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Official Contest Manual

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Welcome

Welcome to OPSU Interscholastics 2016. All of us within the School of Agriculture, OPSU Collegiate FFA, and Oklahoma Panhandle State University look forward to having you and your students on our campus November 9th for this exciting event. In this manual you will find information pertaining to 11 Public Speaking Events and 14 CDE competitions. If you have questions regarding contest entries, rules, or schedules of events, please feel free to contact myself, Dr. Peter Camfield, Mrs. Gwen Martin, or any of the superintendents listed in the manual. Again we look forward to having you on our campus and hope you and your students enjoy your visit to Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Sincerely,

Nels Peterson
Agricultural Education Director

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Dr. Peter Camfield – 580-349-1514
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General Interscholastic Information for 2016

General Information & Changes:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: *In the case of any changes, all announcements made the day of the contest take precedence.*

Quiz Bowl
This year’s Quiz Bowl will be an Ag I quiz instead of the Greenhand Quiz as in years past. This is in response to feedback received from area Agricultural Educators. Please see the contest rules for details.

Awards Ceremony
This year, we will be having the traditional awards ceremony at the conclusion of the Career Development Events the evening of Wednesday, November 9th 2016. This will be held immediately after the beginning of the public speaking events.

2016 Entries
We do have official entry forms available on our website at [www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu), or for a copy in MS Word please email me at nels.peterson@opsu.edu. We will take these entries via email or fax as you will find on the official forms. Please note many of our contests will allow entries the day of the contest, but some contests do not due to space or setup limitations. Also, all the pre-entries we receive are appreciated as this best allows us proper setup for each of the contests. We would like to have these pre-entries in hand no later than Thursday, November 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Livestock Judging registration will be at the England Arena at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Final Check In
Public speaking contestants will need to be checked in from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9th in SAB 101. We will begin the official speech contest at 5:00 p.m. and hope to have you out of here in a timely fashion. Also, we will be running two rooms for Creed this year with a finals room for the top three contestants from each side. We hope to start the Speech Off no later than 9:00 p.m., but before if at all possible. Awards will be announced at the conclusion of the Speech Off.

Teams and contestants will need to do final check in from 7:30-8:45 a.m. the morning of the 9th in the west hallway of SAB. Final Speech registration will begin at 3:30 P.M in the west hallway of SAB
General Interscholastic Rules

Adapted from: http://cde.okstate.edu/general-information/guidelines-1

1. **Teams or individuals arriving after a contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.**

2. A contest team and/or individual will be disqualified if a coach or an assistant interferes in a tabulating room before the official results are posted.

3. **Participants will not be allowed to utilize personal electronic communication devices, unless approved by the event officials, during the entire course of the event. Participants who access personal electronic communication devices or are seen or heard with such devices will be disqualified.**

4. Any communication, verbal or non-verbal between participants during a career development event will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team member involved from the career development event. The only exception to this would be communication between team members during a team activity portion of a given career development event.

5. Any assistance given to a team member and/or individual participant from any source other than the career development event officials or assistants will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team and/or individual participant from the career development event.

6. Event superintendents may stop any participant if they deem their manner to be hazardous either to themselves or others. Such stoppage may deem the individuals disqualified. This can affect the overall team rank and position. In some events this could impact the entire team.

7. Announced changes to any contest by contest officials at the time of competition may supersede previously written rules and guidelines.

8. **Results to each contest will be made official on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016.**

9. Rules and guidelines specific to each contest can be found in the following pages.

10. **Contestants for each event will be dismissed from the front patio of SAB by Dr. Nels Peterson.**

11. **REMINDER: Livestock registration will be at the England Arena at 8:30 A.M. ONLY Full teams and one team in each division per chapter.**
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November 9th, 2016

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SAB: Science & Agriculture Building
HMH: Hamilton Hall
Public Speaking Events

**Superintendent:** Nels Peterson  
**Email:** nels.peterson@opsu.edu

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
**Time:** 3:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** OPSU Science and Agriculture Building  
**Room:** SAB 101

**Teams/Individuals:** Multiple contestants may be entered into the separate categories by each school. Official FFA dress is required!

