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Agriscience Demonstration Event

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Superintendents:

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Registration Deadline: September 16, 2022

Participants must register through the online registration system on vaffa.org. Teams will need to be entered under team or school name. Individuals will also need to be entered separately to be eligible for premiums and scholarships.

2022 Official Schedule

Date: Monday, September 26th, 2022

Location: Farm Credit Barn

Contestant Meeting: 9:30 AM

Contest Start Time: 10:00 AM

Contest Fee: \$5/entry

Registration: Available on [Virginia FFA](http://www.vaffa.org) website.

Awards: Presented at the conclusion of the contest.

Contest Rules

1. Information can be found on the Virginia FFA website <http://www.vaffa.org>.
2. This contest will be open to FFA chapters across the state. Schools are invited to enter one or two demonstrations. If two demonstrations are entered from a chapter, each must present a different demonstration topic.
3. Demonstrations may be presented by either one individual contestant or a team of two contestants. (Note that awards are presented to ranked demonstration, not individual contestants.)
4. Contestants must be active students in grades 6-12 the school term preceding entry in the contest. There will be two divisions: **Junior Division (Division I)** will be students in grades 6-9 and **Senior Division (Division II)** will be students in grades 10-12. If either member of a team is in or above the tenth-grade level, the team will be considered Division II.
5. No individual may present the same demonstration in successive years.
6. No individual may present the same demonstration as presented in the horticulture demonstration contest.
7. Presentations must be of a demonstration nature (actually doing something), not simply an illustrated talk.
8. Demonstration topics may deal with agriculture within any of the following areas: Plant and Soil Science, Animal Science, Agricultural Marketing & Agricultural Business, Natural Resources Management & Environmental Science, and Agricultural Engineering.
9. Fire, live animals and operational engines may not be used during the demonstration.
10. Each demonstration is limited to 10 minutes. Following the demonstration, the judges (only) may ask questions of the contestant and only about the demonstration for up to 3 minutes.
11. Contestants must provide all equipment and materials required for their demonstrations.
13. The contest will be limited to the first 30 teams/individuals to register in each division.

Awards

State Fair Scholarship Program

Contestants will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see the **State Fair website, www.statefairva.org, for more information regarding the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program and eligibility requirements for other available scholarships.** The following scholarships will be awarded to the top three individuals in **Division II (Senior Division)**. **Should a presentation be a team project, the scholarship money will be split between the two individuals.**

Placing	Individual Award *Div. II (Seniors) Only
1 st	\$250.00
2 nd	\$150.00
3 rd	\$50.00

Emphasis	Uses voice, tone, and actions to highlight important points	Occasionally points out important steps and procedures	Uses not emphasis, presentation is monotone
Sincerity	Shows passion, obviously has first-hand experience	Sometimes shows enthusiasm, gives good examples	No enthusiasm, shows no evidence of experience
Conveyance of Thought and Meaning	Shows "real world" applicableness of the demonstration	Gives examples, does not always convey meaning	Cannot express meaning of the subject to points
Visual Display			20 Points
Info Presented in Best Manner	Easy to understand demo, appropriate for audience	Fairly easy to follow, display reflects topic	Display does not match demo topic, not understandable
Neat and Attractive	No spelling or grammar errors, easy to see, decorated	Mostly organized, good grammar and spelling	Unorganized design, poor grammar, and spelling
Presented in a Logical Order	Presented in a "timeline" model, steps are clear	Step by step format, easy to follow for the most part	No logical process to transitions from idea to idea
Information			10 Points
Known Facts Presented Correctly	Facts are used appropriately to support the demo	Facts are used, not always in a logical way	Facts are not used or unrelated to demo topic
Known Facts Used Accurately	Facts are used often, supported with reference to sources	Facts are used sometimes, missing references	Facts are not used or are inaccurate
General Effect			20 Points
Interesting	Topic made relatable to audience through examples/facts	Some examples and facts, may lack relatability	Audience is not attracted to the topic
Understandable	Topic is appropriate for the age/type of audience	Topic is slightly mature/immature for audience	The presentation is not understood by audience
Response to Questions			20 Points
Ability to Answer Questions	Answers questions in full, provides additional facts	Displays general understanding, not always complete	Avoids or dances around the answer, no facts are used
Grand Total of Possible Points			100 Points

Total Score: _____/100

Judge: _____

Student Chapter and Name: _____

