

Agronomy

Junior Division

FFA

Overview

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Purpose

The Agronomy Career Development Event aims to create interest and promote understanding of agronomy by providing opportunities for recognition through the demonstration of skills and proficiencies.

Eligibility

This event is held during the Delaware State Fair. It is open to all middle school FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing.

Event Procedure

- A. Team Make-up: Up to four members will be on each team. All four members will be scored, and all four scores will count toward the team total.
- B. No more than four individuals are allowed to compete from any one school.
- C. All participants must have signed Delaware FFA Waiver forms and present them at sign-in.
- D. Accessibility for all students: All special needs requests and appropriate documentation as outlined in the special needs request procedure must be submitted with appropriate deadline. State FFA staff and the event superintendent will be responsible for scheduling assistance from a different school to assist participants.
- E. All participants will be given an identification number by which they will be designated throughout the event.
- F. Teams or participants arriving after the career development event has begun may be disqualified or penalized.

G. Under no circumstances will a participant be allowed to destroy any of the items in the identification portion of the practicums. Any infractions of this rule will be sufficient to eliminate a team from the event.

H. Any communication, verbal or non-verbal, between participants during a career development event will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team member involved from the career development event. The only exception to this would be communication between team members during the team activity portion of the event.

I. Any assistance given to a team member from any source other than the career development event officials or assistants will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team from the career development event.

J. Event superintendents may stop any participant if they deem their manner to be hazardous either to themselves or others. Such stoppage shall deem the individuals disqualified for that section of the career development event.

K. CDE participants who start an event and do not complete the event without notifying event officials at the time of departure will be disqualified. This can affect the overall team rank and position. In some events this will also dis- qualify the entire team.

L. Written Material: All written material will be furnished for the event. No written materials such as tests, problems and worksheets should be removed from the site.

M. Participants will not be allowed to possess any personal electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, smart watches, air pods, etc) other than those approved by event officials. Participants who possess personal electronic devices without prior approval of the event officials will be disqualified from the event.

N. FFA Dress: Participants must wear an FFA shirt, non athletic pants or finger-tip length non-athletic shorts and closed toed shoes.

Event Format

A. Materials students must provide:

1. Clean, free of notes clipboard.
2. Two sharpened No. 2 pencils.

B. The Agronomy Career Development Event will consist of four (4) parts:

1. Identification of 20 Weed Specimens Students will identify twenty (20) weeds. The list of possible specimens is this section of the handbook (no seeds). Please see attached middle school list.

2. Identification of 20 Crops or seeds Students will identify twenty (20) crop plants and/or seeds. The list of possible specimens in this section of the handbook. Please see attached middle school list.

3. Written General Knowledge Examination Students will have 30 minutes to take an examination with 25 objective multiple choice questions. Questions will be the same as the high school test.

4. Team Activity: Judging of 4 Commodities that can include grain, hay, or vegetables. Classes will be judged using a standard placing card. (Horticulture Scantron Sheet)

Scoring

Middle School	Individual	Team
ID of Weeds (20 Specimens)	300	1200
ID of Crops or Seeds (20 Specimens)	200	800
Examination (25 Questions)	50	200
Team Activity Judging/ Evaluation of 4 Classes		800
Total Possible	550	3000

Tie Breakers

If ties occur for team awards the following events will be used to determine the placings:

1. Team Activity
2. Total Written Exam

If ties occur for individual awards the following events will be used to determine the placings:

1. Weed Identification
2. Crop and Seed Identification
3. Written Test

Awards

Awards will be presented to individuals and/or teams based up- on their rankings at the State Fair FFA Awards Breakfast. The top 10 individuals will receive certificates; top 9 individuals will receive premium money from the Delaware State Fair provided they have registered with the Delaware State Fair for this CDE by June 1st. Top 3 individuals will receive medals.