AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION WINDOW EXHIBITS

Judges - Ronald Frederick, Blue Ball, PA; John Bierbower, Latrobe, PA
Chairperson - Christopher Weller, PA Dept. of Education, Harrisburg, PA

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:
AgEd: http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Career%20and%20Technical%20Education/Pages/News-and-Events.aspx#
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Entry forms MUST be submitted to PDE,
c/o Cliff Day, FFA Facilitator, PA Department of Education, 333 Market Street 11th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. clday@pa.gov.

Entries close November 1, 2015

The Agriculture school exhibit will be held in connection with the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The exhibit will be conducted as a contest among chapters of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. Twenty separate spaces will be available for unit exhibits, each consisting of a booth four feet high (4’) and seven feet, nine inches long (7’9”) and three feet, six inches deep (3’6”). The booths will be prepared and trimmed by the exhibitors. Immediately following judging, Farm Show personnel will cover the front of every display with see through plastic to protect the contents of the exhibit.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
1. Any FFA Chapter in Pennsylvania may enter this contest by submitting a completed entry form found at the Ag Education website, http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/teacher_resources/7392/agricultural_education/507869, and return it to Cliff Day, FFA Facilitator, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education, 333 Market St., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126-0333. The completed entry form MUST include a photo (not a sketch) and indicate where the exhibit has been previously exhibited. The exhibit MUST have been exhibited prior to the 2016 Farm Show. Schools must be pre-entered.
2. Each exhibit must have unity, conveying one central idea based on an approved method or practice in Agricultural Education. It should be simple in form, have few signs and charts and should not be crowded. It may be stationary or may have mechanical motion. Electric power will be furnished for mechanical exhibits.
3. The School Exhibit Committee will review all plans submitted and will select twenty agricultural exhibits. The theme of ALL exhibits must fit within the nine (9) Agricultural Education Content Areas. They are as follows: Animal Science, Ag Bio-Technology, Food Science, Forestry, Leadership and Career Development, Management Economics and Marketing, Natural Resource Management, Plant and Soil Science, and Power and Systems Technology. The schools will be notified by December 1, 2015.
4. Each exhibit must be the original work of a Pennsylvania FFA Chapter. The construction of the exhibit must be entirely the work of FFA members of the chapter entering the exhibit. ALL exhibits MUST fit inside the booth constructed by the Farm Show Complex and must fill the whole booth. The booth size MAY NOT be altered in any way.
5. Each exhibit must be set up in its booth by the school or group preparing it and must be in place by 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 9, 2016. Each group must be accompanied by a teacher. Set-up may begin Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Noon through 8:00 a.m. Saturday, January 9, 2016. NEW: The placement location for exhibits will be randomly selected by the committee. The school identification sign should be attached across the top bar of the display booth.
6. Painting or otherwise defacing booth by exhibitor will not be permitted.
7. Exhibits will be placed by competent judges representing Agriculture. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 9, 2016.
8. Each exhibitor must remove their exhibit, or make arrangements to have it done. Exhibits must be removed on Saturday, January 16, 2016, after 6 p.m. If exhibits can not be removed at that time, contact Chairman for alternative options.
9. A disqualification and forfeiture of show premiums of a demonstration/or exhibit will be made at the discretion of the department
   a. Removal of exhibits prior to the designated removal time and date, unless pre approved by the Farm Show Director.
   b. Exhibits that were not the original work of the FFA Chapter or individual exhibitor.
   c. Modifying and painting Farm Show property in any way except by approval of the Farm Show Director.
   d. Defacing Farm Show property in any way.
   e. Consistent and flagrant violation of departmental rules that are not included as part of the evaluation and scoring process.
   f. Fragrant violation of the FFA Code of Conduct as found on page 186.
   g. Exhibits less than high quality for the PA Farm Show.

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The Farm Show Commission will award a Walnut Plaque for the first place exhibit.