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ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
REQUIRED BY ONONDAGA COUNTY
NO EXCEPTIONS!!

In the interest of public safety, the Onondaga County Health Department has issued the following **Rabies Vaccination Requirements** for animals on exhibition/competition at the New York State Fair/State Fairgrounds. These requirements are **in addition to** the NYS Animal Health Requirements listed on the next page.

Vaccination

All goats, swine and llamas over three (3) months of age must be “off label” vaccinated for rabies. All species (goats, swine and llamas) must be vaccinated at least 14 days prior to arrival on the Fairgrounds and not more than 365 days prior.

Proof of Immunization

All goats, swine and llamas must be accompanied by a certification of administration.

All veterinary certificates must clearly identify the mammal immunized. Certificates must include species, sex, age, breed, owner’s name, address and telephone number, vaccine manufacturer, date of vaccination, expiration date of vaccination and the veterinarian’s signature, address and license number.

In compliance with the terms of the New York State Sanitary Code a mammal vaccinated by “off label” use will be treated as a non-vaccinated animal if it is exposed to rabies or if it bites or otherwise potentially exposes a human to rabies.

Event Monitors

Clearly identifiable exhibitors or their representatives shall be present at all times to monitor public contact in a good faith effort to comply with this order.

Exposure Reporting

An on-site designated area shall be provided to report any known human exposures to mammals. The exhibitors are to assure that exposures are reported immediately, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after occurrence to the Onondaga County Health Department. Minimum information shall include name, address and phone number of person exposed, identification of the mammal involved and a brief description of the incident (date, time, location, circumstances surrounding the incident, etc.) See Superintendent for Animal Incident Report.

If an exhibitor has a specific question regarding the “off label” vaccination of their animals, contact the Onondaga County Health Department, Bureau of Animal Disease Prevention at (315) 435-3165.

Animal Health Requirements For
Admission to New York State and County Fairs
(Part 351 of NYS Agriculture and Markets Regulations)

General Prohibitions and Requirements

- No person shall bring or have present an animal on the fairgrounds during a fair which is not qualified under NYS regulations.
- No person shall present an interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection that has been altered by anyone other than the issuing veterinarian or an authorized agent.
- Animals demonstrating clinical signs or other evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall not be allowed on the fairgrounds during a fair.
- Representatives of the Commissioner may deny admission to or require removal from the fair premises, or require the segregation of any animal showing signs of or exposed to any infectious, contagious or communicable disease.

Note: The fair board of directors has the authority to reject unworthy or unsightly exhibits for reasons other than infectious, contagious or communicable disease (Part 350.10). The state veterinarian or animal health inspector will bring questionable exhibits to the attention of the fair board.

- All animals presented that originate from a location other than New York shall meet all New York State importation regulations appropriate to the species in addition to the fair animal health requirements.
- Animals that qualify for admission at one NYS sanctioned county fair shall be considered approved for admission at all other New York State fairs conducted during the same calendar year, subject to State importation requirements appropriate to the species and compliance with the rabies vaccination requirements of individual fairs, provided that the health status of the individual animal or the herd of origin does not change in the interim period. For example, if an animal reaches the minimum age for rabies vaccination during the fair season, the vaccination requirement must be met even if the animal was previously admitted to a fair when too young to vaccinate.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

- Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas, deer, monkeys, misc. ruminants, camels and elephants require a valid CVI to enter the fairgrounds.
- The CVI must be issued by an accredited veterinarian.
- All animals must be uniquely identified. All manmade ID must be recorded. Refer to Animal Identification section below for more information.
- The type and duration of certificate required depends on the origin of the livestock.

New York Origin Livestock:

- A valid intrastate CVI (AI 61) is required.
- Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI.
- The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.

Out of State Origin Livestock:

- All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species and be accompanied by a valid interstate CVI.
- The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid CVI's can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial entrance into a fair must be within 30 days of issuance. In order for the CVI to be used for a later fair, it must be dated and initialed by a state official noting the location of the initial fair. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI.
- Questions regarding import requirements should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971.

Animal Identification

- Animals requiring a CVI must be uniquely identified. Acceptable forms of unique identification include official eartag, registration tattoo, electronic identification or a sketch or photograph signed by an accredited veterinarian who has inspected the individual animal.
- An eartag with a handwritten or printed number that is not unique is not acceptable.

- If electronic ID is utilized as the sole form of identification, the exhibitor is responsible for supplying a working electronic reader. If electronic ID cannot be read entry will be denied.
- Acceptable identification allows positive matching of the animal to all accompanying documents including papers with laboratory test results and vaccination statements.
- Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markers.
- Llama and alpaca drawings must positively identify the individual animal.
- A name or a statement of color without additional distinguishing features or man made identification is not acceptable identification.
- USDA approved scrapie identification is required for all sheep and goats. See the sheep and goat sections below for more specific information.

Rabies Vaccination

- Current rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 105 days or older on the date of admission to the fair.
- An animal is currently vaccinated beginning 14 days following primary (initial) vaccination continuing for the period stated in the manufacturer's instructions.
- Rabies vaccine label instructions allow vaccination as early as 84 days of age. This allows a one week window between 84 and 91 days of age (105 minus 14 days) where vaccine can be administered to meet the 105 day requirement.
- Animals previously vaccinated for rabies but whose vaccination status has expired, are eligible for exhibition immediately upon receiving a booster vaccination. Proof of previous vaccination is required.
- Note: Individual fairs can require animals for which there is no approved rabies vaccine to be currently vaccinated for rabies. The requirements outlined above would apply. The fair is responsible for notifying exhibitors.

Acceptable Proof of Rabies Vaccination

- Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include a signed written statement from the attending veterinarian or a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that has the vaccination listed and is signed by the attending veterinarian.
- Acceptable proof of vaccination must include the name of the product used, the date of administration and the duration of immunity if longer than one year.
- If the statement of rabies vaccination is included on an EIA test record, it must be signed separately in addition to the required EIA test record signature.
- NOTE: Rabies titers are not acceptable proof of rabies protection and cannot be used to meet entry requirements.
- Acceptable proof of vaccination for dogs is a valid vaccination certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information.

Cattle BVD-PI Testing

- As of the 2008 fair season, all cattle exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.
- Currently acceptable tests for cattle less than 61 days old:
 - skin notch BVD virus Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
 - whole blood BVD virus isolation
 - whole blood BVD virus PCR
- Currently acceptable tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:
 - Skin notch BVD virus Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
 - Serum or milk BVD virus Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
 - Whole blood BVD virus isolation
 - Whole blood BVD virus PCR

Cleaning and Disinfection

- All buildings on the fairgrounds housing animals must be cleaned and disinfected prior to the opening of the fair and between groups of animals when housing is rotated (Section 50.2 of Agriculture and Market regulations).

Kidding and Lambing

- Due to the concern about the spread of scrapie, any sheep or goats that are exhibited at a county fair that have recently given birth or have a vaginal discharge, will be ordered removed along with their offspring.

- The causative agent for scrapie may be present in high concentration in fluids associated with birth and the risk of transmission is considered highest at that time.

