AGRISCIENCE FAIR

2027 UPDATES

Revised: December 31, 2025

Please find details of the handbook updates to the Agriscience Fair for the 2027 award cycle. We will continue to evaluate recent delivery method changes and adjust the programming as needed to ensure the safety of all those involved. We will announce the delivery methods and/or changes in a timely manner.

Handbook Update:

- Merged Individual and Team Divisions together with teams of 1-3 students.
- Changed Divisions to Grade Levels.
- Students with an Agriscience Fair extension should submit a Research SAE Award application instead of the Agriscience Fair. However, Students will be permitted to have extension projects or continuation projects in later years by identifying the project as an extension project and only evaluating the last 12 months of data and results. Previous year's information will not be judged if included.
- Updated Skills, Competencies and Knowledge section to reflect the 2024 Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) Career Cluster Content Standards.
- Students with multi-year research projects should submit a Research SAE Award application.
- Reduce the number of national award areas from 36 to 18.
    - Teams and individuals compete together.
- All Grade Levels will use the same written report format.
- Once a student is placed in the top six of a grade level and pathway, they can no longer compete in that grade level and pathway regardless of the research subject.
- Up to 6 (instead of 10) national finalists named in each Grade Level/Pathway

Rubrics Update:

- Reduced the number of different rubrics/scoresheets from 4 to 2 different rubrics/scoresheets.
    - One Application Rubric/Scoresheet for all Grade Levels and Pathways.
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