

# 97<sup>th</sup> Ohio FFA State Convention

May 1-2, 2025 • Ohio Expo Center • Columbus, Ohio



To: 2025 Ohio Agriscience Fair State Top 4 Finalists and Advisors

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**Congratulations** on your achievement as an Ohio FFA Agriscience Fair Top 4 Finalist! You will be recognized at the 97<sup>th</sup> Ohio FFA Convention in the Celeste Center at the Ohio Expo Center, Columbus.

**Virtual Interviews** will be conducted virtually on April 1, 2 and 3, 2025. The exact schedule will be emailed to advisors. The schedule is FINAL; please do not ask to change times. Agriscience Fair virtual interviews are 15-minute interviews. These interviews are designed for the student to explain their project and the judges to ask questions. Students may have a one-slide virtual display to accompany their presentation. No videos, props, logbooks, handouts, or electronics are allowed. We ask that students wear official dress for these interviews. Additional information will be emailed the week of interviews with specific links.

**Ohio's Agriscience Fair State Finalists** will be recognized during the **Fourth** Session, **9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025**. Advisors, we ask that you have your FFA member(s) present for this presentation.

A seating chart, for ease in locating the reserved seat, will be available at the registration booth in the Celeste Center. As a reminder, students appearing on stage must be in official dress.

Finalists are required to set up a display highlighting their Agriscience Fair project during the state convention in the Agriscience Fair Area of the Bricker Building. **Failure to set up a display will result in the forfeit of award money.** Checks will be mailed to the Advisors at school in August.

**STATE WINNING AGRISCIENCE FAIR CRITIQUE:** Advisors of state winning Agriscience Fair projects are **highly recommended** to attend a workshop on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025** to help critique all winning applications. This workshop will be held at the Ohio FFA Center beginning at 9 AM. All winning applications must be finalized/saved/new version created in the AET Degree/Application Manager by June 16, 2025 to be forwarded to National judging.

**AGRISCIENCE FAIR STATE FINALISTS DISPLAY:** Each Agriscience Fair Finalist is required to have a display highlighting their Agriscience Fair at State Convention in the Bricker Building. The goal of the display is for FFA members with successful Agriscience Fair projects to share their research with other members and attendees. Attached are guidelines for developing your display. If you have questions after reviewing the enclosed guidelines, please email [jena.kemmerer@education.ohio.gov](mailto:jena.kemmerer@education.ohio.gov).

**GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR DISPLAY BOARD:** It is very important that you take the time to develop a neat and effective display for the State FFA Convention. You will be provided with one-half of an 8' table (a 48" by 30" area) for your display board. Therefore, you should develop an effective tabletop display. Fellow members, advisors, sponsors and guests will be viewing your displays, so you need to put time and effort into the display. Make sure to include good quality photos and check for misspellings on your display. The *Resource Guide for Ohio Agriscience Fair* and *Agriscience Fair visual display and interview resource* include information and best practice for creating an agriscience fair display. These

resources are found on the Ohio FFA Website under Programs and then Agriscience Fair. Please follow the guidelines below:

1. All displays should include the following information:
  - a. Student name and chapter
  - b. Title of category and division
  - c. Information relevant to the study
2. The display must not be larger than 36 inches high (from top to table to top of display), 48 inches wide, and 30 inches deep (the distance from front to back). Displays must be stable and free-standing.
3. If a display becomes unsafe or unsuitable for display, or if a display does not meet the guidelines, it will be removed and deemed ineligible for any awards.
4. All information on the display must be spelled correctly and grammatically correct.
5. **No props, logbooks, handouts, or electronics** are permitted. No tablets, iPads, cell phones, or other electronic devices will be permitted. Internet access will not be provided.
6. We suggest that finalists staff their displays at the following times, if not involved in other convention activities, to answer any questions members, parents or sponsors may have: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day.
7. **Set up time is 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025 in the Bricker Building.** **ALL** displays should be set up by 9:00 a.m. Your display may be torn down after 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2. You will have until 5:30 p.m. to remove your display before the building is locked for the evening.
8. All displays will be located in the **Bricker Building**. Signs stating the name, chapter and Agriscience Fair category and division of each finalist will be provided on each table. When setting up your display, please set-up in your labeled area.