

Kansas FFA Agriscience Fair

General Information

1. The State Agriscience Fair will be held in conjunction with the Kansas FFA Convention held in McCain Auditorium in Manhattan.
2. **Entry Components:**
 - a. Complete online registration for Leadership Development Event's hosted at state convention by date designated in Kansas FFA calendar.
 - b. Provide the following in advance of state convention by the date listed on the Kansas FFA calendar for LDE Portfolio's & Manuscripts:
 - **Cover page** from the National FFA Agriscience application form.
 - **Written Report** - The report should be printed on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper. The report will have 1" margins. Font size must be 12 using Arial, Courier or Times New Roman font. The project report template is required and is available on www.FFA.org/agrisciencefair by division. As developing student researchers, the expectations for the written report are slightly different for Divisions 1 and 2 (7th and 8th grade students) compared to Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6. Refer to the National FFA Agriscience Fair rules for more information.
 - i. *Please note. This is a change for 2017. We are now requesting the entire written report be submitted prior to Convention. (The abstract required in previous years is a component of the written report.)*
 - c. At State Convention:
 - **Binders**-Must be submitted to Convention Registration no later than **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, of state convention**. Binder judging will take place on Wednesday afternoon. The binders include the following items:
 - a. **Log Book** - Contains accurate and detailed notes of a well-planned, implemented research project. The notes should be a consistent and thorough record of the project.
 - b. **Written Report** - Include the completed application and written report for the Agriscience Fair exhibits
 - **Exhibits** must be in place no later than **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, of state convention**.
3. All exhibits will be located in the south lobby of the McCain Auditorium. Tables will be provided for all exhibitors (maximum four feet of length per exhibit.)
4. **Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, during convention.**
5. Exhibits are to remain on display until the **close of convention on Friday afternoon**.
6. Winning exhibitors will be recognized at the Friday morning convention session. Exhibitors should report to the reserved seating area no later than 8:30 a.m.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Competition is open to all FFA members in grades 7-12. There are six divisions.
 - Division 1** - individual member in grades 7 and 8
 - Division 2** - team of two members in grades 7 and 8
 - Division 3** - individual member in grades 9 and 10
 - Division 4** - team of two members in grades 9 and 10
 - Division 5** - individual member in grades 11 and 12
 - Division 6** - team of two members in grades 11 and 12

Grade is determined by the grade level of the member at the time of qualification at the state level. Because the Kansas FFA Convention is held at the end of the school year, the student's grade will be the year in school the student would have just completed.

Teams can be made up of two students in different grades but will compete in the division in which the older participant would qualify. Team members must be from the same chapter at the time of qualification.

2. Categories of Participation (For description and examples refer to the National FFA Agriscience Guidelines):
 - Animal Systems (AS)
 - Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems (ENR)
 - Food Products and Processing Systems (FPP)
 - Plant Systems (PS)
 - Power, Structural and Technical Systems (PST)
 - Social Systems (SS)

Event Guidelines:

1. All rules, project components and judging criteria set forth by the National FFA Organization for the National FFA Agriscience Fair will apply to the Kansas FFA Agriscience Fair. Any rule change at national will supersede any state policy.
2. All National FFA rules and policies concerning animal care, human subjects, safety, etc. will apply to the State FFA Agriscience Fair. All necessary forms that are required by National FFA will also be required on the State Level.
3. Each member and/or team may enter only one project. A team is a maximum of two members working cooperatively on the same project. Successive year projects must indicate change or growth in the project from the previous year(s) in their log books. ***Displays must reflect the current year's work only.***
4. Extension of Agriscience Fair Projects – The completion of a research project can generate additional research questions that are worthy of investigation. Participants will have the opportunity to conduct this additional research as long as the current year's project could not have been done without what was learned from the past year's research. This project would now be considered an extension project for competition.
5. Each participant is required to meet with the judges to explain their project. Explanation and questioning may not exceed fifteen minutes.

Students with conflicts due to participation in other state events will need to make advance arrangements to schedule an appropriate time to meet with the judges for scoring.

6. Exhibited projects and project reports shall be the result of the student(s) own efforts.
7. The first place exhibitor(s) in each division of the six categories will earn the right to represent Kansas at the National Agriscience Fair to be held at the National FFA Convention.

Event Recognition and Sponsorship:

- Recognition \$50 per participant following participation in Convention in addition to a plaque and medal for the top three placings per Division and Category. If a student is selected to represent Kansas in the National Agriscience Fair, they will be provided a \$100 travel stipend similar to the other national representatives.
- Sponsors:
 - DuPont Pioneer
 - Merck Animal Health