

CT Ag Issues CDE

Contest Superintendent:

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The contest will take place at the CT State Convention on June 2, 2018 at E.O. Smith High School. Four copies of the portfolio must be received by the contest Superintendent (Ashley Lanz) **by Friday, May 18th at 5:00 p.m.** so they can be distributed to the judges to review before the contest. A penalty of 10% will be assessed for documents received after the 5:00 p.m. on May 20th. If the document is not received three days after **postmark deadline (May 15th, 2018- note that this is a different date than the received by date)**, the team may be subject to disqualification. Electronic copies will not be accepted.

A. Purpose

Focusing on Agricultural Issues has been developed for use by the agricultural education teacher and others to increase awareness of agricultural issues among agriculture students and the non-agriculture public. The materials are targeted for high school students but can also be used at the junior high level or for adult education programs. An example of issue identification, investigation, and analysis is provided for each of the eight major agricultural areas presented.

B. Objective

The objective is to provide an opportunity to expose a wide variety of students to the selection, research, planning and presentation of an agricultural issue. To further the awareness of agricultural issues in the community.

C. Rules

1. Please see the [National FFA Career Development Handbook](#) for contest regulations, including the portfolio regulations and scoring rubrics for the team presentation and portfolio. The CT State contest closely follows the National rules, but please be aware of the following:

2. Each student must have an active role in the presentation

3. Teams can consist of three to seven members
4. All equipment must be provided by the team- this includes extension cords, computer and projectors. Be prepared! It is not the responsibility of the contest Superintendent to secure equipment for teams.
5. The presentation may include official dress, costumes, props, skits, and other creative paraphernalia.
6. The issues can come from one of the following eight agricultural issue topic areas as listed in the Focusing on Agricultural Issues instructional materials:
 - i. Environmental Issues
 - ii. Agricultural Technology Issues
 - iii. Agricultural Career Issues
 - iv. Economy and Trade Issues
 - v. Animal Issues
 - vi. Agricultural Policy Issues
 - vii. Food Safety Issues
 - viii. Biotechnology
7. The same agricultural issue presentation and portfolio cannot be used in subsequent years by the same chapter and/or advisor.
8. Please see the most updated National FFA Career Development Handbook for any additional contest regulations, including the portfolio regulations and scoring rubrics for the team presentation and portfolio.
9. The presentation should be no longer than 15 minutes with 7 minutes for questions. See the National rules for the time Limit warnings.
10. The team will have five minutes to set up for their presentation and three minutes to take down their presentation.