Commingleing of Sheep/Goats and Cattle

- Due to the potential spread of malignant catarrhal fever from sheep and goats to cattle, it is recommended that cattle be kept separate from sheep and goats.

Isolation on Returning Home

- The owner or custodian shall keep show animals biologically separate from the herd or flock for a period of at least two weeks after returning to the premises of origin.

Individual Species Requirements

Horses

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not required for New York origin horses. CVI is required for imported horses.
- Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test is required for all horses 6 months of age or older. The horse must be accompanied by a valid negative EIA test record. Horses less than 6 months of age accompanied by a test negative dam do not have to be tested. Horses less than 6 months of age not accompanied by the dam must be test negative. The test must have been conducted during the current or previous calendar years for New York origin horses. For imported horses, the test must be conducted within 12 months of entry.
- The EIA test certificate must include a complete description of the horse.
- Current rabies vaccination is required for all horses 105 days of age or older (see above).

Cattle

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Current rabies vaccination is required for all cattle 105 days of age or older (see above).
- All cattle must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). (See current acceptable tests above.) The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All cattle must be currently vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with a product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of the fair.

Sheep

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a USDA approved premises tattoo or 3) electronic ID if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (owner must supply a working electronic reader).
For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 518-869-9007.
- Current rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 105 days of age or older (see above).
- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the flock of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Goats

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo with official registration paper accompanying the animal or 3) a USDA approved premises tattoo or 4) electronic ID if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic ID is recorded on the goats registration paper (owner must supply a working electronic reader).
For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 518-869-9007.
- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.

- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Swine

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.

Llamas and Alpacas

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Test negative for tuberculosis by means of an axillary TB test within 12 months of the fair (12 months of age and older) OR originate from a herd which has had a negative complete herd test of all llamas and alpacas over 12 months of age within the previous 5 years.

Poultry

- Poultry (with the exception of doves, pigeons and waterfowl) must be accompanied by 1) results of a negative pullorum typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to exhibition OR 2) proof that the birds originated directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock.

Deer (Cervidae)

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Originate from a herd classified as accredited or qualified under USDA tuberculosis regulations.
- A movement permit obtained from the Division of Animal Industry is required for all deer movements. All CWD requirements must be met before a permit will be issued. Questions regarding movement permits should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971.

Miscellaneous Ruminants / Camels

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.

Elephants

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- All elephants presented for admission to a fair must be exhibited pursuant to a current USDA license.

Non-human Primates

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Proof of a negative intradermal tuberculosis test performed within 12 months of admission.

INTERSTATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR ANIMALS

This document is a supplement to the Animal Health Requirements published for animals exhibited at New York state county fairs and the State Fair. Its purpose is to summarize the import requirements that must be met for livestock entering New York destined for fairs. Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination in species not required by the state. Contact the specific fair for their requirements. Further assistance can be obtained by contacting the Division of Animal Industry (DAI) at 518-457-3502 or your State Veterinarian's office.

CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI)

A CVI is required for all animals moving interstate. Note that interstate CVI's must be issued by an accredited veterinarian and countersigned by the State Veterinarian in the state of origin. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. During the fair season, from July 1 through Labor Day, Interstate CVIs can be used multiple times as long as the initial entrance to a fair in NY is within 30 days of issuance and the CVI is initialed by a state official. All documentation must accompany the animals. Animals not meeting the interstate and/or fair requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. Individual ID is required on all animals. Animals with incomplete or illegible ID will be rejected. Where rabies vaccination is required, the information can be included on the health certificate.

HORSES

Horses 6 months of age or older must test negative for equine infectious anemia. The test must be conducted within 12 months of the day of entry. The horse must be clearly and completely identified. Rabies vaccination is required for all horses over 105 days of age. Horses less than 6 months of age must be accompanied by the dam or EIA test negative.

CATTLE

Cattle from the neighboring states of New England, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. For information on other states, please contact DAI at 518-457-3971. Vaccination for rabies and the bovine respiratory disease complex is required. **CATTLE FROM ALL STATES MUST BE TEST NEGATIVE FOR BVD-PI WITH RESULTS NOTED ON THE CVI.**

SHEEP

Sheep from the neighboring states of New England, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. All sheep must be identified by a USDA approved tag, a USDA approved premises tattoo or electronic ID if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program. The veterinary statement concerning the flock inspection is required. Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep over 105 days of age. Negative bluetongue testing is required from some states. For information on other states, please contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

GOATS

Imported goats six months of age and older must be test negative for brucellosis. Goats twelve months of age and older must be test negative for tuberculosis. The veterinary statement concerning the herd inspection is required. All goats must be identified by a USDA approved tag, legible registration tattoo (with registration papers), a USDA approved premises tattoo or electronic ID if enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

SWINE

Swine from the neighboring states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the six New England states can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. For information on other states, please contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

LLAMAS

Llamas from the neighboring states of New England, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio must be test negative for brucellosis and tuberculosis. Brucellosis testing is required for llamas 6 months of age and older and must be conducted within 30 days of entry. Tuberculosis testing is required for llamas 1 year of age and older and must be conducted within 60 days of entry. TB test must be done using the axillary method. For information on other states, please contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

DEER – (CERVIDAE)

Deer must meet the Federal interstate requirements for tuberculosis testing (be from an accredited or qualified herd). Brucellosis testing is required for deer greater than six months of age. A written permit issued by the Division of Animal

Industry is required in advance. For complete information, please contact the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971.

BIRDS

Out of state poultry must be accompanied by the NPIP flock certificate if the flock is NPIP certified. Otherwise a CVI is required. Poultry with the exception of doves, pigeons and waterfowl, must test negative for pullorum within 30 days of importation if not from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock. Other birds must be accompanied by a CVI. For more information, contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

MONKEYS

CVI plus negative TB test within 12 months of exhibition is required.

ELEPHANTS

CVI plus evidence of current USDA Exhibitor's License.

MISC. RUMINANTS AND CAMELS

CVI

CATTLE BVD TESTING

New Requirement for 2008

All cattle exhibited at New York county fairs and State Fair must be test negative for Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD-PI).

- One negative test in lifetime of animal
- Consult with your private veterinarian for appropriate testing
- Schedule testing well in advance of the fair
- Includes rodeo and petting zoo cattle
- NO NEGATIVE TEST, NO ENTRY

Questions? Call NYS Ag and Markets, Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502 or see www.agmkt.state.ny.us

EVENTS

I. GENERAL RULES AND OFFICIAL POLICIES

Violations of any of the following rules may be grounds for the event superintendent to disqualify a participant.

A. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS FOR STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

1. Each participant in Agricultural Education, Department 52, must be on the National FFA Roster or State 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Roster

In the event a participant's name is not on the chapter's official roster for the years in which dues were payable to the State and National Organization, a past-due membership processing fee of \$25, in addition to the dues, must be paid prior to participation in the event.

B. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS FOR NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

1. Each participant must be a bona fide dues-paying FFA member in good standing with the local chapter, state association, and the national organization at the time of his/her selection and at the time of the State FFA Career Development Event in which he/she participates.

