



Agriculture Identification Contest



Students in grades 3 through 12 identify agriculture products grown in Texas.
Contest support provided by Smith County Master Gardeners
and Smith County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Contest Rules

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1. The contest is modeled after the 4-H Agriculture Identification Contest.
2. A **Resource Guide** is available on the Ag ID page to assist in preparation for the contest.
3. Agricultural products grown in Texas will be displayed for the purpose of identification.
4. Participants identify the products displayed and answer one or more multiple choice questions about the product. The Elementary Level will only answer the first question for the product.
5. There will be no communication between participants during the contest. Any communication during the contest must be directed to a contest official. Violation of this rule can result in removal from the contest.
6. Ties will be broken by spelling or other methods as determined by the judges.
7. Any and all grievances must be submitted to the judges on the day of competition.

An independent panel of judges from the agriculture related fields will determine the winners of the Contest. Decisions of this independent panel of judges will be final. The judges reserve the right to disqualify any participant whose parents or other representatives interfere with the flow of competition.

Contest Procedures

1. Groups request a competition time from one of three available slots. If space is available in that slot, the Academic Rodeo Director assigns a competition time within the slot for the group based on the number of student participants in the group.
2. Groups arrive at their scheduled participation time to the contest building.
3. Sponsor will check-in the group where the contest officials will affix student labels to the appropriate level worksheet.
4. Each student will be given the worksheet before time to enter the contest area.
5. No more than 50 students may compete at one time, 25 at each table set-up.
6. As each student enters the contest area, he or she will be given a clipboard and pencil to use.
7. Products will be arranged on tables with numbers and questions in front of each.
8. Each student will stand in front of a different number to rotate around the tables.
9. Students will be allowed 1 minute per item to write the requested information and will then be asked to move to the next number.
10. When students have rotated through each of the 25 products, they will turn in worksheets, clipboards, and pencils and will be free to leave or view Academic Rodeo entries on display.
11. Winners will be announced within two days.

Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places are awarded in each Level (Elementary, Middle School, High School) Elementary students receive cash awards. Middle & High School students may apply for scholarships. Students who do not place receive a Participation Ribbon.

Tips for Working with Your Students

REMEMBER . . .

Primary communication with Coaches and Sponsors is done through e-mail provided with the School/Group Registration done online. If you are not receiving e-mail information about the contest, check Spam/Junk folders on the computer and contact Academic Rodeo for assistance with getting the current information.

Deadlines exist for a reason. Please be aware of them and follow them. There is an **Academic Rodeo Calendar** in a true calendar format on the Getting Started page and an **Agriculture Identification Timeline** on the Ag ID page. If you have a problem with a deadline, please contact Academic Rodeo, realizing that usually it is not possible to make a change or give “grace” for deadlines. Often judging or other timings are scheduled close to the due date. To be sure your students get to participate, follow the deadlines.

The following tips and suggestions may be helpful to you in working with your students. Also read the **General Information for All Coaches/Sponsors**.

1. Review the **resources** available on the **Agriculture Identification Contest** page and provide them to your students.
2. Discuss the format of the contest with the students who will participate. Print the Worksheet they will use and practice with it if possible.
3. Remind students that they **MUST** answer the product name correctly to get any points for the questions about the product.
4. Each year, students score 0 because they begin their answers at Product #1 on their worksheets even though they are actually at other numbers. Before entering the contest area and again before beginning, students are reminded to match the number on the worksheet with the number in front of them when beginning to answer questions. Stress the importance of this to your students and practice if possible.
5. Read the information provided about each product in the Study Guide and discuss possible questions which could be asked about the product.
6. Encourage participants to visit grocery stores to see the various products.
7. Arrive promptly at your scheduled competition time. Pencils and clip boards will be provided for your participating students.
8. Remember that there is no limit on the number of students who may participate.