**2014 Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge Schedule of Events**

**Location: BEST WESTERN PREMIER   
The Central Hotel & Conference Center  
800 East Park Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17111**

**Dairy Challenge Central in Harris and Board Room for Computers/ IT from Thursday 9:00 am through 7:00 pm Saturday.**

**Thursday, November 13, 2014**

4:00 Students and coaches arrive **Harris Room** for **Check In**

Dinner –on your own

6:00 – 6:30 Welcome and introductions – Suzy Demeester, Mark McCullouch & Bruce Richards, Dean Russ Reading, DelVal in the **Central A and B Room**

-Hand out schedule at this point. - Talk about what is next

-schedule and Honor Code (read out loud)-Owen

-What to expect over the next two days

-What does a great presentation looks like.

-Encourage students to not sit with coach, etc.—MEET the sponsors-collect business cards from people, tell them something interesting (write what they learned on the back)

6:30-8:00 **Educational Seminar** Simultaneous dairy records and financial management seminars (two 45 minute sessions)

* + - John Gloss-Dairy One, Brett Denny-VT DHIA, Kas Ingawa-DRMS-Dairy Records Review-**Central D** **Room**
    - Tim Mussmon, AgChoice Farm Credit -Financial Records Review-**Central E Room**

8:00-9:00 **Focus on Team** Building with Eric Reid -Team building focused on the team and how to ask questions. Team activities in **Central A, B and C Room**

9:00 Hand out computers & cameras to students-John Gloss, Brett Denny, Kas Ingawa

Student teams receive farm folders for initial review

Introduce “What if” question\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Barry Putnam

8:00 Coaches Meeting-**Central D Room**

Bruce Richards & Wanda- coaches program and schedule of events, expectations for participation, and transportation requirements.

Barry Putnam-National Update

Judges Meeting – **Central E Room**

Mark McCullouch

General program information

Judges schedule

Rules booklet/scorecard

Host farm information & farm data notebook/computer information

Team interviews/presentation schedules

What information the students have and what the judges have (same information for both)

Summary & worksheets for evaluations

**Friday, November 14, 2014**

6:30 Breakfast Buffet-**Central A and B**

7:00 Volunteers meet with Kathy Hanehan and Kirk Sattazahn for instructions in **Central D Room** at Hotel.

7:30 Morning announcements, Bruce Richards, **Central A and B**

-What are you trying to do on the farm? Mark McCullouch

- “What if analysis”, Barry Putnam -2014 Question is:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7:45 AM Students board 3 buses to travel to farms

-Volunteer on bus warn about specific safety issues on that farm (bunks, pits, bulls, etc.)

Farm 1-– load this bus last

Farm 2-– load this bus second

Farm 3-–load this bus first

Buses depart at 8:00 AM

Judges depart to assigned farm in their own transportation.

Coaches depart to tour farms using college vehicles

9:00 Buses arrive at Farm

-Introduction of producer and general questions from teams

9:15 Students tour farms

PSU shaker box and manure screens available on farms (courtesy of Cargill staff), piles of feed available for viewing-Primary Forages in TMR, High TMR, High Feces-

Rob Good, Cargill Animal Nutrition

11:15 Board buses to return to Hotel

12:00 Group Photo at Hotel

Lunch in **Central A and B**

1:00-6:00 Students prepare and complete presentations in assigned rooms

* Volunteers bring snacks and drinks to students

1:00-6:00 Resource Room with Betsy Howland & Fernando Soberon -**Cameron Room**

1:30-2:30 Sponsors, coaches and volunteers meeting in **Central A and B – Owen Bewley**

National Update-Barry Putnam

1:00-6:00 Judges from each farm meet, review, and prepare summary in a judge’s rooms

Farm 1 Judge’s Room-Jess Slaymaker

Farm 2 Judge’s Room-Mike Brockway

Farm 3 Judge’s Room-Clay Zimmerman

2:00-2:30 Team Farm Manager Interviews (30 minutes per farm)

