

Wisconsin FFA Agricultural Issues Career Development Event

Official Entry Information and Form

The Wisconsin Association of FFA will conduct the State Agricultural Issues Career Development Event at the State FFA Convention in Madison. **The CDE is limited to the first ten teams to submit an entry form.** The entry form is attached. The CDE will be held Tuesday at the State FFA Convention at 8:00 a.m. in the Alliant Energy Center. Complete rules for the Agricultural Issues CDE are found on the National FFA website Career Development Event Handbook.

This Career Development Event provides students the opportunity to explore a **local** agricultural issue. As a team, FFA members research, plan and present an agricultural issue. Through this competition, students will need to contact local community leadership. They need to prepare a portfolio, conduct their presentation to local community groups and then compete at the State FFA convention. The state winning team will represent Wisconsin at the national competition.

Agricultural Issues Career Development Event Rules:

1. Each team will conduct a presentation on a **local** agricultural issue.
2. The local issue selected must come from the following categories:
 - a. Environmental Issues
 - b. Agricultural Technology Issues
 - c. Animal Issues
 - d. Agricultural Career Issues
 - e. Economy and Trade Issues
 - f. Agricultural Policy Issues
 - g. Food Safety Issues
3. The student team will need to develop a portfolio - ten pages maximum. Four copies of the portfolio must be sent to the Wisconsin FFA Center postmarked May 25. The portfolio must contain:
 - a. A maximum of two pages will include a summary of the issue, answering the questions that are most relevant to your topic:

<input type="checkbox"/> List course(s) in which instruction occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/> Why is this issue important now?
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the nature of the issue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Who is involved in the issue?
<input type="checkbox"/> How can the issue be defined?	<input type="checkbox"/> What caused the issue?
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the historical background of the issue?	<input type="checkbox"/> What are the benefits?
<input type="checkbox"/> What are the risks?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there strong disagreement on how the issue should be solved?	
 - b. A bibliography of all resources and references cited which may include personal interviews and any other supporting materials.
 - c. Documentation that a local forum occurred such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> Letter from organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Photos (3 x 5 or 4 x 6)
<input type="checkbox"/> New articles	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrapbook
4. Presentation may include official FFA attire, costumes, props, skits and other creative paraphernalia. **Teams will be responsible for bringing in any equipment needed for their presentation.**
5. Time Limits. Five minutes allowed for set up. The presentation is a maximum of 15 minutes. A maximum of 5 minutes for questions and answers. Five minutes for take down.
6. Three to seven members can compete on the Agricultural Issues Team.
7. Each team must conduct presentations on their Agricultural Issues topic to local and area groups *before* competing in the state competition. It is recommended that the members present to at least 3 to 5 community groups. (i.e. Rotary, FFA Alumni, Commodity Groups, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)

Entry forms are due postmarked **April 1**. The first ten teams to submit an entry form will be allowed to compete. Send your official entry form to the Wisconsin FFA Center, PO Box 110, Spencer, WI 54479. This entry form is only a notification to the State FFA Office that your FFA chapter will be competing. All other materials are due at a later time.

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State Entry Form

*This entry form is only a notification to the State FFA Office that your FFA chapter wants to compete.
All other materials are due at a later time.*

Chapter: _____

Chapter Advisor (s): _____

Yes. We would like a team to compete in the Wisconsin FFA Agricultural Issues CDE.

Chapter Advisor's Signature

The first ten teams which enter to compete in this Career Development Event will receive further information about the competition.

Return Entry Form to:

**Wisconsin FFA Center
P.O. Box 110
Spencer, WI 54479**

Entry forms must be postmarked on or before April 1.