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## UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT

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

From: Kristianne M. Dowd, State FFA Specialist

CC: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

Re: Career Development Events at Eastern PA FFA CDE Day  
Monday, May 11 – Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
Hosted Virtually

### WHAT DO CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS AT EASTERN PA FFA CDE DAY INVOLVE?

Poultry Evaluation, Food Science & Technology, Agronomy, and Livestock Evaluation 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.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag\\_ed/ffa/activity/index.html](http://www.jerseyageducation.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 four events will be announced closer to the event.

### How will these events be administered online?

1. An online Poultry Evaluation, Food Science & Technology, Agronomy, and Livestock Evaluation 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. **Access to technology**– If a student does not have access to a computer and internet, please notify the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education immediately. Alternative testing methods will be explored with the school.
3. A proctor will be needed. This person cannot be someone training and/or working with team members. You are encouraged to reach out to guidance counselors or school administrators. If schools are not back in session, a parent or guardian is acceptable. Having them proctor this event will allow you to share with them how agricultural education is on the cutting edge. The OFANRE reserves the right to request students to participate in a Zoom call while competing in order to ensure the integrity of the event.
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 Thursday, April 23, 2020.
5. **On Monday, May 11 – Wednesday, May 13, the online exam will be active.** The entire team must compete at the same time. Advisors are asked to schedule the day and time frame for which they plan to

have the event(s) administered via <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/virtual-cde-scheduling>.

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 the participant list on [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) by April 1, 2020. Participant lists submitted after these dates will not be accepted.

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 19. Make checks payable to the **Treasurer, State of New Jersey. Checks may be mailed to: Office of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources 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/) in the days following the events. Please do not call the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education for results.

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

1. Poultry Evaluation, Food Science & Technology, Agronomy, and Livestock Evaluation require four (4) members to compete and team scores will be based on all four members.
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 (Monday, May 11 to Wednesday, May 13) 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 or access any materials or resources.

- 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 – April 1, 2020 – 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 Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event?**

The New Jersey FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event stimulates learning activities relative to production and management, processing, marketing and food safety and quality of poultry products.

The Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event will have ten components.

- Ready-to-Cook Poultry
  - Carcass Grading – 20 minutes – 10 ready-to-cook chicken and/or turkey carcasses and/or parts worth 50 points
  - Carcass Placing – 15 minutes – 1 class worth 50 points
- Shell Eggs
  - Interior Grading – 10 minutes – 10 white shell eggs – 50 points
  - Exterior Grading – 20 minutes – 10 white shell eggs – 50 points
  - Written Factors Class (to be done while grading Exterior Eggs) – 50 points
- Further Processed Poultry
  - Boneless Further Processed – 10 minutes – 10 products – 50 points
  - Bone-in Further Processed – 10 minutes – 10 products – 50 points
  - Parts ID – 10 minutes – 10 parts – 50 points
- Written Exam – 30 minutes – 25 questions worth 100 points

### **What is the Food Science & Technology Career Development Event?**

The New Jersey Food Science and Technology Career Development Event is designed to promote learning activities in food science and technology related to the food industry and to assist students in developing practical knowledge of principles used in a team decision-making process.

The Food Science and Technology Career Development Event will have four components.

- Math/Problem Solving Practicum – 20 minutes – 5 questions worth 25 points
- Food Safety and Quality Practicum – 2 areas worth 50 points total
  - Customer Inquiry – 20 minutes – 5 questions worth 25 points
  - Product Specification Compliance – 20 minutes – 5 questions worth 25 points
- Written Exam – 60 minutes – 50 questions worth 150 points

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

The purpose of the New Jersey FFA Agronomy Career Development Event is to create interest and promote understanding in agronomy by providing opportunities for recognition through the demonstration of skills and proficiencies. It also gives students an opportunity to explore career opportunities available in agronomy and encourage students to pursue careers in agronomy.

The Agronomy Career Development Event will have five components.

- General Knowledge Exam – 45 minutes – 50 questions worth 100 points
- Identification – 30 minutes – 25 specimens worth 75 points
- Pest Management (Disorders) – 10 minutes - 5 specimen worth 50 points
- Pest Management (Insect Identification) – 10 minutes - 5 specimen worth 50 points
- Equipment and Machinery Identification – 20 minutes – 20 specimens worth 100 points

### **What is the Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event?**

The purpose of the New Jersey FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event is to provide the opportunity to learn and apply livestock industry and production priorities through evaluation and selection of beef cattle, swine, sheep and meat goats.

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event will have three components.

- Keep Cull Classes – 15 minutes – 1 class worth 50 points
- Placing Classes (could include sheep, beef, goats, and/or swine) – 1 hour – 4 classes worth 200 points
- Oral Reasons – 20 minutes – 1 set worth 50 points

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