In the event a participant's name is not on the chapter's official roster for the years in which dues were payable to the State and National Organization, a past-due membership processing fee of \$25, in addition to the dues, must be paid prior to participation in the event.

2. The participant, at the time of His/Her selection as a national team member must be high school FFA member (a graduating senior is considered eligible to compete in state and national career development events up to and including
 - a) his/her first national convention following graduation). High school refers to grades 9-12.
 - b) Enrolled, while in school, in at least one agricultural course during the school year and/or following a planned course of study: either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
3. A student may not participate more than once in the same official National FFA Career Development Event. No student may participate in more than one National FFA Career Development Event each year. (This includes the leadership development events.)
4. Extra help will be provided for IEP students by one of the superintendents.

C. ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:

1. Students who have received the 1st place travel money cannot compete in the same Fair Career Development Event again.
2. Students who were members of the first place team are not eligible to compete in the same contest again. Any alternate member from previous years is eligible to compete if they did not participate in the National Event.
3. Members are eligible to compete in all State Fair Career Development Events each year. If a member achieves eligibility to participate in more than one National Event, the member must select one National Event in which to participate. An alternate member for the other team must have competed in that specific Career Development Event at the State level in order to be certified for the National Career Development Event. All members of All National Teams must have competed in that specific Development Event at the State Level.

Example #1: A Chapter may enter only four members each day in two events (i.e., Dairy & Livestock), student A, is a member of each team that achieves National eligibility. He or she must select one event to participate in at the National level. The other team may only certify the three participating members and Student A, as the alternate for that team.

Example #2: A Chapter enters five members in Dairy, and four members in Livestock. Student A, is a member of both teams that achieve National eligibility. Student A, selects to participate in the Livestock event. Therefore, the fifth member participating in the State Dairy Event is eligible from the Chapter that may be certified.

D. ENTRY RULES

1. Prior to the event, a team voucher must be completed in full for competition.
2. A Chapter may enter as many teams as they wish in each event.
3. The Chapter Advisor will be responsible to request tickets, parking permits, arrange for a team supervisor at the State Fair. Tickets will be issued on a per request basis, with all unused tickets being returned to the Superintendent. Justification of the use of these tickets will be verified through vouchers and exhibit set-ups and take down.
4. Team Attire: All teams shall wear proper attire, which includes: State or Chapter FFA Shirt or FFA Jacket and proper safety attire related to the event. Superintendent use discretion to allow proper shorts on days

of excessive heat. Cutoffs and gym shorts are not acceptable. Be advised that you should have long pants with you.

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5. Contest Coordinators will submit bills to the NYSFFA Executive Treasurer for supplies used in their CDE.
6. The Superintendent of Dept. 52, upon proof of violation of the rules, is authorized to disqualify a team, demonstration or exhibitor. The ultimate interpretation of these policies and procedures of Dept. 52, shall be the responsibility of the FFA State Fair Co-Superintendents.
7. Accommodations will be made for students who need additional help in reading or completing test. Notify superintendent prior to test date. State FFA t-shirts will be available at the Superintendent Office, if so desired.

E AWARDS

1. Teachers and students are urged to attend daily award presentations following their career development event.
2. Results are final when the superintendent receives the career development event chairperson's report. All career development event materials will be destroyed at that time. The superintendent will direct each CDE chairperson to review **all contest results** for any needed corrections prior to submitting them..
3. Awards will be presented to individual's placing one through twelve
4. Tie breaking system will be used and is on file with the Department 52 Superintendents.

II. DATES & LIST OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Thursday, August 27	Agriculture Science Fair
Friday, August 28.....	Vegetable Crops I.D./Horticulture
Saturday, August 29	Small Gas Engine Troubleshooting
Saturday, August 29	Diesel Engine Troubleshooting
Saturday, August 29	Agricultural Electrification
Monday, August 31.....	Agronomy
Monday, August 31.....	Dairy Foods
Monday, August 31.....	Meats Contest
Tuesday, September 1	Nursery/Landscape
Tuesday, September 1	Livestock Judging
Wednesday, September 2	Horse Evaluation
Thursday, September 3.....	Dairy Cattle
Thursday, September 3.....	Dairy Handlers
Friday, September 4	Wildlife I.D.
Friday, September 4	Tree I.D.
Friday, September 4	Environmental & Natural Resources
Friday, September 4	Poultry

A. TRAVEL AWARDS

Name of Career Event	Ranking	No. on Team	Award
Vegetable Crops/Horticulture	1 st	4	315.00
	2 nd		130.00
\$ Livestock	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd		210.00
\$ Dairy Food	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd		210.00
\$ Dairy Cattle	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd	4	210.00
\$ Dairy Handler	1 st	1	307.00
	2 nd	1	165.00
	3 rd	1	165.00

EVENTS

Name of Career Event	Ranking	No. on Team	Award
\$ Agronomy	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd		210.00
\$ Nursery/Landscape	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd		210.00
Wildlife I.D.	1 st	3	315.00
	2 nd		130.00
\$ Horse Evaluation & Selection	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd	4	210.00
Tree I.D.	1 st	3	315.00
	2 nd		130.00
\$ Poultry	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd		210.00
\$ Meats	1 st	4	627.00
	2 nd		210.00
\$ Tractor Driving (at EFD)	1 st	2	215.00
	2 nd		90.00
\$ Sm Gas Engine Trbshtg.	1 st	2	215.00
	2 nd		90.00
\$ Welding (at EFD)	1 st	2	215.00
	2 nd		90.00
\$ Agricultural Electrification	1 st	2	215.00
	2 nd		90.00
\$ Agriscience Fair (divided equally among 1 st pl students, up to 31)		1	1525.00
\$ Env & Natural Resources	Sr.	4	627.00
	Jr.	4	210.00
Diesel Engine Troubleshooting	1 st	2	TBA from NYSFFALT
	2 nd	2	TBA from NYSFFALT

EFD – Empire Farm Days
 \$ National FFA Career Events.

Following the results at each event, 1st and 2nd place teams will receive a packet from the superintendent's office. Teams must complete a voucher and forward immediately to the superintendent's office. The advisors to the top two teams in each contest will meet with the superintendent immediately following the awards program to receive instructions on travel awards. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN ANY CDE, PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ON THE NATIONAL DUES ROSTER. First place National CDE participants will represent New York at the National FFA Convention. Second place CDE participants will represent New York at the Eastern State Exposition (Big E). The first place CDE participants will attend the Eastern States Exposition if the second place participants are not able to attend. If the first place participants are unable to attend, the third place participants will be invited to represent New York. OTHER STATE LEVEL TEAMS, SUCH AS WILDLIFE, TREE ID, ELECTRICAL, SMALL ENGINES, WELDING AND DIESEL MECHANICS MONIES WILL BE USED FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

1. AGRISCIENCE FAIR

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Open to students in grades 7-12. Students participate in research projects in their local communities and then prepare a scientific report and display for judging at the state level with winners advancing to the National FFA Agriscience Fair held at the National FFA Convention in October. Students enter in the following areas:

