



Quiz Bowl

– Invitational Event, hosted by Agricultural Education at NC State

State Event Superintendent

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Eligibility

This event is open only to active FFA members who are enrolled in Agricultural Education as a 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grader as of May 1st in the year of the event. No sophomores, juniors, or seniors are eligible to compete in this event at any level. Students may compete more than once, however FFA members winning a previous state event in this area are ineligible.

The use or possession of cellular phones or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule by any team member will result in total team disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total team disqualification for that event.

The North Carolina FFA Association, in keeping with the FFA mission and purposes, does not permit the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapes, or Juuls at any FFA facility or at any FFA activity.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, North Carolina FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests through the CDE/LDE Accommodation Request [Form](#). If the accommodation can be made for all and/or doesn't provide an unfair advantage, then every effort will be made to provide the accommodation. Requests can be accommodated more effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.

State Career Development Event Participation

Each chapter may send one team to compete at the state event. Teams may consist of up to four individuals. No alternates are allowed in state events. Any alternate found participating in the state event will result in team disqualification.

At the North Carolina FFA State Convention, participation in more than one FFA CDE event is permitted as long as events are not being held concurrently and no special provisions are required to facilitate participation with the exception that Parliamentary Procedure and Prepared Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure and Creed Speaking which are held concurrently will allow dual participation and special provisions for flighting.

Dress Code

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. Participants are allowed to wear long pants, an appropriate shirt with a collar or an appropriate high school or FFA t-shirt.

The North Carolina FFA Association strives to promote a positive image at all Official FFA Events. The dress code policy was established to address the issue of appropriate attire at all Official FFA Events. Members should adhere to this policy for all events. A 10% reduction will be applied to all individual scores from a chapter if a participant from that chapter violates the dress code during that career event.

Procedures for Administering the Event

The placement of teams in the preliminary rounds is accomplished through a seeded bracket based upon team scores from a preliminary written test. The number of teams in each preliminary round is determined by the amount of time available for the contest and the number of teams entered. If enough interest is shown, State Coordinator and Event Superintendent have the discretion to make an additional category designated only for chapters who have never participated before in the Quiz Bowl event or have a first-year advisor.

Written tests will be given in person at the State Convention prior to live team rounds. However, the event superintendent may conduct the written test electronically if determined to be the best method. Written test questions will be pulled from sources found at the bottom of this document. Team scores will only be used to place chapters in a seeded bracket for live rounds.

In all rounds there will be 20 open-ended questions pulled from the following sources:

- 10 to 15 questions from manual
- 2 to 5 questions from FFA website/ FFA New Horizons magazine
- 2 to 5 questions from textbook sources

Sample questions are found at the end of this document.

Professional buzzer equipment will be used. When an individual rings in, the other contestants are locked out. The student who buzzes in is required to answer the question immediately without consulting with teammates. If a person rings in before the quizmaster is finished reading the question, the quizmaster will stop reading the question at that point and the student must answer immediately.

The correct answer to a question is worth 2 points. If the answer is incorrect, the team loses 1 point. Other teams may buzz in to answer a question if the answering team misses the question.

Different questions are used in each flight (1-A, 1-B, etc.). Therefore students, parents and teachers are welcome and encouraged to sit in on any of the contest sessions.

Sample Questions

The questions will be very basic in the preliminary round and get more difficult in later rounds. The goal is to have an activity for first year students where they can experience some degree of success and have fun. Samples of the type of questions that can be expected are:

Manual Questions:

- Where is the FFA treasurer stationed?
- The FFA colors are National Blue and ____ Gold.
- In order to earn the State FFA degree, how much money has to be earned?
- What does 3 taps of the gavel mean?
- In what year were girls allowed to become FFA members?

Website Questions:

- Where is the national FFA convention being held this year?
- Which anniversary is the national FFA celebrating this year?
- What is the URL for the NC FFA web site?

Magazine Questions:

- Name the current editor of the FFA New Horizons magazine?
- What national retail chain store gives \$500 grants to local chapters trying to start up Alumni support groups?
- In the spring 2021 edition of the FFA New Horizons magazine, whose quote is used in the article on planning for National FFA Week as saying, "I'd rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."?

Textbook Questions:

- The process by which plants convert sunshine to food is called _____.
- Name the four parts of the ruminant stomach.
- Which type of handsaw would be used to saw across the grain of a board?

Sources for Questions in this Event

- Most recent FFA manual
- FFA New Horizons magazines (any released edition from year prior to the event)
- National FFA and North Carolina FFA websites
- Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources textbook
- Agriscience Fundamentals and Applications textbook

Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied

In the case of a tie, there will be a tiebreaker question.

State Awards

The awards for the state event will be presented annually at the state FFA convention to include a team 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plaque.