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MEMORANDUM

TO: Advisors of Agricultural Issues CDE Teams

FROM: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

RE: 2021 NC FFA Agricultural Issues Virtual CDE

The 2021 North Carolina FFA Agricultural Issues Virtual CDE will be held on **May 25, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am**. Portfolios are due by **5:00 pm on May 11** and should be emailed to carmen_bracey@ncsu.edu.

This event is open to any chapter in the state. Each chapter may submit one team to participate in the virtual event. Teams may consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of seven individuals who are actively participating, orally presenting, and available to answer judges' questions. There will only be one division for this event. There will be no junior division. There are no registration fees for this virtual career development event.

May 11, 2021 — Online Registration Deadline

Advisors must register their team by the deadline in order to participate. Late entries will not be accepted.

To register, go to: <https://ncffa.org/ncffa-more/2020-2021-virtual-events/> and click on the "Ag Issues" link in the table. Please provide complete registration information for each student.

Advisors must provide a valid email address for each individual student at the time of registration. The email address for each student is needed to administer the online event to each specific student.

Student waivers are required for virtual career development events and must be uploaded at the time of registration. One virtual student waiver form has been created for all virtual career and leadership development events. The student waiver form is available in MS Word and PDF format on the registration website listed above. Waivers must have an original signature. Completed student waivers should be submitted online on the Ag Issues CDE Registration page. Accepted file types for uploading include: MS Word, PDF, JPG, and PNG.

Virtual Event Format

This virtual career development has been designed for students to participate from any location. Students may participate from the comfort and safety of their own home or any other location of their choosing. Students should participate individually and should not have other students in the same room with them during the event. Proctors will not be required. Students need access to

any device that has an internet browser, an internet connection and a working camera. The online event will be administered using Zoom. Please follow all local rules and regulations regarding group gatherings and school attendance.

North Carolina FFA Honesty Pledge

Students should participate individually. All work they do should be the result of their own efforts with no assistance from anyone or any type of reference material available in any form. At the very beginning of the virtual event, all students will have to agree to abide by the North Carolina FFA Honesty Pledge before they are able to participate.

North Carolina FFA Virtual CDE/LDE Dress Code

FFA members participating in a virtual CDE/LDE should be in official dress, a shirt with a collar, or an FFA/school shirt. No scoring penalty will be assessed if students do not have official dress. For this CDE, participants may wear a costume that supports the theme of the presentation.

Special Accommodations

Advisors should email carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu at the time of registration if any student requires any special accommodation to participate in the virtual career development event.

Agricultural Issues CDE Virtual Format

The Agricultural Issues CDE will contain two parts – the portfolio and the presentation. Previously held local forums will not be required for this year's event.

Portfolio

Each chapter will submit their portfolio following the Agricultural Issues CDE event guidelines found online at: https://ncffa.org/as/ncffa/i/chan/documents/Ag_Issues_CDE_2019-20.pdf

The completed portfolio **should be emailed as one single PDF document to carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu by 5:00 pm on May 11, 2021.** Late plans will not be accepted.

Presentation

All portfolios submitted by the deadline will be scored. The top five teams will be invited to the presentation round on **May 25, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am.** The presentation for the five final teams will follow the event guidelines found online at:

https://ncffa.org/as/ncffa/i/chan/documents/Ag_Issues_CDE_2019-20.pdf

Once the top five teams are determined, additional information will be sent regarding the exact time and connection information for the presentations on May 25, 2021.

Scoring

Activities Team Points	Team Points
Presentation Intro, Pro, Con, & Summary (20 points each)	80
Overall Presentation (participation, quality, creativity, etc.)	20
Response to Questions	25
Portfolio	10
Maximum Points	135

Final Results

After the presentations and once all scores are tabulated, the results of the event will be shared via the NC FFA Listserv.

If you have any questions, please contact: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator,
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