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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Educators

From: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist

CC: Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

Re: Winter Career Development Events  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 10:00 am – 4:30 pm  
\*ONLINE EVENTS\*

**WHAT DO WINTER CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS INVOLVE?**

Farm Business Management, Forestry, and Meat Evaluation & Technology will be conducted using rules, judging forms and references available in the New Jersey Career Development Events Handbook 2017-2021 unless noted otherwise. Copies are available on the State Activity Guide ([http://www.jerseyeducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag\\_ed/ffa/activity/index.html](http://www.jerseyeducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/activity/index.html)). Students should be prepared in the event sections outlined in the event summary section of this document. The testing platform used for all three events will be announced closer to the event.

**How will these events be administered online?**

1. An online Farm & Agribusiness Management, Forestry, and Meat Evaluation & Technology event will be New Jersey's qualifying event for the National FFA Convention.
2. Computers with internet access will be needed for each competitor in each event.
3. A proctor will be needed. This person can not be someone training and/or working with team members. You are encouraged to reach out to guidance counselors or school administrators. Having them proctor this event will allow you to share with them how agricultural education is on the cutting edge.
4. Students will be assigned user names and passwords to access the exam after proctor approval. An instruction sheet for students and a password list will be e-mailed to registered chapters on or before Monday, March 19, 2018.
5. **On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, the online exam will be active from 10:00 am-4:30 pm.** The entire team must compete at the same time.
6. Authenticity of Work Certification must be signed by participants and the proctor and faxed or emailed to the Office of Agricultural Education upon completion of the event.
7. Review the "Event Summary" section of this document for details on the structure of each event.

### **How do we sign-up and what does it cost?**

Please submit participant names to the New Jersey Office of Agricultural Education by **March 1, 2018** using [judgingcard.com](https://www.judgingcard.com) - <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=7082>. No team member name changes will be allowed after Monday, March 19, 2018.

An \$11.00 fee per contestant or \$44.00 fee per team will be assessed for each chapter participating, unless the chapter is Blue Affiliated, then the fee is waived. Payment should be forwarded prior to March 21. Make checks payable to the **Treasurer, State of New Jersey. Checks may be mailed to: Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, PO Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330.**

### **How do I get CDE results?**

Official results will be available via email and on the New Jersey FFA website at [http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag\\_ed/ffa/career/](http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/career/) the day following the events. Please do not call the Office of Agricultural Education for results.

### **What are the Career Development Event Rules?**

1. Farm Business Management and Forestry require four (4) members to compete and team scores will be based on all four members. Three (3) members may participate in Meat Evaluation & Technology. This event is limited to a three (3) member team.
2. The school with the highest team score in each event will represent New Jersey in a national competition at the National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, in October if they receive 60% team mastery of the event. The first place team will receive a state recognition plaque. The top three individuals overall will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal. The top five individuals in the practicum portions of each event (except FBM) will receive an H.O. Sampson certificate.
3. Members of a first place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in that particular New Jersey FFA CDE again, unless the team is uncontested and forfeit their first place team ranking or fail to reach the 60% team mastery. Individual awards will still be rewarded if the uncontested team forfeits their team ranking.
4. Official teams can only complete the online exam during the scheduled career development event timeframe (10:00am– 4:30 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2018) and all team members must participate in the event at the same time.
5. Calculators may be used and can only have the following functions – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, equals, percent, square roots, +/- key, and one memory register. NO other calculators are allowed during the event. Sharing of calculators between individuals is not permitted.
6. Participants may not talk or confer with one another during the event.
7. **Note: Requesting Assistance for a Career Development Event** – If a student needs assistance during a Career Development Event, the Office of Agricultural Education must be notified at the time of registration – March 1, 2018 – by identifying the student and their specific need. If a reader or scribe is needed, you are responsible for providing that person. To conduct a state level career development event efficiently, **no additional time will be provided** to a student to complete portions of a career development event.

## **EVENT SUMMARY**

### **What is the Meat Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event?**

In this CDE, students develop skills for careers in the meat animal industry. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education. The Meat Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event provides competition that fosters broader analytical skills, critical thinking strategies and a knowledge of meat and meat animal products involved in the industry of meat animals. During the event, members evaluate meat carcasses and identify various meat cuts.

The Meat Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event will have four components.

- General Knowledge Exam – 45 minutes – 50 questions worth 100 points
- Meat Formulation – 15 minutes – 5 questions worth 50 points
- Identification of 30 retail meat cuts– 50 minutes – 1 pt. correct species, 2 pt. correct primal cut id, 1 pt. correct cookery and 3 pts. correct retail trade name worth 210 points
- Placing of Four Classes – 25 minutes – 50 pts. per class worth 200 points

### **What is the Farm & Agribusiness Management Career Development Event?**

The ability to apply economic principles and make farm and agribusiness management decisions is essential to success in the business of agriculture today. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Farm Business Management Career Development Event provides competition that fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to pursue a career in agricultural business.

The Farm Business Management Career Development Event will have one component.

- Written Exam – 60 minutes - 50 questions worth 100 points

### **What is the Forestry Career Development Event?**

The Forestry CDE requires students to demonstrate skills and knowledge in diagnosing forest disorders, managing forests and forest inventory, and applying approved silviculture practices. This skill and knowledge is essential for successful careers in the forestry industry. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Forestry Career Development Event stimulates the study of and interest in Forest Management in the Agricultural Education curriculum.

The Forestry Career Development Event will have three components.

- Forestry General Knowledge Exam – 45 minutes – 50 questions worth 100 points
- Tree Identification – 30 minutes – 20 specimens from photos worth 100 points
- Equipment Identification – 30 minutes – 25 items from photos worth 100 points
- Chainsaw Part Identification, Troubleshooting and Safety Practicum – 30 minutes – 10 questions (may include ID photos and/or multiple-choice questions) – 100 points
- Tree/Forest Disorders Practicum – 30 minutes – 20 disorders from photos worth 100 points

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