



4-H & FFA AgriScience Research Poster Contest

Superintendents:

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Registration Deadline: September 21, 2019

Participants must register through the [online registration system on vaffa.org](http://www.vaffa.org). For State Fair entry system go to www.vaffa.org prior to September 21st. Teams will need to be entered under team or school name. Individuals will also need to be entered separately to be eligible for premiums and scholarships.

2019 Official Schedule

Date: Wednesday October 2, 2019

Location: Best of Show Pavilion located in Harvest Landing

Judging Contest Begins: 12pm (posters maybe picked up at 3 pm)

Awards Presentations: the awards will be presented with AgriScience Demonstration awards

Participants must have a \$5 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition. FFA/4-H Coaches are responsible for ordering tickets directly from the State Fair Ticket Office.

Contest Rules

1. This contest is open to 4-H and FFA members in the state of Virginia. 4-H or FFA members who have won previous state or national contests and college students are not eligible to compete.
2. A team can be made up of **one or two** individuals. There will be a junior and senior division: **FFA Junior division** will be students in grades 6-9 and **FFA Senior division** will be students in grades 10-12. **4-H Junior division** will be ages 9-13 years old and **4-H Senior division** will be ages 14-19 years old.
3. The Agriscience Fair is an exciting opportunity for students interested in scientific principles and emerging technologies in the agricultural industry. The Agriscience Fair gives students a chance to display agriscience projects that represent original scientific research (i.e. conducting an investigation that includes collecting scientific data to answer a question or test a hypothesis) in one of the following areas:
 - o Animal Systems
 - o Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems
 - o Food Products and Processing Systems
 - o Plant Systems
 - o Power, Structural and Technical Systems
 - o Social Systems

Display Requirements: Results of projects will be displayed using a standard poster format. Posters have a maximum size requirement of 36 inches (height) by 48 inches (width). Posters will be hung and, therefore, should not be designed to be free standing. There will be no additional space to display objects. Posters should include the name of the person(s) responsible for the work and the title of the work.

Awards

The State Fair of Virginia will award ribbons to the eight high teams and the ten high individuals. Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the top three teams, flat ribbons will be presented to the top ten teams. Cash prizes will be presented to the top five teams in the following amounts:

Placing	Team Award	Placing	Team Award
1 st	\$50	4 th	\$20
2 nd	\$40	5 th	\$10
3 rd	\$30		

State Fair Scholarship Program

Contestants will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see the [State Fair website, www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org), for more information regarding the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program and eligibility requirements for other available scholarships. The following scholarships will be awarded to the top three teams in the Junior and Senior contests:

Level	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Junior	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Senior	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00

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