



Agriculture Mechanics Contest
 Sunbelt Agricultural Expo – Moultrie, GA
 Oct. 17-19, 2023



Project Arrival Time & Location:

Monday, October 16 – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (*Projects will be judged at 5:00*)

Location - Enter at Gate 2, Farm Credit Building site B9 (directly in front of the Expo main office at the water tank and flight tower)

- You will need to show GATE PASS – will be emailed to advisors prior to the Expo

Good news for Projects entered in Georgia National Fair!

GNF will allow projects entered in the Expo contest to be released after 1:00 pm on Monday, 10/16 to come to the Expo!!

Please indicate on registration if project is also entered in GNF so that we can share the list with the Fair and they will be prepared for which projects to release early.

Project Release Time:

- **Wednesday, October 18** – Enter at Gate 2
 - **3:00 – 5:00 pm**
 - No trucks/trailers can be driven on the Expo grounds during this time
 - Projects taken during this time will have to be carried out or removed on a cart (chapters will need to bring carts if needed)
- **Thursday, October 19** – Enter at Gate 2
 - **12:00 pm – 5:00 pm** – Enter at Gate 2
 - No trucks/trailers can be driven on the Expo grounds during this time
 - Projects taken during this time will have to be carried out or removed on a cart (chapters will need to bring carts if needed)
 - **5:00 pm – 6:00 pm** – Enter at Gate 2
- **Friday Oct. 20**
 - **3:00 – 5:00** – Enter at Gate 2

****Indicate on registration which time you will be picking up so that staff can be available to assist you****

Eligibility

- Any dues paying FFA member who is on their chapter FFA roster is eligible.

Entry Guidelines

- Competition will be available in two Wood divisions and two Metal divisions.

Small Wood Projects
Small Metal Projects

Large Wood Projects
Large Metal Projects

- Small Projects – Projects that measure less than 3’ in height, length, and width.
- Large Projects – Projects that measure 3’1” to 6’ in height, length, and width.





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Event Rules

1. BRING ONLY FINISHED PROJECTS!
2. Projects may be built of either wood or metal only. Extra product can be added (i.e. shingles) if necessary for the project, but will not be accounted for in the judging process.
3. Projects should be built from either published drawings or drawings of original design.
4. A teacher/advisor or parent must be present for delivery and pick-up of each entry.
5. Projects must be registered through the online registration system **no later than October 1, 2023**.
6. All projects must be completed when they are checked in, in order to be displayed and scored.
7. **All projects must be pre-registered. Any project not pre-registered will not be eligible to compete.**
8. Project entries must have been constructed by the FFA member who enter them, either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural education or as a part of their supervised agricultural experience program.
9. **There is no limit on number of project entries per chapter.**
10. Each chapter may enter a maximum of three of the same project. EXAMPLE - a chapter may submit 3 gun racks, 3 stools, etc...
11. Projects do not have to be constructed during the school year it is exhibited, but must be the student's original work.
12. All articles must be painted or properly treated. All articles must be clean and in a presentable condition even though they may have been previously used. Articles designed to be hung should have hanging method attached (wire, bracket, etc.).
13. Entries will be judged on the basis of workmanship, finish, design, strength, usefulness and suitability.
14. If a project is entered in the wrong division, it will be scored, but will not be eligible for a Grand Champion or Reserve Champion ribbon. NOTE: Judges will make final determination of proper classification.
15. Projects will be judged prior to the start of the Expo. Awards will be present on projects throughout the Expo.
16. **All projects must remain on display for the duration of the Expo. Entries WILL NOT be permitted to leave before the specified times. Items removed early will forfeit placings and prize money.**
17. Premium money will be paid based on the judges' results. Judges decisions are final.
18. Premium money will be mailed to students following the Expo.
19. Teacher/advisor must check out the project with appropriate staff during the release time.
20. All projects must be picked up during the designated time. Any projects not picked up will become the property of the sponsor or disposed of.

Awards

- Grand Champion in each division will receive \$100 prize money
- Reserve Champion in each division will receive \$50 prize money
- Grand Champion Chapter (\$100 cash + plaque) for the chapter accumulating the most points:
 - Grand Champions – 10 points
 - Reserve Champions – 5 points
 - Tie Breaker: Each project entered – 1 point

