

## DEPARTMENT • 35

# AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION CAREERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairperson: Clifford Day, PA Department of Education, Harrisburg PA

### Entries must be PRE-ENTERED

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

AgEd: [http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/teacher\\_resources/7392/agricultural\\_education/507869](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/teacher_resources/7392/agricultural_education/507869)

FFA: <http://www.paffa.state.pa.us>

Appropriate entry forms can be downloaded and completed application must be sent to Cliff Day, FFA Facilitator by August 31, 2013 at the following address: PA Department of Education, 333 Market Street 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. [clday@pa.gov](mailto:clday@pa.gov)

Entries close Saturday, August 31, 2013

This year, Department 35 participants will focus on agriculture conservation careers and technology. FFA Chapters will select a conservation topic from one of the following areas: careers, equipment, best practices, research, or technology. The FFA Chapters must use one or more of the following resources in the completion of the project: County Conservation District Office, post-secondary conservation program and/or an equipment dealer specializing in conservation equipment. The FFA Chapter will create a 5-7 minute video showcasing the conservation topic. The video must include the highlighted topic, background or history, improvement through the years, and benefit to agriculture, the environment and consumers.

### Subject and Eligibility

1. Theme "Agriculture Conservation Careers and Technology".
2. This is a competition event for the FFA Chapters within the state of Pennsylvania. All projects shall be designed and created by the members of the FFA Chapter. Participation is limited to 15 FFA Chapters.
3. FFA Chapters and agriculture two-year technical schools or four-year colleges, conservation districts or equipment dealers specializing in conservation will be paired based on the submitted application. Subject areas may include but are not limited to careers, technology, best practices, conservation friendly equipment, and research.
4. The FFA Chapter will be required to make two 20 minute presentations at an assigned date and time during 2014 Pennsylvania Farm Show.
5. A trifold tabletop display made by the FFA Chapter will also be on exhibit during the 2014 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

### Video

6. FFA Chapters are to collaborate with their County Conservation District, post secondary conservation program, and/or equipment dealer specializing in conservation in researching their selected topic and creating a high quality video that can be shared with the general public during the 2014 Pennsylvania Farm Show. The video is also expected to be utilized in the 20 minute presentations given by the FFA Chapter members.
7. The created video must showcase the conservation topic selected. The length of the video must be 5-7 minutes and submitted in an Mpeg format. Videos must be student made, but may be supplemented with professional clips if proper permissions have been obtained. Complete video must be submitted to Farm show Management and the FFA Facilitator by November 1, 2013 for review in order to be utilized during the 2014 Pennsylvania Farm Show.
8. In producing the video, the following areas should be researched and incorporated into the video as appropriate: the highlighted topic, background or history, improvement through the years, and benefit to agriculture, the environment and consumers.
9. A trifold presentation board will be provided for each chapter. The official maximum size for presentation board must fit within these dimensions: Overall size is 6'w x 3'h with each of the three panels being: 2'w x 3'h. This will provide 18 square feet of display space and serve as a tabletop display.
10. Videos will be posted on the Lancaster Farming website: [www.lancasterfarming.com](http://www.lancasterfarming.com). There will be no voting.

### Presentation

11. Each FFA chapter will be required to give two live presentations on stage in the Weis Exposition Hall. Three chapters each day will present from Sunday, January 5, through Friday, January 10. Presentations are to last 20 minutes
12. The presentation should include but not be limited to an introduction to the topic, what was learned through the project undertaken and end with a request for questions from the audience. Students are encouraged to utilize the video they have created intermittently throughout their presentation.
13. FFA Chapters wishing to participate must submit the application found on the PDE website and mail it to: FFA Facilitator, Bureau of Career & Technical Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education, 333 Market Street-11th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333 by Saturday August 31, 2013. Accepted chapters will be required to submit a one page video and project plan to the FFA Facilitator by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
14. Exhibitors must contact the Department Chairperson to make arrangements for presentation schedule.
15. **Video must be completed by November 1, 2013.**

### Awards

**PREMIUMS:** ALL VIDEOS AND EXHIBITS \$200.00

**SPECIAL AWARDS: Presented by Lancaster Farming**  
ALL VIDEOS AND EXHIBITS \$800.00 and Silk banners