

## Fruit and Vegetable Identification Career Development Event

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### Purpose of Event

The Fruit and Vegetable Career Development Event allows students to identify various fruits and vegetables that are grown in New Jersey and throughout the United States. Students also have the opportunity to select produce by identifying the variety and judging classes of apples and vegetables for uniformity, variety, color, freedom from blemish, trueness to variety, etc. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education.

### Common Core & State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the Common Core Standards and the 21st-Century Life & Career Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Fruits and Vegetable Identification Career Development Event teaches students about English Language Arts and 21st-Century Life & Career Skills. Some examples of how the Fruit and Vegetable Identification Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

**Students will: integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.**

- Comprehension and critical analysis skills of Agricultural Education students are developed through identification and evaluation of plants and the products through media (slides, videos, and computer C-ROM). [**SL.11-12.2. English Language Arts – Speaking and Listening: Comprehension and Collaboration**]

**All students will demonstrate the creative, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills needed to function successfully as both global citizens and workers in diverse ethnic and organizational cultures.**

- Testing materials that stress critical thinking, decision-making and problem solving skills are an integral part of the Fruit and Vegetable Identification Career Development Event. [**9.1- 21st-Century Life & Career Skills**]

### 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 - Identification (30 seconds at each specimen; 40 fresh specimens – [click here to see the list](#)); Phase II - Judging (5 minutes, one minute per class). 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.

### Scoring for the New Jersey Event

Phase I- Identification - 400 points (10 pts. X 40 = 400)

Phase II- Judging - 300 points (60 pts. X 5 = 300)

(50 points will be received for placing. An additional ten (10) points will be given if the variety is named correctly.)\*

Team Total: 2100 points      Individual Total: 700 points

[Click here to discover the Career Opportunities, SAE Opportunities and Proficiency Award Areas that correspond to the Fruits and Vegetable Identification Career Development Event!](#)

\*[Click here for Phase II scoring system](#)