- I. Division 1 (projects by individual students who have completed grade 7, 8 or 9)
 - A. *Botany*
 - B. *Engineering*
 - C. *Environmental Sciences*
 - D. *Zoology*
 - E. *Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology*
- II. Division 2 (individual by individual students who have completed grade 10, 11 or 12)
 - A. *Botany*
 - B. *Engineering*
 - C. *Environmental Sciences*
 - D. *Zoology*
 - E. *Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology*
- III. Division 3 (projects completed by students in teams of two who have completed grade 7, 8 or 9)
 - A. *Botany*
 - B. *Engineering*
 - C. *Environmental Sciences*
 - D. *Zoology*
 - E. *Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology*
- IV. Division 4 (teams projects completed by students in teams of two who have completed grade 10, 11 or 12)
 - A. *Botany*
 - B. *Engineering*
 - C. *Environmental Sciences*
 - D. *Zoology*
 - E. *Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology*

****For more information about the categories and contest format, refer to the latest edition of the National FFA Agriscience Handbook available at www.ffa.org****

- A. ATTIRE – Official FFA dress is strongly recommended.
- B. LOCATION – Will be announced prior to the opening of the fair.
- C. DATE & TIME – Opening Day of the Fair. Students must be set up by 10:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m.
- D. DISPLAYS – Must remain throughout the duration of the fair.
- E. ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS – Students who have received 1st place travel money at a previous NYS Agriscience Fair can not compete in the same division and category in this year's NYS FFA Agriscience Fair. (i.e. A student who competes at the National FFA Convention as a 7th grader in Division 1, Botany can not compete as an 8th or 9th grader in Division 1, Botany. They may, however, compete in Division I, Environmental Science as an 8th or 9th grader OR as a 10th grader in Division 2, Botany.)
- F. JUDGING – The rubric found in the National FFA Agriscience Handbook will be used.
- G. Students are required to submit an abstract via email no later than August 1st to ensure that enough judges are secured.

2. VEGETABLE CROPS/HORTICULTURE

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- A. PURPOSE – See 4-H Vegetable Crop Manuals for plant list and cultural information for general knowledge examination. www.cornell.edu/4H/plants
- B. OBJECTIVES:
1. Identify categories of flowers, ornamentals, fruits/nuts and vegetables on a beginner, intermediate and advanced level
 2. Judge various vegetables and flowers in a comparable placing format.
 3. Take a test on plant production and preparation.
- C. ELIGIBILITY
1. A team may consist of 4 members; with the highest three scores to be the team score. A team may represent a sub-district or a school, but a member cannot compete on both.
 2. Contest will consist of two levels of competition.
 - Junior – Level grades 6 – 8
 - Senior – Level grades 9 – 12
- D. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt
- E. LOCATION – FFA Building, Friday, August 28, 9:00

3. AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Contest Coordinator: Terry Hughes
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- A. PURPOSE – This contest consists of 3 parts: a test on principles and problems, identifying and testing electrical devices, and wiring a circuit from a wiring diagram.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- 1) Contest will consist of the NYS Agricultural Electrification Contest and will follow the Agricultural Electric Power and Processing section of the Agricultural Mechanics Contest.
 - Electric Wiring
 - Electric Motors
 - Electric Control and Sensing Devices
 - 2) The contest will consist of three parts:
 - Part I: The student will complete a quiz on Agricultural Electrification principles and problems (100 points)
 - Part II: The student will identify and test electrical devices. (100 points)
 - Part III: The student will wire a circuit from a wiring diagram. The student will select wire, connectors and devices necessary to complete the exercise. (100 points)
- C. ELIGIBILITY
- 1) Career Development Event will consist of one level of competition
 - Senior Level, grades 9-12
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) Open to one team chosen from schools recognized by FFA.
 - 2) A team shall consist of two (2) FFA members from one program.
 - 3) Teams will provide their own safety glasses, tools and meters.
- E. ATTIRE – All contestants will wear shop coats, FFA t-shirt or FFA jacket.
- F. LOCATION – FFA Building, Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m.
- G. AWARDS – 1:00 p.m.

4. SMALL GAS ENGINE TROUBLESHOOTING

Contest Coordinator: Mike McCaskey
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- A. PURPOSE – Members diagnose the problems in a small gas engine that prevents starting, smooth operation, and maximum power output, then make proper adjustments for its operation.
- B. OBJECTIVES
 - 1) Starting the engine and adjusting it four maximum power in a minimum of time using approved skills and orderly procedure.
 - 2) The observance of safety practices throughout the contest.
 - 3) The completion of a quiz on gas engine principles and troubleshooting procedures.
 - 4) The completion of a parts and tool identification exercise.
 - 5) Each contestant will take a timed, hands-on test consisting of such topics/tasks as ignition system timing, valve tappet clearance adjustment, 2 or 4-stroke carburetor adjustment. Various manufactures of small engines will be utilized. Technical information will be provided and looking up procedures and specifications will be part of the contest.
- C. ELIGIBILITY
 - 1) Career Development Event will consist of one level of competition
 - Senior Level, grades 9-12
- D. EVENT RULES
 - 1) Open to one team chosen from schools of a sub-district as recognized by FFA. A team shall consist of two FFA members from the same program.
 - 2) Teams must furnish safety glasses and tools.
- E. ATTIRE – Clean coveralls, shop coats, FFA jackets, or FFA t-shirts
- F. LOCATION – FFA building, Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m.
- G. AWARDS – 1:00 p.m.

5. DIESEL ENGINE TROUBLESHOOTING

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- A **PURPOSE** – Members diagnose the trouble in a diesel engine that prevents starting, smooth operation, and maximum power output, then make proper adjustments for its operation.
- B **OBJECTIVES** – This will be a six-station event. The stations will be as follows
- Station 1 - **Written Test** on diesel engine theory. Approx. 25 questions.
 - Station 2 - **Tractor Diesel Engine Parts ID** on existing tractors that are already on site.
 - Station 3 - **Parts failure ID** (such as piston failure). Students will have to identify what caused each failure.
 - Station 4 - **Troubleshoot a system failure** (such as a diesel starter system) Isolate a problem, such as a faulty solenoid.
 - Station 5 - **Electronic System Analysis** unit. Students will use a digital meter to find faulty parts by using ohms, volts and/or amps.
 - Station 6 - **Injector Tester Station**. Students will be expected to check injectors and make the four tests to determine which injectors are faulty.
- C **ELIGIBILITY**
- 1) A team may consist of 2 members; with the highest three scores to be the team score. A team may represent a sub-district or a school, but a member cannot compete on both.
 - 2) Contest will consist of two levels of competition.
 - Junior - Level grades 6 - 8
 - Senior- Level grades 9 – 12
- D **EVENT RULES**
- 1) Open to one team chosen from schools of a sub-district as recognized by FFA. A team shall consist of two FFA members from the same program.
 - 2) Teams must furnish safety glasses and tools.
- E **ATTIRE** – Clean coveralls, shop coats, FFA jackets, or FFA t-shirts
- F **LOCATION** – FFA building, Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m.
- G **AWARDS** – 1:00 p.m.

