

# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION / FFA

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## **Date & Times:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, July 15	1:00 PM	Entry Check-In Begins	Memorial Hall
	4:00 PM	Entry Check-In Closes	
	5:00 PM	Large Chapter Exhibits, Shadow Boxes, Landscape Settings, and Agriscience Fair Projects must be in place Department Closes and EVERYONE must exit the building	
Wednesday, July 16	8:00 AM	Entry Check-In Begins Minor alterations allowed to Large Chapter Exhibits, Shadow Boxes, Landscape Settings, and Agriscience Fair Projects (see definition of minor alterations in Exhibits 1. a.)	Memorial Hall
	11:30 AM	Entry Check-In Closes Exhibit Area will be closed for judging	
Thursday, July 17	5:00 PM	Exhibit Area Opens	Memorial Hall
Thursday, July 24	9:00 AM	FFA Games	Outside of the Delmarva Building
Friday, July 25	9:00 AM	FFA Awards Banquet	Casino-Gold Room
Sunday, July 27	7:00 AM	Entries may be removed	Memorial Hall

## **General Rules and Regulations:**

1. Each Agriscience student is responsible for entering their online entries via the [Delaware State Fair's website](#) beginning April 1, 2025 at 9:00 AM thru June 1, 2025 at 11:59 PM.
2. No exhibitor can have more than one entry per class. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair based on funding sources.
4. No entry fee will be charged to enter entries in the department.
5. Premiums will not be paid on exhibits removed before Sunday, July 27.

## **Department Rules and Regulations:**

1. Only classes listed below will be considered for premium money unless noted otherwise.
2. The following classes are open to all students enrolled in all day classes of Agriscience in high schools and middle schools of Delaware; **grades 6 through 12**. Graduating seniors are eligible to exhibit in the year of graduation only. All entries must be through the school where the student is enrolled.
3. Each Exhibitor must securely attach entry tags to their entries with the assistance of their Agriscience Teachers under the supervision of Department Personnel. After attaching entry tags, the entry may be exhibited in the proper department exhibit class display area. Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed.
4. When judging begins, the department is officially closed and all teachers, students, parents and anyone who is not a part of the Superintendent's exhibit judging committee must exit the building.
5. No one from the Superintendent's exhibit committee unless an Assistant Superintendent shall communicate with judges or official score persons during the judging of the exhibits.
6. Each Agriscience teacher having students exhibiting in the Agricultural Education/FFA department is responsible for all activities prior to judging, after judging, during Fair week, and removal of exhibits on Sunday, July 27.

## **Exhibits:**

1. Large Chapter Exhibits, Shadow Boxes, Landscape Settings, and Agriscience Fair Projects must be moved into the exhibit area and set up by Tuesday, July 15 at 5:00 PM. The Agricultural Education/FFA Department closes at 5:00 PM and everyone must leave the building. Only Minor last minute alterations will be allowed on Wednesday, July 16.
  - a. Minor alterations are limited to: the watering, placing of fallen or misplaced display items from overnight, plugging in lights, playing music. Nothing may be added to the display, simply adjusted.
2. Any exhibit taking up too much space may be removed after judging with consent of the superintendent and exhibitor.
3. All exhibits must have been raised or made on a farm, garden, or Agriscience classroom with the aid of the student.
4. All spoiled vegetables will be removed daily from the exhibit area by the committee. The tags and/or ribbons will be left on the bench where the exhibit was removed.
5. Each school is responsible for taking care of their live exhibits. Please see the respective department premium books for specific information.
6. Care will be provided to protect exhibits in Memorial Hall from damage. The Delaware State Fair will not in any way be held responsible for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All animals and exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.
7. No exhibit of grain will be accepted unless it contains 1 gallon. Due to safety concerns, no gallon glass containers will be allowed. (See your FFA advisor for gallon jars)

## **Credentials:**

1. One pass to the Fair will be given to each student who exhibits five (5) or more products. (Refer to 2025 Agricultural Education/FFA Department Credentials Policy for additional information)
2. Agriscience Teacher(s) from each school will be responsible for confirming with the Superintendent and or an Assistant a list of all exhibitors from their school who have been issued credentials to the Fair by Wednesday, July 16.

