AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AGRISCIENCE FAIR

Judges - TBA

Entry Deadline: December 1, 2020

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://pafarmae.fairwire.com/

Eligibility Requirements

1. The 2021 Pennsylvania State Farm Show will serve as the state qualifying event for Agriscience Fair Exhibits. Exhibits selected as first-place winners at the Farm Show will be eligible to apply for National FFA recognition.
2. Each member or team may enter only one project. A team is maximum of two members working cooperatively on the same project.
3. Displays must reflect the current year’s work and have been made since the 2020 Farm Show.
4. Individual interviews will take place in the Keystone Conference Center (in a room to be assigned). Exhibits must be in place by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021. Judging starts at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021. Each participant is required to meet with the judges to explain their project.
5. Exhibits will be displayed at the Farm Show Complex. The maximum number of entries to be displayed is 64.
6. Exhibited projects and project reports shall be the result of the student’s or students’ own effort.
7. Must be an FFA member in grades 7-12 to participate in this event.
8. The Farm Show Commission reserves the right to withhold any premium for lack of merit of exhibits and authorizes judges to award a lower place premium if deemed best.

Safety Rules

1. If an exhibit becomes unsafe or unsuitable for display, it will be removed and deemed ineligible for any awards.
2. Projects that involve vertebrate animal subjects must conform with the following statement: Experiments on live animals, surgery, the removal of parts, injection of harmful chemicals, and/or exposure to harmful environments are not acceptable at the Farm Show. Live vertebrates are not permitted at the Farm Show.
3. Toxic and hazardous chemicals are prohibited.
4. All necessary chemical glassware must be displayed in a stable manner and protected from the public. The items must be back from the edge of the table and may not be operational at any time.
5. Students should substitute colored water, photographs, or drawings for chemicals.
6. Crystals, other than sucrose (sugar) and sodium chloride (salt), may not be displayed. Projects involving crystals can be represented by pictures or other three-dimensional models.
7. Hypodermic needles and syringes may not be displayed in any exhibit.
8. It is critically important that no person be exposed to any bacteria that are considered pathogenic. Therefore, the following two rules are very important: No wild cultures incubated above room temperature; no cultures taken from humans or other warm blooded animals may be used. This includes but is not limited to skin, throat, and mouth.
9. Plastic Petri dishes must be used and must be sealed.
10. Lasers may not be used in any exhibit.
11. Dangerous and combustible materials are prohibited.
12. No exhibit shall have open flames.
13. No electricity can be used.

Display Requirements

1. Each exhibit must conform to National FFA Standards, which can be found at www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_programs.Agriscience.
2. National FFA Scorecard will be used in judging exhibits.
3. The official maximum size for a project is 48 inches wide by 30 inches deep (the distance from front to back) by 108 inches high (from floor to top, includes table if project is on table top). After judging exhibits will be displayed on a flat surface (i.e. a wall) and should not contain items that make them three-dimensional.
4. All projects must have the following information attached to the upper right hand corner of the exhibit: Name of person(s) responsible for developing project, Chapter Name, County, Title of category entered.
5. Only projects earning a first place will be kept for display at the Farm Show. All projects will be displayed in a 2D format.

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Premiums

1st $40.00, 2nd $35.00, and 3rd $30.00 will be awarded in each division.

The Farm Show Commission will award a Walnut Plaque for Best of Show.