





## Washington FFA Crowns New State Winning Team in the Milk Quality and Products Evaluation Career Development Event

**Pullman, WA;** Cashmere FFA was announced as the state winning team in the Milk Quality and Products Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) during the second session of the 94th Washington FFA State Convention and Expo.

With a goal of members learning skills within the dairy industry, competitors participate in a six-part competition. CDE components include milk flavor identification and evaluation, product identification, California mastitis test, cheese identification, a written exam, and problem solving. Competitors are scored in both individual activities as well as team activities.

These tactile skills weren't the only things that Cashmere FFA members learned while competing in this CDE.

Cashmere FFA Member Sophie Hill said, "I think the thing that I learned the most from this whole experience is that grit and perseverance really pays off. And working well with your teammates and having grace for each other really is just the most important thing a team can have."

Hill and her teammates will be moving forward to compete at the 2024 National Convention and Expo this October. They will have the opportunity to compete against competitors from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands for the national title.

Congratulations Cashmere FFA and good luck at nationals!

The Washington FFA Association would like to extend our greatest thanks to the Northwest Dairy Association for their gracious sponsorship of this event.



Learn more about the Milk Quality and Products Evaluation Career Development Event.