

NORTH AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE **Dairy Challenge** *TOMORROW'S Dairy Leaders*

11 Major areas to assess the Dairy Farm operation

Checklist for teams to use in analyzing your farm and preparing your presentation

1. Herd management

Care of cattle, grouping, stall care, ventilation, facilities

2. Nutrition

Balance, economical, transition cows, effect on components

3. Herd Health

Vaccinations, feet and leg care, disease problems

4. Reproduction

Breeding efficiency, genetics

5. Milking system

Quality milk, milking efficiency, mastitis control

6. Forage

Quality, quantity, storage and feeding

7. Youngstock care

Housing, growth, calving

8. Labor and family management

Efficiency, cost, relationships, team efforts

9. Environmental concerns

Pollution, neighbors, CAFO plan

10. Financial Management

Profit, risk mgt., record keeping

11. Leadership

Utilizing all resources appropriately

Plan for continuation

Presentation Tip:

Remember you are making your report for the farm owner, rehashing what they already know is a waste of time.