

# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION / FFA

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## **Date & Times:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, July 21	1:00 PM	Entry Check-In Begins	Memorial Hall
	4:00 PM	Entry Check-In Closes	
	5:00 PM	Large Chapter Exhibits, Shadow Boxes, and Landscape Settings must be in place Department Closes and EVERYONE must exit the building	
Wednesday, July 22	8:00 AM	Entry Check-In Begins Minor alterations allowed to Large Chapter Exhibits, Shadow Boxes, and Landscape Settings (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 23	5:00 PM	Exhibit Area Opens	Memorial Hall
Thursday, July 30	9:00 AM	FFA Games	Outside of the Delmarva Building
Friday, July 31	9:00 AM	FFA Awards Banquet	Casino-Gold Room
Sunday, August 2	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, 2026 at 9:00 AM thru June 1, 2026 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, August 2.

## **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. All entries within the Agricultural Education/FFA Department are considered seasonal entries. The eligible time frame for seasonal entries runs from the harvest season of the previous fall through the current growing season. Entries submitted outside of this time frame will not be accepted. Additionally, entries can not be re-entered in subsequent years.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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, August 2.

### **Exhibits:**

1. Large Chapter Exhibits, Shadow Boxes, and Landscape Settings must be moved into the exhibit area and set up by Tuesday, July 21 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 22.
  - 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 provided by the Delaware State Fair). All grain entry classes including corn stalks and soybean plants will not be returned to the exhibitor on clean-up day Sunday, August 2, 2026.

### **Credentials:**

1. One pass to the Fair will be given to each student who exhibits five (5) or more products. (Refer to 2026 Agricultural Education/FFA Department Credentials Policy for additional information)

# 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 2026 Theme: "Garden's of Tomorrow"
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') 2026 Theme: Biotechnology
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 2026 Fair Theme: "Celebrating America's 250th"

## 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 – 10th
\$62.75	\$47.50	\$32.00	\$23.75	\$15.50

Premium for Middle School (Classes 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, 18, 20)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th – 6th	7th – 10th
\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$16.50	\$11.00

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
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
20	Middle School FFA Safe Tractor Driving Grade 6 to 8

## 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
21	4-Ear Sample Yellow Corn
22	Single-Ear sample Yellow Corn
23	Gallon Shelled Yellow Corn
24	Single Stalk Corn Showing Base Roots
25	Gallon Wheat
26	Gallon Barley
27	Gallon Rye
28	Gallon Yellow Soybeans
29	Gallon Oats
30	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
31	Pad Red Clover
32	Pad Alfalfa
33	Pad Orchard grass
34	Pad Timothy
35	Pad Mixed Hay