# Departmental Awards & Events

## William H. Abbott, Sr. Memorial Plaque

A permanent rotating plaque is placed in the Delaware State Fair office in memory of William H. Abbott, Sr., a past FFA Advisor and dedicated Delaware State Fair supporter. An FFA member will have shown outstanding achievement in the Agricultural Education/FFA Department through his or her Sweepstakes Awards, and the plaque will be presented to the winning student at the Annual FFA State Fair Awards Breakfast. This award is sponsored by the Delaware Association of Agricultural Educators (DAAE).

## Fantastic Fair Award

The Delaware FFA Association sponsors a permanent rotating plaque placed in the Delaware State Fair office that recognizes the FFA Chapter that has shown outstanding achievement in exhibiting in the Agricultural Education/FFA Department through their member's exhibits. This award will be presented at the Annual FFA State Fair Awards Breakfast.

## FFA Games

Held on the last Thursday of fairweek outside the Delmarva Building, the FFA Games are competitions that allow chapter members to compete against one another in a fun and friendly atmosphere. The games enable FFA members State wide to interact and build camaraderie. This event is organized and run by the Delaware FFA Association State Officers and Del Tech Collegiate FFA Chapter.

## FFA Awards Breakfast

FFA Awards breakfast is held in the Gold Room in the Casino and is limited to a certain number of individuals per chapter. Please see FFA advisor for details.

## CHAPTER EXHIBITS - SECTION A

**Note: Individual students are not eligible to enter in Section A. When making entries in Showworks for this section, use the Chapter Name only. Do not use a student's or teacher's name.**

See Delaware FFA Website for Guidelines and Rubrics for Each Chapter Exhibit.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$177.75	\$157.50	\$79.25	\$39.75

All prize money and ribbons will be awarded to the school only.

Class #	Class Description
1	Most Attractive Horticulture Exhibit Dimensions: 5' deep, 9' facing, 8' max. height 2025 Theme: "United by Flowers"
2	Chapter Educational Display (Tabletop display only) Dimensions: Tables used for tabletop displays measure 39" wide x 8' long x 30" tall (maximum height, including table and display, is 8') 2025 Theme: Animal Science
3	Delaware Ag Products Display Dimensions: 5' deep, 9' facing, 8' max. height

Each Chapter is responsible for providing their own display surface (5' deep, 9' facing, 8' max. height).

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$550.00	\$330.00	\$165.00	\$82.50	\$55.00	\$27.50

All prize money and ribbons will be awarded to the school only.

Class #	Class Description
4	Most Attractive Chapter Landscape Setting (see Chapter Guide for details) Dimensions: 8' deep x 15'6" wide 2025 Fair Theme: Kick Up Some Fun

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS - SECTION B

**Need Help! Have Questions? See or ask your FFA Advisor.**

Premium for High School (Classes 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th – 6th	7th – 9th
\$62.75	\$47.50	\$32.00	\$23.75	\$15.50

Premium for Middle School (Classes 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, 18)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th – 6th	7th – 9th
\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$16.50	\$11.00

Class #	Class Description
5	FFA Nursery/Landscaping CDE Grades 9 to 12
6	Middle School FFA Nursery/Landscaping CDE Grades 6 to 8
7	FFA Poultry Evaluation CDE Grades 9 to 12
8	Middle School FFA Poultry Evaluation CDE Grades 6 to 8
9	FFA Livestock Evaluation CDE Grades 9 to 12
10	Middle School Livestock Evaluation CDE Grades 6 to 8
11	FFA Agricultural Issues LDE Grades 9 to 12
	<b>**Note this class is LDE and will NOT receive premium money**</b>
12	FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management CDE Grades 9 to 12
13	Middle School Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management CDE Grades 6 to 8
14	Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity Grades 9 to 12
15	FFA Agronomy Career Development Event Grade 9 to 12

Class #	Class Description
16	Middle School Agronomy CDE Grades 6 to 8
17	FFA Horse Evaluation CDE Grades 9 to 12
18	Middle School Horse Judging CDE Grades 6 to 8
19	FFA Safe Tractor Equipment Driving Grades 9 to 12

## GRAIN, HAY AND SILAGE - SECTION C

**Need Help! Have Questions? See or ask your FFA Advisor.**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$6.75	\$5.50	\$3.50

