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Horticulture Demonstration Event

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Registration Deadline: September 15, 2020

Participants must register through the online registration system on vaffa.org. Hyperlinks to the registration forms are available in the category descriptions below. **Teams** will need to be entered under team or school name. **Individuals** will also need to be entered separately to be eligible for scholarships.

2020 Official Schedule

Date: Monday, September 28th, 2020

Location: *Virtually* - Zoom

Contestant Meeting: Contestants will login to Zoom 30 minutes prior to scheduled presentation time.

Contest Begins: 9:00 AM (first presentation)

Contest Fee: \$4/entry

Awards Presentation: Zoom Awards Ceremony – October 6th, 7:00 PM

Contest Rules

1. Each FFA chapter is invited to enter **TWO** demonstrations. If two teams are registered they must be in different divisions (***This is a change from previous years***)
2. Demonstrations are presented by either one individual contestant or a team of two contestants.
3. Contestants may be any active FFA member who is enrolled in an agricultural education course during the school term preceding entry in the contest.
4. No individual may present the same demonstration in successive years.
5. **Pre-registration is required by September 15th.**
6. Presentations must be of a demonstration nature (actually doing something), not simply an illustrated talk.
7. Demonstration topics may deal with fruits, vegetables, nuts, flowers, ornamental plants, and turf within any of the following areas:
 - o [A. Crop production or soil management.](#)
 - o [B. Crop marketing or preparation for storage and exhibition.](#)
 - o [C. Food crop preparation for fresh use or processing or floral material preservation.](#)
 - o [D. Artistic arrangement of live or dried products in arrangements, corsages, or plaques.](#)
 - Artificial plants and flowers are not allowed, but ceramic and natural ornaments may be used.
 - o [E. Landscaping, installation, and plant maintenance within and around the home, business, or public grounds.](#)
 - o [F. Middle School Division \(may choose to present a topic related to any of the above categories\)](#)
8. Each demonstration is limited to 12 minutes. Following the demonstration, the judges (only) may ask questions of the contestant(s) and only about the demonstration for 3 minutes
9. Contestants must provide all equipment and materials required for their demonstrations.
10. All categories will be limited to the first **10** entries in each category.

Awards

The State Fair of Virginia will award ribbons to the eight high teams/individuals.

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**, 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 2 individuals/Teams in each senior category:

1st All Senior Categories - \$200
2nd All Senior Categories - \$100

Scholarships are split if it is a team of two contestants.

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