

- Special Notes:**
- (A) Parking of buses must be in the areas designated on the attached map of the campus.
 - (B) State Contest Rules will be followed in conducting these events. Breaking of any “ties” will also follow the method used at the state. This is outlined in #6 of Special Contest Regulations, on page 7.
 - (C) Committee members (listed on pages 9 & 10) are responsible for participating in their assigned contests. Contest Chairperson should contact Superintendent in advance.
 - (D) Conduct of participants benefits (or is costly) for all!
 - (E) District Contest Bulletin, Entry Forms, Campus Map and Overview of Events can be accessed at <http://ag.missouristate.edu> and select “FFA Results”.
 - (F) High school students as guests of Missouri State University should be informed that it is a campus where they may observe the right of freedom of speech being demonstrated.
 - (G) Game Room in the Plaster Student Union will be available for the use of your students, so they should bring spending money if they wish to utilize that area.
 - (H) All communications must be in writing.
 - (I) All speeches must be e-mailed to Dr. Anson Elliott by March 20, 2009 failure to do so will cause the forfeiture of manuscript points.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS and 85th Annual Southwest Missouri District FFA Contests

Missouri State University
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Agriculture Instructor:

The Annual Southwest Missouri District Career Development Events and FFA Contests will be held Monday and Tuesday, **April 6 and 7, 2009**, at the Missouri State University Campus. The phone number to be used as a contact is (417) 836-5638. Food will be available in the Campus Union.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All Agriculture Departments in the Southwest Missouri District are included provided that all teacher dues are paid by March 1st.
2. Any regularly enrolled agriculture student **and active FFA member** who has not judged in the specific contest at the state or national contest level.
3. Students who qualified for State in a specific contest in previous years and whose team withdrew from the specific state contest AFTER that year’s contest results were submitted by the district to the state, lose their eligibility to compete at district or state in that particular CDE in all following years.

TEAM

May consist of three or four students, but only the high three count in the scoring.

ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries for Agriculture contests must be in the hands of Dr. Anson Elliott, Head, Department of Agriculture no later than **5:00 p.m., March 20, 2009**. There will be **no teams admitted after March 27, 2009**. The electronic entry form can be accessed at <http://ag.missouristate.edu/>. Click on the FFA logo then on the Entry Form tab. FAX entries will be accepted if transmitted on the official entry forms. FAX number: (417) 836-6979.

FEES AND ENTRIES

Grading Fees of **\$100.00** must be in the hands of **Mark Estep; PO Box 409; Marionville, MO 65705, by March 21st**. Entries must be mailed to **Dr. Anson Elliott**. All speeches must be e-mailed to Dr. Anson Elliott by March 20, 2009. Failure to do so will cause the forfeiture of manuscript points.

OFFICIAL FFA DRESS	Shall be as stated in the latest FFA Manual. There shall be a 10% deduction in points for individuals and teams who are not in official FFA dress for the FFA presentation contests.
FFA JACKETS	All contestants are encouraged to wear official jackets while participating in each contest.
AREA MVATA PRESIDENTS	The President of each of the areas, Area 9 – Jared Jeffreis, Area 10 – Jim Phillips, Area 11 – Philip Witt and Area 12 – Brent Lakey, <u>must</u> submit all the Leadership contest entries for those teams and individuals qualifying for District to Dr. Anson Elliott.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

AGRONOMY	<u>8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday.</u> Assemble at the south side (outdoors) of Karls Hall at 8:30 a.m. The contest will include (1) A plant and seed identification, (2) A written subject matter test over crops, crop varieties, and seed listed under the field crops varieties, and seed listed under the field crops contest in the Missouri FFA Contest Bulletin, (3) Seed Plate Judging, and (4) Hay Judging. Dr. Anson Elliott, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest.
FLORICULTURE	<u>8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday.</u> Assemble on the east side (outdoors at front door) of Karls Hall at 8:30 a.m. The contest will consist of three parts: (1) General Knowledge Examination, (2) Identification, and (3) Practicum. Dr. Pam Trewatha, Missouri State University, is contest superintendent.
AGRI-BUSINESS	<u>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday.</u> Assemble in Karls Hall 101. The contest will consist of a written objective examination, including problems covering the principles and activities in the marketing of agricultural products and farm management. References will be the same as those listed in the State Contest Bulletin. TEAM MEMBERS MAY USE THEIR OWN BATTERY-OPERATED CALCULATORS. Dr. Bruce Johnson, Missouri State University, is contest superintendent.
LIVESTOCK	<u>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday.</u> Darr Agricultural Center. Buses will not be provided for this contest. Each contestant will judge six classes of livestock that may or may not include selection classes. Contestants will give three sets of oral reasons, one on each species. Contestants will also grade five market steers and five feeder steers, using the scorecards for the state contest. The “No Talking for Contestants” rule will be strictly enforced. No one except contestants will be allowed in the arena building. The official placings will be strictly enforced. Reasons will be taken after all classes have been placed. Performance data may be provided for any of the placing classes. Justin Sissel, Missouri State University, is contest superintendent.
SHEEP SHOWMAN CONTEST	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The contestants are to be nominated by the agriculture instructors of the high schools entering the contest. <u>The showman’s name shall be written on the bottom of the Livestock Entry Form.</u> 2. Students who have not previously won a prize as showman in this contest are eligible from any Agriculture department.

