

# Middle School Agricultural Issues Discussion Meet

## Event Rules

All members participating in this Career Development Event must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Rules Governing FFA Activities document.

Number of members on a team: Two or four

Official Dress Appropriate: Yes

Regional Event: None

State Event: State FFA Convention

The same general agricultural issue topic (based on the categories below) will not be used in the following three years by the same chapter and/or advisor.

## EQUIPMENT

None

## ISSUE DISCUSSION (150 POINTS)

Each team will select and research a current agricultural issue. The agriculture issue should come from one of the following eight agricultural issue topic areas:

- Agricultural Career Issues
- Agricultural Policy Issues
- Agricultural Technology Issues
- Animal Issues
- Biotechnology Issues
- Economy and Trade Issues
- Environmental Issues
- Food Safety Issues

The team will develop a prepared pro-con discussion between team members. Teams will consist of either two or four team members. Half the team members should present in favor of the issue and half the team members should present in opposition to the issue.

It is acceptable for teams to utilize note cards during the presentation.



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Six to eight minutes will be allowed for the Issue Discussion. There will be a 5 point deduction for each 30 second increment that a team is under six minutes or over eight minutes.

## RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS (25 POINTS)

Team members will respond to questions from the judges related to the issue.

Five minutes will be allowed for questions.

## CITATION PAGE (50 POINTS)

Each team will submit a one page citation of resources that were used in developing the presentation.

The citation page must include a minimum of ten (10) resources that were used.

The citation page must be in APA format.

## Scoring

225 points are possible in this event.

Judges will use the Agricultural Issues Discussion Meet Score Sheet to score teams and confer to select the top three teams.

