

North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge Responsibilities of Interview Volunteers – Day 2

Moderator

- Coordinate interviews
- Instruct students that they will have the opportunity to ask questions, one at a time by team number, continuing to rotate through the teams until time is up.
- Facilitate Q&A between teams and producers
- Determine validity of each question; and give quick reason why a question is not allowed
- Instruct the dairy manager not to answer inappropriate questions
- See examples below to help guide your decisions

Timer

- Ensure each team has the opportunity to answer at least one question by team number
- Give hand signal for 2-minute warning
- End session after 60 minutes

Door Keeper

- Remain outside interview room
- Coordinate team entry into room
- If a team arrives late, they may enter but will not receive any additional time or questions. If they ask a question that has already been asked by another team, the moderator can refuse it.

Judges (2)

- Observe team strategies and questions asked

Examples of Appropriate and Inappropriate Questions

Invalid: How much overcrowding do you have in pen one?

Allowed: What is your definition of over-stocking?

Invalid: What is your biggest metabolic problem?

Allowed: The number of ketosis cases in your database indicate a big problem; are these data correct?

Invalid: What is your biggest reproductive problem?

Allowed: The data show that your cows average 120 days open; is that a correct value?

Invalid: How much do your cows eat in one day?

Allowed: Do you weigh the feed provided and feed that is refused daily? Or Are the feed intake data in the TMR management software a true reflection of the cow's consumption?