3. The sheep showmen will draw for the lucky numbers at the contest site at 8:50 a.m., provided there are excess entries. You are encouraged to be on time and to contact the Teacher Committee.
4. A competing showman, if he/she chooses, may select a helper to hold the sheep when they are not being judged. When judging resumes, the showman must again show the animals to best advantage.
5. The showman will hold and show one animal during the livestock judging contest.

SOILS

12:30 p.m. to Completion, Monday. Assemble at the south side (outdoors) of the Art Annex at 12:30 p.m. for the 60th Annual FFA Soils Contest. Contestants will be divided into four groups, with an Agriculture instructor to go with each group. The Missouri score card will be used. Students will be allowed to bring only the tools and devices that are allowed in the State Contest. Missouri State will provide the needed charts from the book. CLIPBOARDS WILL BE ALLOWED, BUT NO WRITTEN INFORMATION WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE CLIPBOARD. INTERPRETATION HELP SHEETS WILL BE PROVIDED. Dr. Ben Fuqua, Missouri State University, will supervise the contest.

MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday. Assemble on the east side (outdoors) of Karls Hall. This contest will be held according to the national contest rules. There will be a section on evaluation, using the California Mastitis Test. There will also be a section using the problem-solving class on marketing. A written milk quality and dairy foods examination will be given. Dr. Dennis Schmitt, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest.

POULTRY

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday. Assemble in Karls Hall Room 101 at 1:00 p.m. Check the state Contest Book for the activities to be included in this year's contest. Dr. Lyndon N. Irwin, Missouri State University, is superintendent of this contest.

FFA KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

5:00 p.m., Monday. Jim Bellis, District Supervisor, Superintendent. This contest will meet in Karls Hall 101. This contest consists of a four-member team comprising of first-year Greenhands. (Those enrolled for the first time: freshmen or sophomores). Top three scores count for team score. Eight winning teams from each area may compete in the district contests. Students must be present and take the test at Area Contest to be eligible to participate at the district level. **Reference: AS LISTED FOR THE STATE CONTEST.**

SOPHOMORE SPEAKING

4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday. Meet in Room 102 of Pummill Hall. Contest is to follow State rules. Only three entries from each area are eligible for the contest. Participants in the contest cannot observe either before or after their presentations. Entries must include title page including name of school, level of speech, be double spaced, and one (1) copy, e-mailed in Microsoft Word format with bibliography, to: Agriculture@MissouriState.edu and must be in the hands of Dr. Anson Elliott, Agriculture Department, Missouri State University, by Friday, March 20, 2009. Failure to meet this deadline will forfeit the points assigned to the manuscript. Four hard copies must accompany the speaker to the contest. Manuscripts of the speech are the responsibility of the local advisor. Dr. Jim Hutter, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest. Four contestants will qualify for state.

CREED SPEAKING

5:00 p.m., Monday. Only three entries from each area are eligible for the contest. The contest will take place in Karls Hall 235. Participants in the contest cannot observe either before or after their presentations. Four contestants per district qualify for State. Dr. Jim Hutter, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest.

EXTEMPORANEOUS

4:00 p.m., Monday. The contest will take place in Pummill Hall 302. Three entries from each area. Participants in the contest cannot observe either before or after their presentations. The three topics to be included are those listed in the State Contest Bulletin. Dr. Beth Walker, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest. It is the responsibility of the Teacher Committee to assure that specific topics have been chosen before contest time. Four contestants will qualify for state.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009**HORSE JUDGING**

8:00 a.m. to Noon, Tuesday. Darr Agricultural Center. The contest will follow the format of both state and national rules. **No talking rule will be strictly enforced.** Dr. Gary Webb, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest.

