, 2005. If we do not receive your entries by April 11, 2005, we may not be able to guarantee lunch. We will not have time to arrange for the coach to bring lunch to the contestants. Thanks for your cooperation.

PLEASE FAX, CALL, OR MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BY MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005. (FAX NUMBER – 215-489-4891)

Sincerely,

Larry Morris

Larry D. Morris, Dairy Contest Superintendent