

Coaches,

As you work with your students to prepare for the 2015 Dairy Challenge, please take a few minutes to review several files that are now posted at dairychallenge.org. These files provide examples of data that will be provided at the contest.

1. Dairy Farm Business Summary (DFBS) 2013.pdf – Benchmarks of financial performance for New York herds with more than 300 cows
2. Sample DFBS Report 2013.pdf and Sample DFBS Report 2014.pdf - These files provide a sample of the format that will be used for the financial data this year for each respective farm in the contest or academy (includes financial statements, milk check, and summary of labor hours)
3. Novus COWS Sample Report_NE freestall_July 2014.pdf – Sample of a report that will be provided for each dairy herd this year
4. C.O.W.S. Program Overview.pdf – Description of the COWS Program
5. Economic Benefit Cow Comfort Rick Grant.pdf – An article by Dr. Rick Grant, Minor Institute, on a review of the impact cow comfort has on feed intake, milk production, reproduction, and animal health.
6. 2015 Contestant Honor Code – A copy of this document will be provided at the event for every student to sign. Please review this form with your students *before they arrive* so they are fully aware of the expectations for their conduct.

We hope that these will be valuable resources for your students.

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