

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES SCORECARD

CHAPTER	TEAM NAME (IF NEEDED)
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				Pts. Poss.	Pts. Given
1. Introduction Statement of the issue Why issue is important				20	
2. Pro viewpoint Identification of positive points Points addressed are relevant				20	
3. Con viewpoint Identification of negative points Points addressed are relevant				20	
4. Summary of pro/con viewpoints without taking sides				20	
5. Effectiveness of presentation Participation, creativity, quality and power, clear with right pace and word pronunciation, no distractions, appropriate gestures, poised				20	
6. Questions Appropriate responses Knowledge of issue				25	
7. Portfolio					
A. District Contest ONLY (Statement of Authenticity**, Cover Sheet, Bibliography in APA format***)		District Portfolio		Pts. Poss.	Pts. Given
		Bibliography & Cover Sheet		5	5
B. Regional Contest ONLY (Statement of Authenticity**, Cover Sheet, Summary of Topic, Bibliography in APA format***, & 2 local forums), limited to ten pages single-sided or five pages double-sided maximum, not including the Statement of Authenticity or Cover Page		Regional Portfolio		Pts. Poss.	Pts. Given
		Summary of the issue		5	15
		Bibliography & Cover Sheet		5	
		Documentation of two high-quality forums. <i>See Ag Issues Rules for description of high-quality forums.</i>		5	
C. State Contest ONLY (Statement of Authenticity**, Cover Sheet, Summary of Topic, Bibliography in APA format***, & 3 additional local forums), limited to ten pages single-sided or five pages double-sided maximum, not including the Statement of Authenticity or Cover Page <i>Note: If a team does not have a total of 5 high-quality local forums they cannot be the state winner.</i>		State Portfolio		Pts. Poss.	Pts. Given
		Summary of the issue		5	25
		Bibliography & Cover Sheet		5	
		Documentation of five high-quality forums. <i>See Ag Issues Rules for description of high-quality forums.</i>		15	
Subtotal					
Official Dress Deductions*					
Statement of Authenticity Deductions**					
Bibliography Deductions***					
Time Deductions****					
Grand Total				Total possible for District Contest	
				130	
				Total possible for Regional Contest	
				140	
				Total possible for State Contest	
				150	
<i>See Guide to Ranking Teams</i> RANKING*****					

Official Dress Deductions*

Official dress is not required for this contest, but if worn must comply with the guidelines below.

If warranted, deductions for non-compliance with official dress guidelines will be determined by the contest chair and enforced equally by all judges. The chair may make a deduction of 0, 2, 5, 7, or 10 points.

Official Dress for an FFA member includes: 1. An official FFA jacket zipped to the top, 2. black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons (*skirt should be a minimum of knee length and slacks should be full length*), 3. white collared blouse or white collared shirt, 4. official FFA tie or official FFA scarf, 5. black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.

Note: Medical or cultural adjustments to required official dress may be made with prior approval of contest/event chair. Also, appropriate personal protective equipment may be used with Official Dress.

Statement of Authenticity Deductions**

If the signed Statement of Authenticity Form is not included, a deduction of 5 points will be determined by the contest chair and enforced equally by all judges.

Bibliography Deductions***

If deductions for non-compliance with the bibliography requirements are warranted, the contest chair will have the judges confer when all presentations have finished. During this time, judges may only discuss the quality of the bibliography provided and must come to an agreement on the completeness and quality of the provided bibliography. The following guidance should be followed for bibliography point deductions. For formatting examples, judges should refer to Reference List Formatting & Examples resource.

BIBLIOGRAPHY	POINT DEDUCTION
Bibliography is present and includes a complete list of sources and is formatted following the most current edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) Publication Manual.	No deduction
Bibliography is present and complete but formatting is somewhat inconsistent with the most current edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) Publication Manual.	-1 point
Bibliography is present but the list is incomplete and/or formatting is inconsistent with the most current edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) Publication Manual.	-3 points
Bibliography is not present.	-5 points

Time Deductions****

See *Agricultural Issues Rules* for detailed explanation of time deductions.

SET UP AND TAKE DOWN TIME	POINT DEDUCTION
0:00 - 5:30	No deduction
5:31 - 6:30	-2 points
6:31 - 7:30	-4 points
7:31 - 8:30	-6 points
8:31 - 9:30	-8 points

PRESENTATION LENGTH	POINT DEDUCTION
5:31 - 6:30	-16 points
6:31 - 7:30	-12 points
7:31 - 8:30	-8 points
8:31 - 9:30	-4 points
9:31 - 15:30	No deduction
15:31 - 16:30	-2 points
16:31 - 17:30	-4 points
17:31 - 18:30	-6 points
18:31 - 19:30	-8 points

Ranking*****

After scoring presentations, each judge will use their total score to rank the teams numerically without consultation among judges. All judges' rankings for each team will then be totaled together. The winner will be the team whose total of rankings is the lowest (low point score method of selection).

District and regional teams will be rated **gold** or **silver**. State semi-finals teams will be rated **silver** or **bronze**. State finals teams will be rated **gold** or **silver**. The top team and an alternate will be selected to move on to another contest level.

Placing and awards shall be determined utilizing the Guide to Ranking Teams and General Rules Governing Michigan FFA Leadership Contests.

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