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

Class #	Class Description
36	Bundle Oats
37	Bundle Winter Wheat
38	Bundle Barley
39	Gallon Jar of Small Grain Silage
40	Gallon Jar of Corn Silage
41	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
42	4 Red Skin Potatoes
43	4 (all other varieties) Potatoes
44	4 Beets without tops
45	4 Green Slicing Type Tomatoes with stems
46	4 Red Slicing Type Tomatoes without stems
47	4 Red Cherry Tomatoes, without stems
48	4 Red Grape Tomatoes, without stems
49	4 Red Sauce/Italian Tomatoes, without stems
50	1 Cantaloupe
51	4 Bell Peppers with stems
52	1 Eggplant
53	4 Cherry Peppers with stems
54	4 Banana Peppers with stems
55	4 any other Hot Peppers other than cherry or banana
56	4 Yellow Squash (straight neck)
57	4 Yellow Squash (crook neck)
58	4 Zucchini Squash
59	4 Home Pickling Cucumbers
60	4 Market Pickling Cucumbers
61	4 Long Green Cucumbers
62	4 White Onions
63	1 Watermelon, with 2" stem (ice box or midget type)
64	1 Watermelon with 2" stem (large type)
65	4 Ears Yellow Sweet Corn (with husk)
66	4 Ears White Sweet Corn (with husk)
67	4 Ears Bi-Colored Sweet Corn (with husk)
68	4 Carrots with tops
69	Vegetable Garden Display – no less than 4 vegetables to be exhibited in a moveable container
70	4 String Beans in pod
71	1 Head of Cabbage
72	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
73	Small useable welding project: Size notations- up to 24 inches height & width
74	Large useable welding project: Size notations—over 24 inches in height & width
75	Welding project – CARTS & TRAILER CLASS
76	Block Lettering Welding Project - (See FFA Advisor and Delaware FFA website for details)
77	Plumbing Display (using copper, PVC, CPVC; up to 24" in height and 49" in width)
78	Residential Electrical Display Circuit Display Board
79	Small Masonry Project. Must be movable and incorporate masonry techniques and form
80	Small interior use woodworking project: 2" to 12" height or width
81	Small interior use woodworking project: 13" to 24" height or width
82	Large interior use wood working project: 25" in height and all above projects
83	Small exterior use wood working project: 2" to 12" height or width
84	Small exterior use wood working project: 13" to 24" height or width
85	Large exterior use wood working project: A. 25" in height and all above
86	TOOLBOXES Wooden—24" in length and longer
87	Electrical wiring project made of any material
88	Electrical Welding Display: Stick (SNAW), Mig (GMAW), or Tig (GTAW) Weld used & noted on display
89	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
90	Potted Flowering Single Plant (7" or less container)
91	Potted Flowering Single Plant (over 7" container)
92	Potted Foliage Single Plant (7" or less container)
93	Potted Foliage Single Plant (over 7" container)
94	Bonsai, any container
95	Unique Single Plant (7" or less container)
96	Unique Single Plant (over 7" container)
97	Container Garden 12" or less, with 3 or more varieties of plants

Class #	Class Description
98	Container Garden over 12", with 3 or more varieties of plants
99	Hanging Basket - Flowering (7" or less container)
100	Hanging Basket - Flowering (over 7" container)
101	Hanging Basket - Foliage (7" or less container)
102	Hanging Basket - Foliage (over 7" container)
103	Cut Flower - Sunflower - (one stem 12" to 24" length in a clear vase)
104	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)
105	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
106	Dried Arrangement in any container
107	Hanging Dried Arrangement
108	Silk Centerpiece Arrangement
109	Silk One-Sided Arrangement
110	Hanging Silk Arrangement
111	Silk Wrist Corsage
112	Silk Nosegay
113	Silk Round Bouquet with stand
114	Dried Wreath
115	Silk Wreath

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$44.00	\$38.50	\$34.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$16.50

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
116	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
117	Dozen Medium White Eggs (21-24 oz.) (about 680.39g)
118	Dozen Medium Brown Eggs (21-24 oz.) (about 680.39g)
119	Dozen Large White Eggs (24-27 oz.) (about 765.44g)
120	Dozen Large Brown Eggs (24-27 oz.) (about 765.44g)
121	Dozen Extra Large White Eggs (27-30 oz.)(about 850.49g)
122	Dozen Extra Large Brown Eggs (27-30 oz.)(about 850.49g)
123	Dozen Eggs Tinted Eggs that are not white or brown (21-24 oz.) (about 680.39g)
124	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
125	Careers in Agriculture
126	FFA
127	Delaware State Fair
128	Animal Science
129	Plant Science
130	Environmental Science
131	Food Science
132	Natural Resources/Wildlife
133	Delaware Agriculture Industry

## AGRICULTURE COMMUNICATIONS - SECTION J

- A. **Printed Digitally Designed Infographic class** - Flyer is printed on 8 ½" x 11" (letter) printer paper  
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

134	Careers in Agriculture
135	FFA
136	Delaware State Fair
137	Animal Science
138	Plant Science
139	Environmental Science
140	Food Science
141	Natural Resources/Wildlife
142	Delaware Agriculture Industry

- B. **Photography Submission** - Photo entries must be printed in 8" x 10" size and mounted on white card stock. White card stock may extend 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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143	Careers in Agriculture
144	FFA
145	Delaware State Fair
146	Animal Science
147	Plant Science
148	Environmental Science
149	Food Science
150	Natural Resources/Wildlife
151	Delaware Agriculture Industry