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This Minnesota State FFA Career Development Events (CDE) Handbook has been revised and prepared by the MAAE Committee and Minnesota FFA CDE Coordinator.

The handbook has been placed on the FFA Web Site for easy access http://cde.ffa.umn.edu/Web/CDEbooklet.htm. This will facilitate making revisions and additions to the handbook and make it convenient to reproduce forms for local use.

The MAAE CDE Committee has changed and updated this handbook with the assistance of special committees and consultation with faculty members of the University of Minnesota. Agriculture teachers in Minnesota also had input in the revision of this handbook. We hope it will prove useful in planning curriculum and instruction and in conducting successful CDEs in the future.

State FFA Results and information will be printed on the FFA Web page following the convention that contains convention activities, awards, degrees, contest results and tests.

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The Minnesota FFA Association is pleased to be a partner in providing the many events and award opportunities found on the Minnesota FFA Career Development Event Website.

Students who participate in Career Development Events (CDE) are discovering career opportunities as they learn. The primary goal of CDEs is to develop individual responsibilities, foster teamwork, and promote communication skills. CDE participation helps students recognize the value of ethics, team, and individual achievement in competition.

Career Development Events and awards are an outgrowth of quality instruction that rewards the value, enhances the quality of the learning experience and aspirations of FFA members. CDE participation provides an effective method for teaching the application of basic, technical, evaluation and critical thinking skills.

Career Development Events should meet the following objectives:

- Include problem solving and critical thinking;
- Promote participation;
- Promote new directions and focus on the future needs of students;
- Include cooperative activities;
- Recognize individual and team achievement;
- Develop leadership skills;
- Provide for recognition for outstanding performance at the region and state level.

Participation in Career Development Events must be aligned with the vision and direction of education in Minnesota. The ability to develop performance packages aligned with the Minnesota Graduation Standards will enhance the value and the quality of the experience for all students who participate. The experiences students gain through involvement in the Career Development Event reinforce the intra-curricular educational concept of Agricultural Education, FFA, and Supervised Agricultural Experience.

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CDE assignments will not be on a rotational basis. Each region will be assigned specific CDEs by the FFA CDE Contest Committee and will be responsible for them.

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Regional Assignments

Region 1
- Crops, Job Interview
- Forestry, Soils
- Agribusiness Sales, Dairy Foods, Fish & Wildlife
- Floriculture, Small Animal
- Ag Mechanics, Farm Management
- Poultry, Meats
- Nursery, Horse, Talent
- Dairy Cattle & Showmanship, General Livestock

Deans of Management Programs will serve as teacher chairs for Creed, Extemporaneous Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Market Plan, and Public Speaking LDEs.

Teacher chairs for Agricultural Issues, Job Interview, and Conduct of Chapter Meetings will be selected by the FFA CDE Coordinator or State Advisor.

The 2016 MAAAE Summer Conference approved the following CDE categories:

**Individual LDEs**
- Creed Speaking
- Employment Skills
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Prepared Public Speaking

**Team CDEs**
- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Technical & Mechanical Systems
- Agricultural Sales
- Crops
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation
- Dairy Cattle Handler
- Farm Business Management
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Floriculture
- Food Science
- Forestry
- Horse Evaluation
- Livestock Evaluation

**Team CDEs (continued)**
- Meats Evaluation
- Milk Quality & Products
- Nursery/Landscape
- Poultry
- Small Animal Care
- Soils

**Invitational CDEs**
- BIG (Grades 7-9)
- Discussion Meet
- Talent

FFA Members may compete in one Team LDE, one Individual LDE, one Team CDE and any Invitational CDEs during the MN Convention.