6. AGRONOMY

Contest Coordinator: Eric Larsen
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Assistant Coordinator: Steve Harrison

- A. PURPOSE – To create interest and promote understanding in agronomy by providing opportunities for recognition, through the demonstration of skills and proficiencies.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- 1) To demonstrate basic knowledge of agronomic sciences
 - 2) To explore career opportunities skills and proficiencies in the agronomy industry
 - 3) To determine the ability to identify agronomic:
 - Crops
 - Weeds
 - Seeds
 - Insects
 - Diseases
 - Plant Nutrient Deficiencies
 - Plant Disorders
 - Crop Grading and Pricing
 - 4) To evaluate a scenario and develop a crop management plan including crop selection, production and marketing.
 - 5) To demonstrate understanding of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship through the use of Integrated Pest Management and Best Management Practices.
- C. ELIGIBILITY – CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT will consist of one level of competition
- 1) Senior Level, grades 9-12
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) Team Make-up
 - Team size shall be four members. All four members will be scored and all four scores will count towards the team total.
 - 2) Under no circumstance will any participant be allowed to handle any of the items in the identification portion of the practicum. Any infractions of this rule will be sufficient to eliminate a team from the event.
 - 3) All written material will be furnished for the event. No written materials such as tests, problems and worksheets will be removed from the site.
 - 4) All general rules will apply to this event.
 - 5) The event will include:
 - Team Activity
 - Exam
 - Annual Practicum
 - Rotational Practicum
 - Individual Activities:
 - General Knowledge Examination (Total possible 100 points) (60 minutes) (50 questions) Fifty objective multiple-choice questions will be given to each participant. Questions will come from the references listed at the conclusion of the document.
 - Annual Practicum (Total possible 380 points)
- E. ATTIRE
- 1) Personal Attire - FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt.
 - 2) It is highly recommended that participants be in official FFA dress in each event.
- F. LOCATION – FFA Building, Monday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.

7. DAIRY FOODS

Contest Coordinator: Melvin Phelps
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- A. PURPOSE – Teams will take a written exam with the top 3 scores used for ranking. They will develop abilities to utilize knowledge of quality milk for production and marketing, composition and quality and yield of milk.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- 1) 50 multiple-choice questions with 25 each on milk production and milk marketing.
 - 2) 8 milk samples to be evaluated using California Mastiffs Test Method.
 - 3) 5 sediment pads to be scored on degree of sediment.
 - 4) 10 cheese samples to be identified.
 - 5) 10 milk samples to be scored on flavor (taste and: odor)
 - 6) 5 milker unit parts to be scored on defects present
 - 7) I.D. of real vs. artificial dairy foods
 - 8) Knowledge of:
 - Principles of merchandising dairy foods
 - Factors impacting the demand for and commercial use of milk and dairy food products
 - Nutritional value of dairy foods/products and their role in the diet
 - Current issues relative to the marketing of milk & dairy foods processing
- C. ELIGIBILITY – CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT will consist of one level of competition
- 1) Senior Level, grades 9-12
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) Contest – follow rules as outlined in manual produced by National FFA.
 - 2) Score sheet will remain the same.
 - 3) Teams - a team may consist of four members with the highest three scores to be the team score
- E. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt
- F. LOCATION – Location - FFA Building, Monday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.
- G. AWARDS – 1:00 p.m.

Note: The National Score Card will not be used. E-mail the contest coordinator for a copy of the State Score Card.

8. MEATS CONTEST

Contest Coordinator: **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

- A. **PURPOSE** – Members complete a written test; judge quality, yield and grade of beef carcasses; and evaluate and place beef, lamb and pork carcasses. Members also complete meat formulation problem and cooperatively fulfill a beef carcass order.
- B. **OBJECTIVES**
1. To develop employment skills for students who are interested in exploring or pursuing career opportunities in the meat animal industry,
 2. To assist the local agricultural education instructor in motivating students to become knowledgeable consumers of meat and meat animal products and/or involved in the industry of meat animal marketing and merchandising.
 3. To encourage the development of broader analytical skills, critical thinking strategies and an understanding of appropriate meat terminology for high school students
 4. To develop the ability to evaluate meat animal products in order to optimize economic returns to producers and industry as well as to meet the needs of the consumer.
 5. To develop good cooperation and communication skills in working together to accomplish a goal.
- C. **EVENT RULES**
1. **Team Activity**
 - Team event – Team members will work together to complete an order fulfillment based upon a scenario presented by the group.
 - Individual events – Members will be required to judge classes of retail cuts, carcasses, identify retail cuts and complete a written quiz.
 2. **Contest** - See outline of contest and insert (I - 5)
 3. **Review General Rules and Policies of the National FFA Career Development Events.**
 4. **Scoring:** Same as NH contest
 5. **Team Make-up:** A team consists of three or four members. A team score consists of the total of the top three individuals' scores plus the team activity score.
 6. **Teams will provide their own equipment, supplies and safety glasses. Each participant must have:**
 - A clean clipboard, free of notes. Clipboards are not to be used in shade rib eyes in beef placing/grading classes.
 - Two sharpened No. 2 pencils
 - Electronic calculator. Calculators used in this event should be battery operated, non-programmable, and silent, with large keys and large displays. Calculators should have only these functions: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, equals, percent, square root, +/- key, and one memory register. No other calculators may be used during the event.
 7. All participants are expected to be prompt at their stations throughout the event; no provision will be made for tardiness and will most certainly cause late participants after the event begins.
 8. Conversation among participants constitutes disqualification.
 9. Participants and official judges are to make their placing and identifications without handling the meat.
 10. Two minutes stand back time on placing classes will be utilized when possible.
- D. **ATTIRE** – Teams will wear proper FFA attire: FFA t-shirt or FFA jacket.
- E. **LOCATION** – FFA Building, Monday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.

9. NURSERY/LANDSCAPING

Co-Contest Coordinators: Michaela Kehrer
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- A. PURPOSE – To stimulate career interest, encourage proficiency development and recognize excellence in students of nursery practices and landscaping..
- B. OBJECTIVES
- PLANT MATERIALS – to demonstrate the ability to identify nursery and landscape plant materials and turf grasses commonly used in the United States.
 - PLANT DISORDERS – to demonstrate the ability to identify unhealthy plant conditions due to pests, nutritional or physiological disorders and mechanical or chemical injury.
 - CULTURAL PRACTICES – to demonstrate knowledge of the principles and skills involved in propagation, growth requirements, growing techniques, harvesting, marketing and maintenance of nursery plants and landscape turf.
 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION – to demonstrate knowledge of the principles and techniques of landscape design and construction.
 - SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT – to demonstrate the ability to identify, select, use and maintain appropriate supplies and equipment for nursery and landscape operations, including equipment and procedures in mechanization and automation.
 - SAFETY – to demonstrate knowledge of safety practices in nursery and landscape operations.
 - INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS – to demonstrate skills in oral and written business communications.
 - MARKETING – to demonstrate understanding of marketing principles and proper sales and service skills.
 - RECORDS AND REPORTS – to demonstrate the ability to prepare accurate and legible records and reports and to interpret business documents.