MEATS

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday. Instructions to contestants will begin in Karls Hall 101 at 8:45 a.m. Contest will be held in Karls Hall. The National FFA scan form will be used. Missouri State University Meats Lab will be off limits to all teams and teachers after **March 20, 2009.**

**AGRICULTURAL
MECHANICS**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday. The contest will be held at Republic High School. The contest will conform as nearly as possible to the State Contest. Four contestants per team will be allowed this year. Superintendent of the contest is Dr. Jim Hutter of the Missouri State University Department of Agriculture. Students must have proper safety equipment.

NOTE: Check state contest rules to determine activities included and equipment required. You may not borrow equipment from team members.

FORESTRY

9:00 a.m. to Completion, Tuesday. The contest will consist of a 50-question test (100 points), timber stand improvement (100 points), cruising (100 points), tree identification (100 points), equipment identification (40 points), and map reading (60 points). **The Springfield Nature Center will be off limits to all teams and teachers after March 1, 2009.** Refer to state rules for specifics. Meet at the Department of Conservation Nature Center on South Business 65 at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Ben Fuqua and Dr. Mike Roling, Missouri State University, and Mr. Bill Altman of the Missouri Department of Conservation are superintendents of the contest.

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

1:00 p.m. to Completion, Tuesday. Darr Agricultural Center. Buses will not be provided for this contest. Each contestant will judge five (5) classes of animals. Contestants will give two (2) sets of oral reasons: (50 points possible per set). A written test will be part of the contest. A sire selection practicum will be included and worth 50 points. The “**no talking by contestants**” rule will be **strictly** enforced. No one except contestants will be allowed into the arena building. Dr. Dennis Schmitt, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest.

- DAIRY SHOWMAN CONTEST**
1. The contestants are to be nominated by the Ag instructors of the high schools entering the contest. The showman's name shall be written on the bottom of the Dairy Production entry blank.
 2. Students who have not previously won a prize as showman in this contest are eligible from any Agriculture department.
 3. The contestants will draw for the lucky numbers at the contest site at 1:00 p.m., provided this is necessary.

**NURSERY AND
LANDSCAPING**

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday. All team members must meet in Karls Hall 104 at 12:50 p.m. for instructions. The contest will consist of four parts: (1) General Knowledge Examination, (2) I.D. of Plant Disorders, (3) Identification, and (4) Landscape Design Problem. Dr. Pam Trewatha, Missouri State University, is the contest superintendent.

ENTOMOLOGY

1:00 p.m. to Completion, Tuesday. The contest will be held in Karls Hall 232, 235, 236, and 239. It will consist of an examination over pesticide application and control strategies and identification and classification of insect specimens. The specimens will be mounts. Dr. Mike Roling, Missouri State University, is contest superintendent.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Tuesday. Meet in PSU 317B. **Contest is to follow State rules.** Only three entries from each area are eligible for the contest. Participants in the contest cannot observe either before or after their presentations. Entries must include title page including name of school, level of speech, be double spaced, and one (1) copy, e-mailed in Microsoft Word format with bibliography, to: Agriculture@MissouriState.edu and must be in the hands of Dr. Anson Elliott, Agriculture Department, Missouri State University, by **Friday, March 20, 2009.** **Failure to meet this deadline will forfeit the points assigned to the manuscript. Four hard copies *must* accompany the speaker to the contest.** Manuscripts of the speech are the responsibility of the local advisor. Dr. Jim Hutter, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest. Four contestants will qualify for state.

FRESHMEN SPEAKING

4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tuesday. Meet in PSU 308A. **Contest is to follow State rules.** Only three entries from each area are eligible for the contest. Participants in the contest cannot observe either before or after their presentations. Entries must include title page including name of school, level of speech, be double spaced, and one (1) copy, e-mailed in Microsoft Word format with bibliography, to: Agriculture@MissouriState.edu and must be in the hands of Dr. Anson Elliott, Agriculture Department, Missouri State University, by **Friday, March 20, 2009.** **Failure to meet this deadline will forfeit the points assigned to the manuscript. Four hard copies *must* accompany the speaker to the contest.** Manuscripts of the speech are the responsibility of the local advisor. Dr. Jim Hutter, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest. Four contestants will qualify for state.

**PARLIAMENTARY
PROCEDURE**

4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Tuesday. Meet in PSU 315. Only three entries from each area are eligible for the contest. Participants in the contest cannot observe either before or after their presentations. Spectators may enter and leave between presentations. Dr. Jim Hutter, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest. A written examination will be included. This contest is open to the public, except for participating team members. The top three teams from each area will compete at district contest. State rules will be used.

AGRICULTURAL SALES 4:00 p.m. to Completion, Tuesday. The Agricultural Sales contest will be held in Karls 101. The contest will follow the state rules as closely as possible. Dr. Arbindra Rimal, Missouri State University, is superintendent of the contest.

