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Agriscience Demonstration Event sponsored by James River equipment

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Registration Deadline: September 15, 2021

Participants must register through the online registration system:

Junior Registration: Click <u>Here</u> Senior Registration: Click <u>Here</u>

2021 Official Schedule

Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021

Location: Blue Ribbon Tent Contestant Meeting 10:45 am

Contest 11:00 am

Registration: vaffa.org (links above)

Participants must have a \$5 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds. 4H agent/FFA advisor is responsible for ordering tickets. Please visit the State Fair event page at vaffa.org.

Contest Rules

- 1. Information can be found on the Virginia FFA website http://www.vaffa.org.
- 2. This contest will be open to FFA chapters across the state. Schools are invited to enter one or two demonstrations. If two demonstrations are entered from a chapter, each must present a different demonstration topic.
- 3. Demonstrations may be presented by either one individual contestant or a team of two contestants. (Note that awards are presented to ranked demonstration, not individual contestants.)
- 4. Contestants must be active students in grades 6-12 the school term preceding entry in the contest. There will be two divisions: Junior Division (Division I) will be students in grades 6-9 and Senior Division (Division II) will be students in grades 10-12. If either member of a team is in or above the tenth-grade level, the team will be considered Division II.
- 5. No individual may present the same demonstration in successive years.
- 6. No individual may present the same demonstration as presented in the horticulture demonstration contest.
- 7. Presentations must be of a demonstration nature (actually doing something), not simply an illustrated talk.
- 8. Demonstration topics may deal with agriculture within any of the following areas: Plant and Soil Science, Animal Science, Agricultural Marketing & Agricultural Business, Natural Resources Management & Environmental Science, and Agricultural Engineering.
- 9. Fire, live animals and operational engines may not be used during the demonstration.
- 10. Each demonstration is limited to 10 minutes. Following the demonstration, the judges (only) may ask questions of the contestant and only about the demonstration for up to 3 minutes.
- 11. Contestants must provide all equipment and materials required for their demonstrations.
- 12. The contest will be limited to the first 30 teams/individuals to register in each division. Preliminary rounds will be conducted in the morning with a finals round to take place in the afternoon.

Awards

The State Fair of Virginia will provide premiums and ribbons for the high individuals in Division I and II (middle school) & high school) according to the following schedule:

	Place	Individual Award	Place	Individual Award
•	1 st	\$50	4	\$15
	2 nd	\$40	5	\$10
	3 rd	\$25	6	\$10

State Fair Scholarship Program

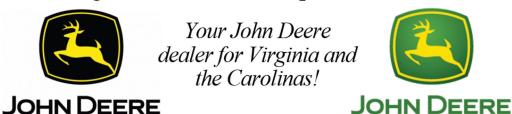
Contestants will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see the **State Fair website**, www.statefairva.org, for more information regarding the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program and eligibility requirements for other available scholarships. The following scholarships will be awarded to the top three individuals in **Division II (Senior Division): Scholarship will be split if a team.**

		Individual Award *Div. II
PI	acing	(Seniors) Only
	1 st	\$250.00
	2 nd	\$150.00
	3 rd	\$50.00

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Division

or II

Judge's Instructions: Each judge will complete this form independently. All items listed below must be scored. The demonstration score is then determined by adding the respective point values. The head judge will tally the separate scores, calculate the composite score, and prepare the preliminary rankings.

Points

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Presented in a Logical Order	
Information	
Known Facts Presented Correctly	10
Known Facts Used Accurately	
General Effect	
Interesting	20
Understandable	
Response to Questions	
Ability to satisfactory answer the questions of	
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Numerical or Final Placing of Participants

100

Grand Totals

State AgriScience Demonstration Rubric - 100 Points

Evaluation Criteri	a		10	0 Possible Points
Indicators	Very strong evidence skill is present (7-10 Points)	Moderate evidence skill is present (4-6 Points)	Strong evidence skill is not present _ (0-3 Points)	Total Score
Voice				10 Points
Quality	Strong, clear voice with appropriate volume for the room	Clear voice, not all words can be heard by audience	Often too quiet for audience to hear, unsure tone	
Articulation	Strong knowledge base, effectively expresses points	Good knowledge base, sufficiently expresses points	Poor knowledge base, difficulty expressing points	
Pronunciation	Efficiently explains directions with strong clarity	Moderately explains directions with average clarity	No ability to explain directions, leads to confusion	
Force	Has the power of presentation to engage audience	While accurate, speaker simply repeats facts	Loses audience's attention easily, lacks enthusiasm	
Stage Presence				10 Points
Personal Appearance	Dress is appropriate, has taken time in appearance	Dress is presentable, but not professional	Dress is not appropriate for the demonstration	
Poise and Body Posture	Appropriate gestures, in control of presentation	Poised most of the time, some awkward motions	Sometimes loses composure, poor control of motions	
Confidence/ Personality	Speaks with unwavering voice, let's personality shine	Confidence of material, but lacks personality	Very little confidence, shows no personality	
Ease Before Audience	Makes eye contact with audience, no nervous habits	Eye contact most of the time, occasional habits	No eye contact, nervous tics, lots of hesitations	
Power of Expressi	on			10 Points
Communicative Ability	Language conveys the purpose of the demonstration	Understandable most of the time, can be confusing	Lacks the ability to successfully describe the demo	
Directness	Clearly states the procedure, step by step description	Sometimes indirect procedure, purpose is relatively clear	Presentation lacks direction, and is hard to follow	
Fluency	Points flow together, uses transitional phrases	Has organization, lacks transition to keep demo smooth	Moving from point to point is choppy, audience is lost	

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