Class #	Class Description
20	4-Ear Sample Yellow Corn
21	Single-Ear sample Yellow Corn
22	Gallon Shelled Yellow Corn
23	Single Stalk Corn Showing Base Roots
24	Gallon Wheat
25	Gallon Barley
26	Gallon Rye
27	Gallon Yellow Soybeans
28	Gallon Oats
29	Gallon Red Grain Sorghum

All hay must be cured and put up in pads and tied together crosswise with twine. (18" x 18" x 4" or larger)

Class #	Class Description
30	Pad Red Clover
31	Pad Alfalfa
32	Pad Orchard grass
33	Pad Timothy
34	Pad Mixed Hay

All grain bundles must be at least 2" in diameter immediately below the head.

Class #	Class Description
35	Bundle Oats
36	Bundle Winter Wheat
37	Bundle Barley
38	Gallon Jar of Small Grain Silage
39	Gallon Jar of Corn Silage
40	Growing Soybeans with roots in 8 to 12 quart bucket only (8 stalks)

Due to safety concerns, No gallon glass containers will be allowed. (See your FFA advisor for gallon jars)

## VEGETABLES - SECTION D

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1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$6.75	\$5.50	\$3.50

Class #	Class Description
41	4 Red Skin Potatoes
42	4 (all other varieties) Potatoes
43	4 Beets without tops
44	4 Green Slicing Type Tomatoes with stems
45	4 Red Slicing Type Tomatoes without stems
46	4 Red Cherry Tomatoes, without stems
47	4 Red Grape Tomatoes, without stems
48	4 Red Sauce/Italian Tomatoes, without stems
49	1 Cantaloupe
50	4 Bell Peppers with stems
51	1 Eggplant
52	4 Cherry Peppers with stems
53	4 Banana Peppers with stems
54	4 any other Hot Peppers other than cherry or banana
55	4 Yellow Squash (straight neck)
56	4 Yellow Squash (crook neck)
57	4 Zucchini Squash
58	4 Home Pickling Cucumbers
59	4 Market Pickling Cucumbers
60	4 Long Green Cucumbers
61	4 White Onions
62	1 Watermelon, with 2" stem (ice box or midget type)
63	1 Watermelon with 2" stem (large type)
64	4 Ears Yellow Sweet Corn (with husk)
65	4 Ears White Sweet Corn (with husk)
66	4 Ears Bi-Colored Sweet Corn (with husk)
67	4 Carrots with tops
68	Vegetable Garden Display – no less than 4 vegetables to be exhibited in a moveable container
69	4 String Beans in pod
70	1 Head of Cabbage
71	4 Round Radishes with tops

## SHOP PROJECTS - SECTION E

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1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$6.75	\$5.50	\$3.50

Class #	Class Description
72	Small useable welding project: Size notations- up to 24 inches height & width
73	Large useable welding project: Size notations—over 24 inches in height & width
74	Welding project – CARTS & TRAILER CLASS
75	Block Lettering Welding Project - (See FFA Advisor and Delaware FFA website for details)
76	Plumbing Display (using copper, PVC, CPVC; up to 24" in height and 49" in width)
77	Residential Electrical Display Circuit Display Board
78	Small Masonry Project. Must be movable and incorporate masonry techniques and form
79	Small interior use woodworking project: 2" to 12" height or width
80	Small interior use woodworking project: 13" to 24" height or width
81	Large interior use wood working project: 25" in height and all above projects
82	Small exterior use wood working project: 2" to 12" height or width
83	Small exterior use wood working project: 13" to 24" height or width
84	Large exterior use wood working project: A. 25" in height and all above
85	TOOLBOXES Wooden—24" in length and longer
86	Electrical wiring project made of any material
87	Electrical Welding Display: Stick (SNAW), Mig (GMAW), or Tig (GTAW) Weld used & noted on display
88	CNC Plasma Cutting Metal

## HORTICULTURE - SECTION F

**Need help! Have Questions? See or ask your FFA Advisor and Delaware FFA Website for Guidelines and Cut Flower Scoring Rubric.**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$6.75	\$5.50	\$3.50

Class #	Class Description
89	Potted Flowering Single Plant (7" or less container)
90	Potted Flowering Single Plant (over 7" container)
91	Potted Foliage Single Plant (7" or less container)
92	Potted Foliage Single Plant (over 7" container)
93	Bonsai, any container
94	Unique Single Plant (7" or less container)
95	Unique Single Plant (over 7" container)
96	Container Garden 12" or less, with 3 or more varieties of plants

