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

From: Kristianne M. Goodenough, State FFA Specialist

CC: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

Re: Winter Career Development Events  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 10:00 am – 4:30 pm  
\*ONLINE EVENTS\*

**WHAT DO WINTER CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS INVOLVE?**

Farm Business Management and Meat Evaluation & Technology 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.jerseyeducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag\\_ed/ffa/activity/index.html](http://www.jerseyeducation.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 three events will be announced closer to the event.

**How will these events be administered online?**

1. An online Farm & Agribusiness Management and Meat Evaluation & Technology event will be New Jersey's qualifying event for the National FFA Convention. Computers with internet access will be needed for each competitor in each event.
2. A proctor will be needed. This person can not be someone training and/or 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.
3. 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 Monday, March 21, 2022.
4. **On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, the online exam will be active from 10:00 am-4:30 pm.** The entire team must compete at the same time.
5. 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.
6. 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 participant names to the New Jersey Office of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education by **March 1, 2022** using [judgingcard.com](http://judgingcard.com) - <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=12926>. No team member name changes will be allowed after Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

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 23. 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/) the day following the events. Please do not call the Office of Agricultural Education for results.

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

1. Farm Business Management and Meat Evaluation & Technology 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 (10:00am– 4:30 pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2022) 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.
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 – March 1, 2022 – 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.

## Career Development Event

### *60% Mastery Policy*

Effective as amended May 2019

- Teams must achieve at least 60% of the total available points in order to advance to national level competition.
- Achievement will be determined by taking the total team points earned and divide it by the total number of team points available.
- Regardless of whether the team achieves the 60% standard, it will still be recognized (including plaques/medals/etc.) as the first-place team at the State FFA Convention.
- Regardless of whether the team achieves the 60% standard, it is welcome to compete at the Big E. Scores at the Big E will not be considered for the sixty-percent mastery policy.
- If a team does not reach the 60% standard, the team can request an opportunity to re-test later in the year for another chance at representing New Jersey FFA at the National FFA Convention. The retest will consist of a multiple-choice exam related to the content in the career area and be administered online. Request must be made, in writing, to the State FFA Specialist by May 1. Re-tests must be completed by May 30. State Convention events will be provided an extension that is mutually agreed upon by the State FFA Specialist and chapter advisor, but no later than June 15.
- If the team does not reach the 60% standard, and decides not to re-test, team members are able to compete in that career development again the following year.
- If a team achieves the 60% standard, at least half the team must be original team members when certifying a team for national level career development events.
- If a team achieves the 60% standard but is unable to attend the national event, the second-place team will be offered the chance to compete (as long as it has achieved the 60% standard). The same opportunity to re-test will apply.

### **EVENT SUMMARY**

#### **What is the Meat Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event?**

In this CDE, students develop skills for careers in the meat animal industry. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education. The Meat Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event provides competition that fosters broader analytical skills, critical thinking strategies and a knowledge of meat and meat animal products involved in the industry of meat animals. During the event, members evaluate meat carcasses and identify various meat cuts.

The Meat Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event will have four components.

- General Knowledge Exam – 45 minutes – 50 questions worth 100 points
- Meat Formulation – 15 minutes – 5 questions worth 50 points
- Identification of 30 retail meat cuts– 50 minutes – 1 pt. correct species, 2 pt. correct primal cut id, 1 pt. correct cookery and 3 pts. correct retail trade name worth 210 points
- Placing of Four Classes – 25 minutes – 50 pts. per class worth 200 points

#### **What is the Farm & Agribusiness Management Career Development Event?**

The ability to apply economic principles and make farm and agribusiness management decisions is essential to success in the business of agriculture today. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Farm Business Management Career Development Event provides competition that fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to pursue a career in agricultural business.

The Farm Business Management Career Development Event will have one component.

- Written Exam – 60 minutes - 50 questions worth 100 points

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