

# 1. AGRISCIENCE FAIR

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Open to students in grades 7-12. Students participate in research projects in their local communities and then prepare a scientific report and display for judging at the state level.

Students enter in the following areas:

## **Agriscience Fair Categories**

Students can compete in the Agriscience Fair in one of six categories:

- Animal Systems
- Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems
- Food Products and Processing Systems
- Plant Systems
- Power, Structural and Technical Systems
- Social Science

## **Agriscience Fair Divisions**

Students can compete in the Agriscience Fair as an individual or with a team.

- Division 1 – individual member in grades 7 and 8
- Division 2 – team of two members in grades 7 and 8
- Division 3 – individual member in grades 9 and 10
- Division 4 – team of two members in grades 9 and 10
- Division 5 – individual member in grades 11 and 12
- Division 6 – team of two members in grades 11 and 12

**\*\*For more information about the categories and contest format, refer to the latest edition of the National FFA Agriscience Handbook available at [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)\*\***

A. LOCATION – FFA Building.

C. DATE & TIME – Posters will be displayed on the opening day of the Fair. Official Abstracts due by August 1<sup>st</sup> to [thughes@cornell.edu](mailto:thughes@cornell.edu) Four copies of the final paper are due in the FFA Building no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the event. Students must be set up by 10:00 a.m.

D. DISPLAYS – Must remain throughout the duration of the fair.

E. ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS – Students who have received 1<sup>st</sup> place travel money at a previous NYS Agriscience Fair cannot compete in the same division and category in this year's NYS FFA Agriscience Fair. (i.e. A student who competes at the National FFA Convention as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in Division 1, Animal Systems cannot compete as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader in Division 1, Animal Systems. They may, however, compete in Division I, Environmental Science as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader OR as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader in Division 2, Animal Science.)

F. JUDGING – The rubric found in the National FFA Agriscience Handbook will be used.

G. Students are required to submit an abstract via email no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure that enough judges are secured.