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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AGRISCIENCE FAIR

Judges - Leon Ressler, Lancaster, PA; David Howell, Penn. Furnace, PA; John Bierbower, Latrobe, PA; Gregory Black, Mechanicsburg, PA
Chairperson-Christopher Weller, PA Dept. of Education, Harrisburg, PA

Entries Deadline: December 1, 2013 • ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:
AgEd: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/teacher_resources/7392/agricultural_education/507869

Appropriate Entry forms can be downloaded from the Ag Ed website and must be sent to Cliff Day, FFA Facilitator, PA Department of Education, 333 Market Street 11th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. clday@pa.gov

Eligibility Requirements

1. The 2014 Pennsylvania State Farm Show will serve as the state qualifying event for Agriscience Fair Exhibits. Exhibits selected as first place winners at the Farm Show will be eligible to apply for National FFA recognition.
2. Each member or team may enter only one project. A team is maximum of two members working cooperatively on the same project. The maximum number of entries accepted is 64.
3. Displays must reflect the current year's work.
4. Exhibits must be in place by 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 3, 2014. Judging starts at 10:15 a.m. Each participant is required to meet with the judges to explain their project. Exhibit area will be in the Weis Exposition Hall.
5. Exhibited projects and project reports shall be the result of the student(s) own effort.
6. Projects MUST remain on exhibit until 3 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 or **the exhibitor will forfeit their premiums.**
7. Must be an FFA member to participate in this event.
8. The Farm Show Commission reserves the right to withhold any premium for lack of merit of exhibits and authorizes judges to award a lower place premium if deemed best.

Safety Rules

1. If an exhibit becomes unsafe or unsuitable for display, it will be removed and deemed ineligible for any awards.
2. Projects which involve vertebrate animal subjects must conform with the following statement: Experiments on live animals surgery, the removal of parts, injection of harmful chemicals, and/or exposure to harmful environments, are not acceptable at the Farm Show. Live vertebrates are not permitted at the Farm Show.
3. Toxic and hazardous chemicals are prohibited.
4. All necessary chemical glassware must be displayed in a stable manner and protected from the public. The items must be back from the edge of the table and may not be operational at any time.
5. Students should substitute colored water, photographs or drawings for chemicals.
6. Crystals, other than sucrose (sugar) and sodium chloride (salt), may not be displayed. Projects involving crystals can be represented by pictures or other three-dimensional models.
7. Hypodermic needles and syringes may not be displayed in any exhibit.
8. It is critically important that no person be exposed to any bacteria that are considered pathogenic. Therefore, the following two rules are very important: No wild cultures incubated above room temperature; no cultures taken from humans or other warm blooded animals may be used. This includes, but is not limited to skin, throat and mouth.
9. Plastic Petri dishes must be used and must be sealed.
10. Lasers may not be used in any exhibit.
11. Dangerous and combustible materials are prohibited.
12. No exhibit shall have open flames.
13. No electricity can be used.

Display Requirements

1. Each exhibit must conform to National FFA Standards which can be found at www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_programs.Agriscience
2. National FFA Scorecard will be used in judging exhibits.
3. The official maximum size for a project is 48 inches wide by 30 inches deep (the distance from front to back) by 108 inches high (from floor to top, includes table if project is on table top).
4. All projects must have the following information attached to the upper right hand corner of the exhibit: Name of person(s) responsible for developing project Chapter Name, County Title of category entered.

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6
Agriscience Fair Classes	**Food Products and Processing Systems**	**Plant Systems**	**Power, Structural, and Technical Systems**	**Environmental Services/ Natural Resource Systems**	**Animal Systems**	**Social Systems**
Individuals in Grades 7-9	**1**	**5**	**9**	**13**	**17**	**21**
Individuals in Grades 10-12	**2**	**6**	**10**	**14**	**18**	**22**
Teams of Two in Grades 7-9	**3**	**7**	**11**	**15**	**19**	**23**
Teams of Two in Grades 10-12	**4**	**8**	**12**	**16**	**20**	**24**

Premiums

1st $40.00, 2nd $35.00, and 3rd $30.00, will be awarded in each division.

The Farm Show Commission will award a walnut plaque for best of show.