* Farm 1 –**Central C Room** -teams 1, 2, 3, 4
* Farm 2 –**Central D Room**-teams 9, 10, 11, 12
* Farm 3 – **Central E Room**-teams 17, 18, 19, 20

2:30-3:00

* Farm 1 – **Central C Room**-teams 5, 6. 7. 8
* Farm 2 – **Central D Room** -teams 13, 14, 15, 16
* Farm 3 –**Central E Room**-teams 21, 22, 23, 24

6:00 Collect student teams’ presentations at **Harris Room**

**Bring all team members and computers**

Judges final reports completed and turned in

6:15 Dinner at **Central A& B**

7:00 Evening Program with Sponsors- Raechel and Team

Recognition of Host Farms, thank you’s, etc.

Team Activity regarding Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

9:30 Good night!

**Saturday, November 15, 2014**

6:30 AM Breakfast buffet at **Central A and B**, and morning announcements – Bruce Richards & Suzy Demeester, Mark

7:00 Judges-meet in **Cameron** with Mark McCullouch

Moderators, room clerks, and traffic ushers meet with, Bruce Richards -, and Kathy Hanehan in **Central C** Room.

First three Teams, #1, 9, 17 receive presentations at Dairy Challenge Central

Practice Rooms-**Cameron and Board Room**

Presentations will be handed out to teams 1 hour prior to presentation start

Changing rooms available for students-Check at Dairy Challenge Central for location

Following presentations all teams must report for pictures, debriefing, and time with sponsors at the **Career Fair in Heritage Room**

All students must participate in the farm tour/trade show in the morning or afternoon depending on presentation schedules

7:30 Sponsors set up booths in **Heritage** – coordinated byBarry Putnam, Raechel, and Betsey Howland

8:00 Afternoon teams travel to **–Brubaker’s Dairy**

8:30-12:00 Owen Bewley working with Vicky Baker and Jeff Ainsle

Stations throughout **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**:

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8:00-12:00 Morning Team Presentations

* Farm 1 – **Central C Room**
* Farm 2 – **Central D Room**
* Farm 3 –**Central E Room**

**BRING FINANCIAL INFORMATION to your presentation-this will be collected at the door**

8:55-1:00 Team photos (select location depending on weather) and debriefing in **Lobby**, visit sponsors in **Heritage** for Career Fair area following presentations

9:50-10:05 Break

11:00 Teams 5, 13, and 21 need to return from Brubaker’s Dairy via different transportation for noon-1:00 practice and 1:00 Presentation. Del Val Faculty (Bruce Richards) and Penn State Extension(Lisa Holden) person will handle this. Need transportation for 15 individuals.

11:30-1:30 Lunch available in **Central A and B Room.**

1:00 Morning teams and travel to **Brubaker’s Dairy**

1:30-4:30 Owen Bewley working with Vickie Baker and Jeff Ainsle.

Stations throughout **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**:

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1:00-5:00 Afternoon Team Presentations

* Farm 1 – **Central C Room**
* Farm 2 – **Central D Room**
* Farm 3 –**Central E Room**

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1:55-5:00 Team photos-Raechel, and debriefing, visit sponsors at Career Fair in **Heritage** following presentations

2:50-3:05 Break

4:00 Sponsors tear down booths

4:30 Bus departs Brubaker Farm to return to hotel

5:00 Judges final scoring for awards and meeting with host farm families in presentation rooms

5:30 - 7:00 Casual dinner- **Central A and B Room**

**Recognition of Host Farms, thank you’s, etc.**

6:00 Judge’s presentation, key issues on Farm 1-five slides – Identify Top 2 Teams and distribute participation awards to each team.

6:15 Judge’s presentation, key issues on Farm 2-five slides - Identify Top 2 Teams and distribute participation awards to each team.

6:30 Judge’s presentation, key issues on Farm 3-five slides - Identify Top 2 Teams and distribute participation awards to each team.

6:45 Get on the bus, van or whatever to head for home.

Safe trip home!