



**ANNOUNCEMENT
AGRONOMY
ONLINE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT – APRIL 21, 2010
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What is the Agronomy Career Development Event?

In this CDE, students develop skills for careers in agronomic sciences. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education. The Agronomy Career Development Event provides competition that creates interest and promotes understanding in agronomy.

How will the event be administered online?

1. An online Agronomy Career Development Event will be New Jersey's qualifying event for the National FFA Convention using myCAERT. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.
2. The Agronomy Career Development Event will have five components.
 - General Knowledge Exam – 50 minutes – 50 questions worth 100 points
 - Identification of 25 weed and/or crop plants and/or seeds – 30 minutes – worth 75 points
 - Pest Management (Disorders) – 5 samples – 10 minutes – worth 50 points
 - Pest Management (Insect Identification) – 5 samples – 10 minutes – worth 50 points
 - Equipment and Machinery Identification – 20 specimens – 20 minutes – worth 100 points
3. Computers with internet access will be needed for each competitor in the event.
4. A proctor will be needed. This person can not be someone training and 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.
5. 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 by Monday, April 19, 2010.
6. **On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, the online exam will be active from 12:00-4:30 pm.** The entire team must compete at the same time.
7. Authenticity of Work Certification must be signed by participants and the proctor and faxed to the Office of Agricultural Education upon completion of the event.

How does the Agronomy CDE meet New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards?

FFA, through Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Agronomy Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy and Technological Literacy standards. Some examples of how the Agronomy Career Development Event meets these standards include:

- Language Arts Literacy (3.1) – All students will understand and apply the knowledge of sounds, letters, and words in written English to become independent and fluent readers, and will read a variety of materials and texts with fluency and comprehension.
- Technology (8.1) - All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaboratively and to create and communicate knowledge.

How do we register and what does it cost?

Please **pre-register** your teams with the New Jersey Office of Agricultural Education by **April 1, 2010**. When submitting your registration to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us, please include the name of your proctor in the e-mail. No team member name changes will be allowed after April 19, 2010.

A \$9.00 registration fee per contestant or \$36.00 fee per contest team will be assessed for each chapter participating. Please use the online form to register for these events. Registrations must be emailed to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. Payment should be forwarded prior to April 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/. Please do not call the Office of Agricultural Education for results.

What are the Career Development Event Rules?

1. Four members may participate in the Agronomy CDE. **All four members will be scored and all four scores will count toward the team total.**
2. The school with the highest team score (combined scores of four individuals) in the Agronomy CDE will represent New Jersey in national competition at the National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The first place team will receive a state recognition plaque. The top three individuals overall will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.
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.
4. Official teams can only complete the online exam during the scheduled career development event timeframe (12:00 – 4:30pm on Wednesday, April 21, 2010) 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. Cell phone calculators are 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 – April 1, 2010- by identifying the student and their specific need. If a reader or scribe is needed, you are responsible for providing that person. In order 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.

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