

# Agronomy - Career Development Event

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Purpose: The FFA Agronomy Career Development Event (CDE) is designed to create more interest and promote better understanding in agronomy by providing opportunities for recognition through the demonstration of skills and proficiencies.

Objectives:

1. To demonstrate basic knowledge of agronomic sciences.
2. To explore career opportunities, skills and proficiencies in the agronomy industry.
3. To determine the ability to identify agronomic:
  - Crops
  - Weeds
  - Seeds
  - Insects
  - Diseases
  - Plant Nutrient Deficiencies
  - Plant Disorders
  - Crop Grading and Pricing
  - Equipment
4. To evaluate a scenario and develop a crop management plan including crop selection, production and marketing.

5. To demonstrate understanding of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship through the use of integrated pest management (IPM) and best management practices (BMPs).

The CDE is a team event composed of four members. All four members will be scored and all four scores will count toward the team total.

The CDE is currently held on the state and national levels. All chapters in Tennessee are eligible to compete on the state level. The state winner will represent Tennessee at the National FFA Convention in October. Three competent and unbiased judges will be selected from academia, businesses, and industry.

Visibility: The sponsor of this award will be recognized in the following ways:

- Immediate press release recognizing the new partnership.
- Statewide recognition at the state FFA convention in front of 2,500 FFA members.
- Statewide media recognition through press releases in agricultural publications.
- Name of sponsor will be on plaques received by FFA members.

Budget: The annual cost of this three-year commitment is \$1,000.00. This amount of support each year will provide for cash awards and the cost of award plaques at the statewide level. Individual awards will also be presented. It will also cover the cost of the team to compete at the national level.

Expected Results: This partnership will generate added interest and excitement in this award area. Through this increased interest more students will focus their skill development in the area of agronomy.