AWARDS

Missouri State University will give the following awards:

1. Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams in each contest. Medals will be given to the top ten individuals in each contest. Plaques and medals will be provided by the Missouri State University Agriculture Department with funds from the estate of Dr. & Mrs. Glenn E. Karls.

The teams will be grouped into a Group I, Group II, or Group III ranking along with being numerically ranked. Group I teams will be those qualifying for the state contest. The Group II and Group III ratings shall be determined by the contest committee.

These contests include Livestock, Dairy Production, Poultry, Agronomy, Milk Quality and Dairy Foods, Agricultural Mechanics, Soils, Meats, Agri-Business, Floriculture, Nursery and Landscaping, Forestry, Entomology, Ag Sales and Horse Judging.

2. Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams in Parliamentary Procedure and FFA Knowledge. Medals will be given to first place team members in Parliamentary Procedure.
3. To the first, second and third place winners in Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, and the Extemporaneous Speaking contest, a gold, silver, and bronze medal will be awarded.

“A scholarship equal to 2/3 of incidental fees will be awarded by the Missouri State University Agriculture Department to a student planning to major in Agriculture at Missouri State University. The scholarship winner shall be selected from applicants who had placed in the top ten individuals in any contest, regardless of the school year in which the student was in the top ten.”

SPECIAL CONTEST REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHWEST MISSOURI AGRICULTURE TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION

1. A SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN ACTIVE CHAPTER AND SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE SOUTHWEST MISSOURI DISTRICT CONTESTS AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY UNLESS THE DISTRICT AND STATE DUES FOR ALL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN PAID BY **MARCH 1** OF EACH YEAR.
2. **A \$100 grading fee** payable to the Southwest Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers’ Association must be sent to Mark Estep, PO Box 409, Marionville, MO 65705 before the entry deadline of **March 20, 2009**. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY DUES OR FEES TO THE MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.
3. The instructors of schools whose entries and fees are received after the deadline date of March 20, 2009 and before March 27, 2009, **will pay a \$20 fine per team** to the S.W.M.V.A.T.A. treasurer for each contest that is entered or paid late. The fine shall be paid by the instructor before the results of each contest are announced or the team will be disqualified.
4. Instructors check to see that contestants are properly entered when team starts judging. Do not wait until after papers are scored.

5. Final placing must be in the final placing space if the remainder of the card is filled out. The high individual will be used to break any tie, if necessary. If a tie still exists, the scores of the second high individual will break the tie. In case of a tie for tenth high individual, additional medal(s) will be awarded.
6. Agriculture teachers will not be allowed in the grading room.
7. All questions regarding the contests should be directed to the superintendent, not Missouri State University students.
8. Missouri State University Agriculture students will grade papers of contests.
9. No graded examination papers covering the subject matter and no placing cards or papers will be returned or released by the contest superintendent. None will be reviewed or re-scored by committee chairmen or members.
10. Students from the same school may not sit beside each other during any written exam.
11. Committee chairmen should contact Missouri State University personnel before the contest.
12. Any withdrawals of entries for the state contest must be made official by contacting Dr. Anson Elliott by e-mail at AnsonElliott@MissouriState.edu before **11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2009.**
13. A student must judge at district in order to be eligible to judge at state.

RESULTS

Unofficial results will be posted as the contest is graded and tabulated. The results will become official at 12:00 noon the day following the contest, provided that no errors in tabulations are discovered. This method is being adopted in hopes of getting the results out to the students and teachers as soon as possible after the contest is over. Results can be accessed through the Missouri State University Web site at <http://ag.missouristate.edu>.

COOPERATION

It would be impossible to hold a contest for so many students without the fine cooperation of all the agriculture instructors, the district supervisors of agriculture, the producers of the community, the Missouri State University agriculture students, agricultural companies, and others. We appreciate this fine spirit and the ability to work together.

Note: Karls Hall 230 will be available as the Ag Teachers' Lounge. **Students should not be permitted in the room.**

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

Main Number	836-5638
FAX Number	836-6979
Alsup, Clydette	836-5095
Burton, Michael	836-5085
Elliott, Anson	836-5638
Fuqua, Ben	836-5092
Hutter, Jim	836-5096
Irwin, Lyndon	836-5088
Johnson, Bruce	836-5090
Onyango, Benjamin	836-4262
Rimal, Arbindra	836-5094
Roling, Mike	836-5089
Schmitt, Dennis	836-5091
Trewatha, Pam	836-5097
Walker, Beth	836-5087
Webb, Gary	836-5098
Webb, Sue	836-8848
Wiggins, Jon	836-8824

*Teachers are encouraged to have their students conduct themselves in a mature manner, as well as themselves. Please have students to keep voices down as contests may still be in progress. We also ask that your students be respectful of campus facilities by helping to keep them clean - using trash receptacles and keeping shoes off the walls, etc. Students are **not allowed** to use elevators in **any** facility at the Missouri State University Campus.*

Thank you.

TEACHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If you are a committee chair, you should contact your superintendent one week prior to the contest.

AGRIBUSINESS MEMBERS

Roberts, Bill (Chairman)
Mareth, John
Melin, Isaac

AG MECHANICS MEMBERS

Button, Carl (Chairman)
Aldrich, Mike
Fabro, Duane
Hall, Rob
Harper, Blake
Howard, Tom
Leap, Brenda
Neil, Brent
Phillips, Cody
Purdom, Richard
Shumaker, Mike

AGRICULTURAL SALES

Aldrich, Mike (Chairman)
Duff, Brandon
Meyer, Eugene
Nolting, Kelli
Ramsey, Mike

CREED SPEAKING MEMBERS

Moore, Joe (Chairman)
Coale, Mike

DAIRY CATTLE MEMBERS

Coale, Mike (Chairman)
Farley, Monty (Registration)
Lakey, Brent (Registration)
Phipps, Travis
Pope, Robert
Scrivner, Tommy
Shriver, Jayson
Tummons, Joe

DAIRY FOOD MEMBERS

Epperly, Charlie Jo (Chairman)
Bolton, David
Lightfoot, Randy
Loveday, Steve
Rummel, John

DAIRY SHOWMAN MEMBERS

Bos, Albie (Chairman)
Grimm, Kristy

ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS

Jeffries, Jared (Chairman)
Dickens, Ronnie
Littlefield, John
Whiley, Darren

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING MEMBERS

Haymes, Jason (Chairman)
Noblitt, Ashley

FFA KNOWLEDGE MEMBERS

Keck, Mary Ann (Chairman)
Grisham, Craig
Witt, Phillip

AGRONOMY MEMBERS

Halleran, Terry (Chairman)
Grisham, Craig
Haymes, Jason
Phillips, Jim
Purdom, Richard
Skalicky, Albert
Voris, Jeff

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Garrett, Randy (Chairman)
Cook, Andy
Roller, Angel
Sunby, Tamra

FORESTRY MEMBERS

Lower, Sam (Chairman)
Gailey, Clint
Lower, Jim
Ramsey, Mike
Wyatt, John

FRESHMAN SPEAKING

Mareth, David (Chairman)
Hunter, Rachel

HORSE MEMBERS

McSpadden, Mark (Chairman)
 Callison, Kris
 Johnson, Steve
 Nolting, Scott
 Spencer, Jim
 Strammel, Kaylee
 Thogmartin, Jennifer
 Wright, Cody
 Wright, Heath

LIVESTOCK MEMBERS

Gast, Brian (Chairman)
 Crutcher, Matt
 Glenn, Doug
 Nelson, Brian (Registration)
 Shepherd, Jay
 Spencer, Jim
 Sutton, Ed
 Waite, Becky (Registration)
 Wright, Brent (Registration)

MEATS MEMBERS

Bybee, Chad (Chairman)
 Cloud, Chris
 Dryer, Chris
 Gillen, Brian
 King, Jason
 Percival, Samuel
 Whittaker, Kyle

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE MEMBERS

Adler, Stan (Chairman)
 Abbott, Sarah
 Commons, Randy
 Herd, Hope

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE MEMBERS

Dana Kimmons (Chairman)
 Buck, Jordan
 Farmer, Robin

POULTRY MEMBERS

Coday, Stan (Chairman)
 Gordon, Will
 Hinson, Jimmy
 Kaiser, Duane
 Keck, Mary Ann
 Mareth, David
 Nolting, Kelli
 Prewitt, Steven
 Roller, Eric
 Whittaker, Lyle

PUBLIC SPEAKING MEMBERS**ADVANCED**

Voris, Jeff (Chairman)
 Brown, Jered
 Buttram, Brad

SHEEPSHOW MEMBERS

Keck, Mary Ann
 Wait, Travis

SOIL MEMBERS

Blakemore, Bruce (Chairman)
 Aldrich, David
 Blair, Jason
 Plummer, Mickey
 Wyatt, John

SOPHOMORE SPEAKING

Allen, Laura (Chairman)
 Kimmons, Dana
 Rouse, Tiffany