Members can expect to compete in a NINE phase contest to accomplish the objectives listed above. Phases include:

Individual Events:

- written test
- individual identification (including plants, pests, disorders, equipment and supplies taken from the list in the current National FFA CDE Handbook)
- landscape estimating
- verbal customer assistance
- nursery production practices

Team Events:

- a problem-solving activity with presentation
- landscape drawing
- written customer assistance

C. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Career Development Event will consist of two levels of competition
 - Junior Level, grades 6 – 8
 - Senior Level, grades 9 – 12
- 2) Junior Competition will consist of an individual written test, individual identification and a team assessment and solution practicum (this will be a team event for the junior level only and will run as an individual event for the senior division). Please contact the contest coordinator in advance to register junior teams..

- D. EVENT RULES – Each phase will be limited to thirty minutes each. A team may consist of four members, with the highest three members' scores to be the team score. A team may represent a sub-district or an individual FFA Chapter. The contest will be open to individuals who are not members of a complete team. The top teams will represent New York as per the New York State FFA Policybook.

9. NURSERY/LANDSCAPING (Cont'd)

- E. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt.
- F. LOCATION – FFA Building, Tuesday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.

10. LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Contest Coordinator: Tara Berescik
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- A. PURPOSE – Members evaluate beef cattle, sheep, and swine on physical characteristics and records for market and breeding usage. Members give oral reasons explaining their placing of certain classes.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- 1) Contest - Placing of six or more classes with two classes per species, one being breeding and one market, dependent on available animals.
 - 2) Six classes of livestock, four animals each, will be placed using a generic judging card. The classes will be: breeding sheep, market sheep or lambs, breeding swine, market swine, market beef and one other beef class. The classes may be shown loose or by handlers.
 - 3) Three sets of oral reasons will be designated by the Contest Superintendent at the start of the contest. Reasons will be given after all classes have been placed.
 - 4) Performance data will be used for some classes. Data will be provided at the start of the contest.
 - 5) Questions will be asked on three of the six classes.
 - 6) All contestants will, as a team, work on a livestock management problem and/or general knowledge test on livestock. The test will be based on current issues in the beef, swine or sheep industry. This will be a team event and points will only be added to the team total. Identification of animal related materials may be included.
 - 7) Data may be added or deleted as technology changes. When new criteria are adopted, the Program Specialist - will forward the information to all stated by January 1 of the contest year.
- C. ELIGIBILITY
- 1) Career Development Event will consist of two levels of competition
 - Junior Level, grades 6 – 8
 - Senior Level, grades 9 – 12
 - 2) Junior Competition available in this area.
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) A team may consist of four members with the three highest scores creating the team score.
 - 2) Junior contest will run simultaneously, but junior competitors will give only one set of reasons and may use notes to give those reasons. Juniors are not eligible for National FFA and will be judged separately.
 - 3) Contestants will bring:
 - A clipboard that is free of marking or notes
 - Blank sheets of paper
 - Two pencils
 - 4) Contestants will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for each class.
 - 5) All results are final.
- E. ATTIRE – Full official dress or state/chapter FFA t-shirt required.
- F. LOCATION – Youth Arena (formerly known as Pioneer Horseshoe Bldg.), Tuesday, September 1, 7:30 a.m.

11. HORSE EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Contest Coordinator: Rachel Anderson
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- A. PURPOSE – Members evaluate and rank horses' breed conformation and performance. Members cooperatively complete a test containing a series of problems over equine selection, management, nutrition, and production. Members present oral reasons on two placement categories.
- B. OBJECTIVES
 - 1) Contest - To be run in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Will include but not limited to the placing of six classes. Classes may include halter and performance classes of horses selected by 4-H contest officials. Oral reasons will be required on two classes and a series of questions will be asked on one performance class. There will be a two-minute time limit on the set of reasons.
 - 2) Possible halter classes: draft horse, pony, breeds, hunter, quarter horse, Arabian, miniature horses, Morgan or color breeds.
 - 3) Possible performance classes: western pleasure, hunter under saddle, equitation working pleasure hunter, saddleseat pleasure, western riding or western reining and driving.
 - 4) National Contest Information - See Superintendents or Coordinator
- C. ELIGIBILITY
 - 1) A team consists of four FFA members with the three highest scores to be the team score. The team must represent a local school.
 - 2) The contest is open to individuals who are not members of a complete team.
 - 3) Junior Competition is available in this area; contact the Contest Coordinator.
- D. EVENT RULES
 - 1) Official Placing - Individual and team awards will be given out in the afternoon following the contest. Time to be announced. The official placing and scores will be posted after the awards have taken place. All questions should be directed to the contest coordinator.
 - 2) All results are final.
 - 3) Contestants must bring pen, blank paper, and clipboard.
- E. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt, long pants and appropriate footwear (no open toe shoes)
- F. LOCATION
 - 1) FFA Building Wednesday, September 2
 - 2) Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
 - 3) Judging starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.; you must be present with your team by 7:45.
 - 4) There will be no acceptance of any participants after judging of the first class has begun.

12. DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

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Assistant Coordinator: Tara Taylor
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Beaver Falls, NY 13305
(315) 346-1211 – school (315) 376-6857 – home
Assistant Coordinator: Kim Michel
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Argyle, NY 12816

- A. PURPOSE – Members complete a written exam relating to the dairy industry; evaluate cattle on physical characteristics using linear classification and pedigrees; and give oral reasons explaining their placing of a class. Team members cooperatively analyze a herd record.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- 1) Contest Format
 - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.- Linear Evaluation. Three cows will be evaluated on type using a linear evaluation form. The Holstein-Friesian Association Linear Descriptive Traits recording worksheet listing fourteen major traits only will be used.
 - Cows will be in the ring at 9:00 a.m. Six class four dairy animals will be each placed on type. Classes will consist of heifers, young cows, or mature cows.
 - 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.- Dairy Management quiz. This exercise involves the use of DHIA records. Students will analyze individual cow production records and herd management summaries, answering 25 questions concerning their use in making management decisions.
 - 10:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.- Pedigree and Sire Selection classes. On pedigree evaluation class (no animals present). A sire selection exercise using linear descriptive traits for two cows and sire summary information will be used to make correct mating for each cow (no animal present).
 - Oral reasons should be done by 2:00 p.m. Three classes of oral reasons on three of the above classes placed on type.
- C. ELIGIBILITY
- 1) One team may represent a sub-district or a single chapter. No team will be eligible to participate without a coach and a leadsperson present if needed to show cattle at 8:30
 - 2) Junior teams are encouraged to compete in this area. Junior team will judge six classes and do one set of oral reasons only.
 - 3) A team may consist of four members with the highest three scores to be the team score.
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) There is to be no communication between contestants and others during the contest
 - 2) All decisions of the judges and superintendent are final.
 - 3) Points breakdown will be as follows:
 - 4) Dairy Management Quiz - 150
 - 5) Pedigree selection - 50
 - 6) Sire selection - 100
 - 7) Linear evaluation - 150
 - 8) Placing Classes - 300
 - 9) Oral Reasons - 150
 - 10) Team activity = Herd record evaluation – 150
 - 11) Total possible score per contestant - 1050 points.
 - 12) Refer to the National FFA Career Development Events Handbook.
 - 13) Students may judge for FFA or 4-H - note check with your 4-H advisor prior to the event.
 - 14) Contest coordinators will have the right to adjust events as needed to accommodate cows availability and time to complete the contest (i.e., only two classes or oral reasons instead of three)
- E. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt
- F. LOCATION – Dairy Cattle Barn arena bleachers Thursday, September 3, 8:00 a.m.

