

2018 Missouri Agriscience Fair Rules and Regulations

Event date- Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 Memorial Union, Columbia, MO

Event setup:

- A. All students must be current members of the National FFA Organization.
- B. Research projects should adhere to all rules and regulations outlined in the current National FFA Agriscience Fair Handbook (attached).
- C. Projects will be judged using the scoring guides in the Agriscience Fair Handbook.
- D. The following materials will be judged in the state Agriscience Fair Competition:
 1. **Written Report: Must be submitted in the national template to be scored.** You must submit a written report to compete in the Agriscience fair prior to the Agriscience Fair. Written reports will be judged using the prequalifying rubric on pages 35-37 (see attached handbook) before the fair. Please limit the written reports to 30 pages, double spaced, plus references. **All participants should register on www.judgingcard.com no later than May 1st. When you register, please upload a copy of your written report.**

The written report will be graded using the 100 point prequalifying rubric. However, the report will be worth 25% of the final score (as outlined on the National FFA Agriscience score sheet).

2. **The project application** consists of all paperwork required by the National FFA for submission to the National Agriscience Fair. All sections of the completed application must be brought in hard copy to the contest on May 8th. Failure to bring all completed forms will disqualify students from advancing to the national contest.
3. **Display and Log book:** Logbooks and displays should meet the criteria outlined in the Agriscience fair handbook and should be brought on May 8th to display. **Only the display, log book, and written application may be placed on the judging table (see national rules).**
4. **Interviews:** Students will be interviewed by judges.
 - a. Students should wear FFA Official dress for interviews and be stationed at their displays at the division start time.
 - b. We ask students wear Official Dress for the awards ceremony that afternoon.

Displays, log books, and interviews will be scored based on the convention scoresheet from the Handbook (pages 38-40) and will be worth 75% of the final score.

- E. Students must follow all safety rules posted in the *Agriscience Fair Handbook*.
- F. Winners and alternates will be recognized in each of the 6 pathways:
 3. Grade 9-10 Individuals
 4. Grade 9-10 Groups of two
 5. Grade 11-12 Individuals
 6. Grade 11-12 Groups of 2
- G. Students may compete in no more than one group project and one individual project. If one student's project is selected as the winner, that student must identify which project they will submit to the national competition. The non-chosen project will be recognized as runner-up and the second place project will be selected as the state winner.
- H. Schools may enter multiple projects in the same division and system.
- I. Projects must preregister by May 1st in order to compete in the Agriscience Fair.
- J. No individuals may change divisions or pathways after May 1st
 1. If you have questions on a category, contact National FFA for a ruling. This process may take up to 2 weeks, so plan ahead.