

Land Judging Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

Knowledge about soils can be organized and applied in managing farms, fields, and woodland, in developing communities, in engineering work, and in many other ways. The Land Judging Career Development Event helps FFA members and Agricultural Education students to understand basic differences in soils. Students will be able to comprehend why soils respond differently to management practices, as well as how soil properties affect crop growth. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Land Judging Career Development is teaching students about Language Arts Literacy, Science, and Career Education and Consumer, Family and Life Skills. Some examples of how the Land Judging Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will access, view, evaluate, and respond to print, non-print, and electronic texts and resources.

- Comprehension and critical analysis skills of Agricultural Education students are developed through identification and evaluation of soil and land through media (slides, videos, and computer CD-ROM). [3.5 - Language Arts Literacy: Viewing and Media Literacy]

All students will demonstrate critical life skills in order to be functional members of society.

- Testing materials that stress critical thinking, decision-making and problem solving skills are an integral part of the Land Judging Development Event. [9.2– Career Education and Consumer, Family and Life Skills: Consumer, Family and Life Skills]

All students will gain an understanding of the structure, dynamics and geophysical systems of the earth.

- Hands-on components that evaluate soil structure are an integral part of the Land Judging Development Event. [5.8– Science: Earth Science]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event consists of two (2) phases: Phase I – Land Judging; Phase II – Homesite. Three (3) sites will be judged. Both the Homesite evaluation and Land judging scorecard will be used at all sites. [Click here to view the scorecards.](#) Twenty (20) minutes will be given at each site. A 15- minute horn will be sounded to warn students that they have 5 minutes remaining at that site. Team members should have a pencil and a pocket -knife. Members should dress for the weather. This event is held outside and will be conducted regardless of the weather. A chapter may have a team of three (3) or four (4). The top three (3) scores are used in determining the team's rank. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [land judging manual](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

Phase I - Land Judging - 74 points x 3 sites = 222 points
Phase II - Homesite Evaluation - 97 points x 3 sites = 291 points
Team Total Event – 1539 points Individual Total: 513 points

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