13. DAIRY HANDLERS

Contest Coordinator: Tara Taylor
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- A. PURPOSE – Evaluate members' abilities to properly show dairy cattle. Judging is based on poise of the handlers and their abilities to display their best advantage. Teams may nominate one participant in each division.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- 1) Contestant will only show animals selected by the Showmanship Committee, and may NOT show own animal. Contestant will be expected to show several animals during the contest.
 - 2) In making the placement and awards, the Judge will consider the following points:
 - Personal appearance of Contestant, including neatness and cleanliness
 - Presenting animals in the ring:
 - Control of animal by contestant.
 - Skill in showing animal during the show.
 - Poise and coolness of contestant during the show.
 - Timeliness: being on time at the correct location at all times.
 - Animal's physical condition and conformation will NOT be considered in the judging of this contest. ONLY the contestant's performance shall be considered.
 - 3) Dairy showmanship will be part of the Dairy Cattle Contest
- C. ELIGIBILITY
- 1) Career Development Event will consist of two levels of competition
 - Junior Level, grades 6 – 8
 - Senior Level, grades 9 – 12
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) Each team to compete in the dairy cattle judging contest must also have a contestant or leader in the showmanship contest.
 - 2) Dairy showmanship will be part of the Dairy Cattle Contest
- E. ATTIRE
- 1) Personal appearance of contestant, including neatness and cleanliness is important
 - 2) Wear white.
 - 3) State or chapter FFA t-shirts are acceptable
- F. LOCATION
- 1) Dairy Judging Area - Dairy Cattle Building. Thursday, September 3
 - 2) Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.
 - 3) Event starts at 8:30 a.m.
- G. MAXIMUM participants will be 32. Schools that have more than four contestants may be asked to drop one or more of their contestants so that the event does not exceed 32.

14. WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION

Contest Coordinators: Jeffrey A. Perry

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- A. PURPOSE – To stimulate interest in Wildlife Management as part of environmental conservation. Members will develop skills common to basic wildlife management in the areas of identification and habitat awareness. Baseline animal and equipment lists can be found in the National FFA Environmental Science CDE guidelines. Animals common to New York will be added to the list.
- B. OBJECTIVES – Members should have knowledge of: wildlife specimen identification, animal habitat characteristic, basic wildlife management principles, track and sound identification, equipment used for trapping and tracking.
- C. ELIGIBILITY
 - 1) A team is composed of two students. A third person may be added as an alternate.
 - 2) Junior FFA Competition is available in this event.
- D. EVENT RULES
 - 1) Each individual will work independently and separated from their team member.
 - 2) Clipboards are recommended as space is limited and specimens are not to be handled.
- E. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or FFA t-shirt required for participation
- F. LOCATION – FFA Building, Friday, September 4, 11:30 a.m.

15. TREE IDENTIFICATION

Contest Coordinator: Dick Campany
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- A. OBJECTIVES – To correctly identify tree specimens (leaves, bark, fruit, etc.) from the given list of names. To complete a written test of tree facts. Some are True/False statements and some given information from which student should be able to identify the tree. A list of tree names will be given to student.
- B. SOURCE – All information and statements will be derived from the Cornell Bulletin #85- “Know Your Trees” by Fred Winch.
- C. ELIGIBILITY – A team may consist of 3 students with the highest 2 scores to be the team score. Junior high teams are eligible.
- D. EVENT RULES
 - 1) Each individual will work independently and will complete both parts of the contest – the written test and the actual identification of tree samples.
 - 2) Junior high teams are only responsible for the Identification portion of the contest.
- E. ATTIRE - FFA jacket or acceptable FFA t-shirt
- F. LOCATION – FFA Building, Friday, September 4, 9:00 a.m.

16. ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES

Contest Coordinator: Bruce Rohr
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- A. **PURPOSE** – Students, as a team, will be provided a scenario that deals with an environmental/natural resource problem. Topics should include, but are not limited to the following:
- Soils** - Physical Properties, Soil Erosion, Soil Analysis and Environmental Impact of Soil Degradation
 - Water** – Importance of water quality; Factors that influence the Quality of Water; Measure to Ensure Water Quality and Management Practices Used to Ensure Water Quality
 - Ecosystems** – Basic Ecological Concepts; Management of EcoSystems; Grassland EcoSystems; Forestry EcoSystems; Aquatic EcoSystems; Wetland EcoSystems and NonNative Species effect on EcoSystems.
 - Waste Management** – Preventing and Reducing Solid Waste; Disposing of Waste; Manure Management; Hazardous Waste
- Environmental Concerns and Issues**
- Energy**
 - Pollution**
 - Habitat Destruction**
- B. **OBJECTIVES**
- 1) Students competing in the Natural Resources and Environmental Science CDE will complete the following:
 - The identification portion of the Tree Identification Event
 - The Wildlife Identification Event
 - A written evaluation based on the Applied Environmental Science curriculum published by The Council (25 - 50 questions; multiple choice).
 - Identification of environmental equipment & apparatus (see National FFA Contest Guidelines for a list)
 - 2) Depending on availability, students may be required to perform a water or soil test and evaluate results.
- C. **ELIGIBILITY**
- 1) Career Development Event will consist of two levels of competition
 - Junior Level, grades 6 – 8
 - Senior Level, grades 9 – 12
- D. **EVENT RULES**
- 1) A team will consist of 4 members.
 - 2) All team members' scores will be used to calculate team score.
 - 3) Students may compete for awards in Tree Identification & Wildlife Identification while taking part in this event. Teams competing in the Environmental Science CDE will complete the additional stations.
- E. **ATTIRE** – FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt
- F. **LOCATION** – Friday, September 4

17. POULTRY

Contest Coordinator: Mary Rumble
Carthage Central School
Martin Street Road, Route 26
Carthage, NY 13619
School: (315) 493-5030 Fax: (315) 493-6252

- A. PURPOSE – Members evaluate chickens, turkeys, processed products, and eggs; give oral reasons on the placing of their classes; identify poultry parts, and complete a written general knowledge exam.
- B. OBJECTIVES – Each class is allowed 10 minutes for each class, except for Class 10 which is allowed 20 minutes. Final Contest Time is 120 minutes or 2 hours. The NYS Fair Poultry Science Contest will be organized in the following eleven divisions:
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| Class 1 | Hen Placing |
| Class 2 | Oral Reasons and Preparation (20 minutes total) |
| Class 3 | Production Hens Placing |
| Class 4 | Ten Carcass for Grading |
| Class 5 | Ten Eggs Interior Quality |
| Class 6 | Ten Eggs Exterior Grading |
| Class 7 | Evaluation Criteria for Class 6 Eggs Exterior Grading |
| Class 8 | Ten Further Processed Poultry Meat Products Evaluation |
| Class 9 | Ten Chicken Parts for Identification |
| Class 10 | Written Exam – 100 points |
- C. SCORING OF CONTEST
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| 10 classes @ 50 points each = | <u>500</u> points |
| Total | <u>600</u> points |
- D. ELIGIBILITY
- 1) Career Development Event will consist of one level of competition
 - Senior Level, grades 9-12
- E. EVENT RULES
- 1) The contest will be open to individuals who are not members of a team.
 - 2) The top team will be the National Contest Team and the second place will be the Team for Eastern States.
 - 3) Contestants must stay in allotted groups throughout the contest.
 - 4) Class changes will be announced.
- F. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or state or senior FFA t-shirt
- G. LOCATION – Youth Arena (formerly known as Pioneer Horseshoe Bldg.), Friday, September 4, 9:30 a.m.