Class #	Class Description
97	Container Garden over 12", with 3 or more varieties of plants
98	Hanging Basket - Flowering (7" or less container)
99	Hanging Basket - Flowering (over 7" container)
100	Hanging Basket - Foliage (7" or less container)
101	Hanging Basket - Foliage (over 7" container)
102	Cut Flower - Sunflower - (one stem 12" to 24" length in a clear vase)
103	Cut Flower - Marigold - (African variety, three stems 24" to 32" length in a clear vase) <b>or</b> (French variety, three stems 6" to 12" length in a clear vase)
104	Cut Flower - Zinnias - (three stems 12" to 18" length in a clear vase)

## FLORICULTURE DRIED & SILK ARRANGEMENTS - SECTION G

Need help! Have Questions? See or ask your FFA Advisor.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$14.50	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$6.75	\$5.50

Class #	Class Description
112	Dried Arrangement in any container
113	Hanging Dried Arrangement
114	Silk Centerpiece Arrangement
115	Silk One-Sided Arrangement
116	Hanging Silk Arrangement
117	Silk Wrist Corsage
118	Silk Nosegay
119	Silk Round Bouquet with stand
120	Dried Wreath
121	Silk Wreath

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$62.75	\$55.00	\$48.50	\$39.75	\$32.00	\$23.25

Notes: See FFA Advisor and Delaware FFA Website for Guidelines and Rubric. FFA Chapters provide their own shadow boxes for their students. See your FFA Advisor for a Shadowbox.

Class #	Class Description
122	Shadow Box Arrangement using a floral design appropriate container Dimensions: 23" x 23" x 23"



## EGGS - SECTION H

(Brown and White) will conform to the U.S.D.A. Standards  
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1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$7.75	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$3.50

Class #	Class Description
123	Dozen Medium White Eggs (21-24 oz. (about 680.39g))
124	Dozen Medium Brown Eggs (21-24 (about 680.39g))
125	Dozen Large White Eggs (24-27 oz. (about 765.44g))
126	Dozen Large Brown Eggs (24-27 oz. (about 765.44g))
127	Dozen Extra Large White Eggs (27-30 oz. (about 850.49g))
128	Dozen Extra Large Brown Eggs (27-30 oz.(about 850.49g))
129	Dozen Eggs Tinted Eggs that are not white or brown (21-24 oz (about 680.39g))
130	Dozen Eggs Tinted Eggs that are not white or brown (27-30 oz (about 850.49g))

## AGRISCIENCE EDUCATION AREAS OF STUDY POSTER - SECTION I

Dimensions: 14" X 22" size poster

See FFA advisor and Delaware FFA Website for Guidelines and Scoring rubric

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1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$14.50	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$6.75	\$5.50

Class #	Class Description
131	Careers in Agriculture
132	FFA
133	Biotechnology
134	Animal Science
135	Plant Science
136	Environmental Science
137	Food Science
138	Natural Resources/Wildlife
139	Delaware Agriculture Industry

## AGRICULTURE COMMUNICATIONS - SECTION J

- A. **Printed Digitally Designed Flyer categories class** - Flyer is printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper or stock  
See FFA Advisor and Delaware FFA Website for Guidelines and Scoring Rubric

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1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$14.50	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$6.75	\$5.50

Class #	Class Description
140	Careers in Agriculture
141	FFA
142	Biotechnology
143	Animal Science
144	Plant Science
145	Environmental Science
146	Food Science
147	Natural Resources/Wildlife
148	Delaware Agriculture Industry

- B. **Photography Submission** - Photo entries must be printed in 8" x 10" size and mounted on foam board. Foam board may extend at no more than one inch beyond the size of the photo. (i.e. 9" x 11") Mounted neatly and securely, no tape or glue showing, adding to the photo's appearance.

See FFA Advisor and Delaware FFA Website for Guidelines and Scoring Rubric

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Class #	Class Description
149	Careers in Agriculture
150	FFA
151	Biotechnology
152	Animal Science
153	Plant Science
154	Environmental Science
155	Food Science
156	Natural Resources/Wildlife
157	Delaware Agriculture Industry