



Summary of Updates to Career Development Events for 2016-2017

Agricultural Communications CDE

Change: From 3 to 4 member team; practicums include 1) web design 2) video production 3) journalistic writing 4) opinion writing

Agricultural Mechanics CDE

Change: All 4 scores count

Dairy Evaluation CDE (Junior & Senior)

Change: All 4 scores count

Jr. Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Change: Will become the Conduct of Chapter Meetings CDEs and will follow the new national guidelines – 7 member team; Opening/Closing Ceremonies; Student Advisor becomes eligible for debate once Opening Ceremonies ends; demonstrate 4 basic parliamentary procedure acts; oral questions; exam

Farm Business Management CDE

Change: All 4 scores count

Horse Evaluation CDE

Change: All 4 scores count

Job Interview CDE

Change: name is now Employability Skills LDE

Livestock Evaluation CDE (Junior & Senior)

Change: All 4 scores count

Meats Evaluation CDE

Change: From 4 person team to 3 person team; all scores count

Nursery/Landscape CDE

Change: All 4 scores count

Poultry Evaluation CDE

Change: All 4 scores count



Georgia FFA Association Summary of Updates to FFA Award areas for 2016-2017

Agriscience Fair

- 6 categories are the same
- Now 6 divisions
 - Division 1: grades 7 & 8 individual
 - Division 2: grades 7 & 8 team of 2
 - Division 3: grades 9 & 10 individual
 - Division 4: grades 9 & 10 team of 2
 - Division 5: grades 11 & 12 individual
 - Division 6: grades 11 & 12 team of 2
- Application is housed online in the FFA application manager
 - Application converts directly to PDF for submission; no exporting to Excel
- Data cannot be added after state level selection
- Display dimensions cannot exceed 36 inches high, 48 inches wide and 30 inches deep
- Only log book and up to 5 copies of written report are allowed in addition to display.
 - No additional props, handout or electronics will be allowed
 - Electricity will NOT be allowed
- If a team does not have both members present for the interview with judges, they cannot place higher than 4th
- No substitutions of students is allowed in group or individual entries

National Chapter Award

- Application is housed online in the FFA application manager
 - Application converts directly to PDF for submission; no exporting to Excel
- 3 divisions of the Form II (formerly Student Development, Chapter Development & Community Development) will be Growing Leaders, Building Communities and Strengthening Agriculture.
- Form I is a self-assessment, and will be scored online as it is completed. Total possible points for Form I is 64 points; minimum of 51 points must be earned to gain access to the Form II application.
- Outstanding Middle School program is now the Middle School Models of Excellence program
- Models of Innovation program is now the Premier Chapter program (awards in all 3 divisions)

Guidelines for these national award areas can be found on the national FFA website (www.ffa.org)