18. PROJECTS

Contest Coordinator: Michele Sutton
T-S-T BOCES/New Visions
555 Warren Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 257-1555 ext. 257 (work)
ms328@cornell.edu (email)

A. Eligibility

1. Projects being exhibited must have been made as a part of an agriculture course during the previous school year and be in line with the course of study for the agriculture course taken.
2. A student (exhibitor) may enter no more than TWO (2) projects in each of the classes.
3. Entry forms will be available on the NYS FFA website after May 10th or may be completed at the fairgrounds. Forms are double entry exhibit cards.
4. Projects must be in place on the first day of the Fair.
5. Projects will be judged on workmanship, quality, creativity and accuracy of information presented.
6. The State Fair Management assumes no responsibility in cases of lost, damaged or stolen projects.
7. The co-superintendents reserve the right to change monetary allocations where deemed necessary.
8. Exhibits will be released at 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the Fair for Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego Counties. All other counties may release exhibits prior to that with permission from the co-superintendents only. (Such requests must be made upon entry.)
9. Exhibits not picked up by the day following the last day of the Fair will be disposed of at the discretion of the co-superintendents.
10. Double entry exhibit cards must contain the following information, printed legibly:
 - a) Student (exhibitor name)
 - b) FFA
 - c) Agriculture class in which the project was made
 - d) Mailing address
 - e) Class number.
11. Projects will be judged on the merits of the individual project by the Danish grouping system (blue = excellent, red = good, white = worthy)
12. Total premiums for this category will not exceed \$1000.

B. Awards

1. Blue ribbons will be awarded for excellent projects.
 - a) Class 16 cash awards will not exceed \$5
 - b) Class 17 cash awards will not exceed \$15
 - c) Class 18 cash awards will not exceed \$20
2. Red ribbons will be awarded for good projects.
 - a) Class 16 cash awards will not exceed \$3
 - b) Class 17 cash awards will not exceed \$10
 - c) Class 18 cash awards will not exceed \$15
3. White ribbons will be awarded for good projects.
 - a) Class 16 cash awards will not exceed \$2
 - b) Class 17 cash awards will not exceed \$5
 - c) Class 18 cash awards will not exceed \$10
4. A best of show will be awarded in each class (16, 17 & 18) with additional prize money and a rosette.

C. Classes

16. Small Articles – small rough (unfinished) wood projects such as planters or tool boxes, materials collections (10 or more specimens), small welding projects (hay hooks, draw bar pin), saw horse, repaired tools, plumbing projects, corsages, hanging baskets, etc.
17. Medium-sized Articles – small (sanded and stained) wood projects, showman's trunk, terrariums, landscape drawings, chapter scrap books, reporters books, treasurer's books, secretary's books, flower arrangements, dish gardens, small animal cages, etc.
18. Large Articles – picnic tables, portable hydroponics units, large planters, large (finished) detailed welding projects, landscape design models, log splitters, etc.

19. DEMONSTRATIONS

Michelle Sutton
T-S-T BOCES/New Vision
555 Warren Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
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ms328@cornell.edu (email)

- A. ELIGIBILITY – Application must be made to Michelle Sutton, 2641 No. Triphammer Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 by August 15 in order to participate. Advisors of participating teams or individuals shall fill out a voucher claim form in order to receive premium money for demonstrations.
- B. AREA – Demonstrations in Agriculture Education including (but not limited to)
- Agricultural Science
 - Leadership (Winners of prepared public speaking and creed CDEs at the state level are encouraged to use this as an opportunity practice! (Ag Issues Teams are also welcome)
 - Small Animal Care
 - Biotechnology
 - Agricultural Production
 - Animal Science
 - Environmental Science
 - Natural Resources & Conservation
 - Ornamental Horticulture
 - Plant Science
 - Agricultural Business

Free or Give-Away Items are encouraged

There will also be a demonstration area in the FFA Building and other areas throughout the Fairgrounds. Presentations will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in two hour blocks as follows: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. During these times the demonstrators will be responsible for ACTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS. Each demonstration will receive a premium. Total premiums offered for demonstrations is not to exceed \$450.00.

20. EXHIBITS

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- 1) Exhibits should be so constructed to facilitate easy set up and take down.
- 2) Advisors must complete vouchers.
- 3) The exhibit should be done with excellent quality workmanship to best represent the FFA.
- 4) All exhibits must be (informational) accurate.
- 5) The exhibit must be in place by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the Fair.
- 6) Exhibits will be released at 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the Fair for Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego counties. All other counties may release exhibits prior to that with permission from the co-superintendents only (such requests must be made upon entry).
- 7) Double entry exhibit cards must contain the following information, printed legibly.
 - a) Student (Exhibitor) Name
 - b) FFA Chapter
 - c) Agriculture class in which the project was made
 - d) Mailing Address
 - e) Class Number
8. Exhibits will be judged on the merits of the individual project by the Danish grouping system (blue = excellent, red = good, white = worthy).
- 9 A best of show will be awarded in each class (A & B) with additional prize money and a rosette.
10. Each exhibit will be awarded a premium. Total premiums for Classes A – C not to exceed \$900.

CLASS A – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS (BOOTH):

- 1) Each FFA Chapter or District may construct an agricultural educational booth not to exceed six feet across the front, four feet deep and six feet high (6' x 4' x 6').
- 2) Educational Exhibits/Booths must educate fairgoers about agriculture (skills, industry, FFA, agricultural education, etc.)
- 3) Posters/Exhibits highlighting chapter activities are welcome, but will be evaluated as projects, not educational exhibits or booths.

CLASS B – NURSERY LANDSCAPE/HORTICULTURE:

- 1) Each FFA chapter may construct an Educational Nursery Landscape Horticulture Exhibit using space not to exceed 10' x 10'.
- 2) Exhibits must be maintained to keep materials fresh throughout the Fair.
- 3) All exhibits must have a specific theme/purpose.
- 4) All exhibits must bear the chapter (and student) names and the name of the exhibit provided by the exhibitor(s).
- 5) Members may register to (first come first serve) use space outdoors (i.e. existing flower gardens in front of the FFA Building).

CLASS C – CONTAINER GARDEN CONTEST:

- 1) Planted container must not exceed 40 lbs.
- 2) Container must be constructed and planted by FFA members.