**Registration:** Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at [http://www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu). For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4.

**Contest Specifics, Rules, & Guidelines:** This contest will follow the General Rules and Eligibility requirements as provided by the Oklahoma FFA Association provided at:


The Public Speaking Events will be conducted in the areas listed:

- (1) Agribusiness
- (2) Agriculture Policy
- (3) Agri-Science
- (4) Animal Science
- (5) Extemporaneous
- (6) FFA Creed
- (7) Natural Resources
- (8) Plant Science
- (9) 8th Grade Agriculture Exploration
- (10) 9th Grade FFA Opportunities
- (11) 8-9-10th Grade General Agriculture

The Speech-off contestants will be composed of the winners from areas:

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8

Final registration for Public Speaking will occur from 3:30 – 5:00 P.M. in the west hallway of SAB.

**Awards:** Medals to the three high individuals in each division.
Agricultural Communications

Superintendent: Nels Peterson  
Email: nels.peterson@opsu.edu

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: OPSU  
Room: SAB 211, 204, 207

Teams/Individuals: One team composed of three members may be entered per school. Entries will be allowed on a first come first served basis due to space limitations. No entries will be accepted the day of the contest.

Registration: Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at http://www.opsu.edu. For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

All teams in this contest must be preregistered. Team entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis and will be limited to the first 15 teams. No teams will be allowed to register after 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9th. There will be no individual entries accepted. Get your entries in early.

Contest Specifics, Rules, & Guidelines:

1. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.

2. This contest will consist of (a.) an editing exercise, (b.) communications quiz, (c.) communications component I: Photography, (d.) communications component II: Graphics, (e.) news release writing critique.

   a. Editing Exercise – Each participant will complete an editing exercise. They will be given a printed document that contains 25 identified sections. They must determine whether the section is correct or incorrect. If incorrect, participants are required to correct mistakes using appropriate proofreader’s marks. (See http://aged.okstate.edu/cde/ffa1.htm) Style, grammar, punctuation, and spelling mistakes will be included. Participants will NOT be able to use a style manual or dictionary during this exercise. This portion is worth 50 points.

   b. Communications Quiz – Each participant will complete a 25 – question quiz that covers basic elements important to journalistic writing, broadcasting, public relations, graphic design, and ethics of communication. This portion is worth 50 points.

   c. Communications Component I: Photography – Each participant will
be given 10 minutes to rank four photos based on the photographers’ implementation of appropriate photography techniques and principles (use of light, focus, composition, angle, news, value, etc.). After ranking the photos, each participant will be given 15 minutes to type reasons for ranking using Microsoft Word. Participants will be scored on the content of their reasons and on their ability to communicate their thoughts in writing. The reasons may be no more than one typed page (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman text, 1-inch margins.) This portion is worth 100 points.

d. **Communications Component II: Graphics** – Each participant will be given 10 minutes to rank four graphic design samples based on the designers’ implementation of design principles (focus point, flow consistency, balance, and appropriateness). After ranking the samples, 15 minutes will be given to type reasons. Participants will be scored on their ability to communicate their thoughts through writing and the content of their reasons. The reasons may be no more than one typed page (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman text, 1-inch margins.) This portion is worth 100 points.

e. **New Release Writing Critique** – Each participant will read and evaluate a news release and write a critique of the release based on news writing principles. Participants will be scored on the content of their critiques and on their ability to communicate their thoughts through writing. The critique may be no more than one typed page (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman text, 1-inch margins.) This portion is worth 50 points.

A well-prepared news release should be written as if it were to be distributed by a company or an organization to a general (non-agricultural) audience. It should have a strong focus and lead (opening paragraph). The story should provide answers to who, what, when, where, how and why. In addition, stories should use appropriate grammar, punctuation, spelling, and Associated Press style.

3. There are 350 points possible for each individual. In the event of a tie, teams and individuals will then be settled by the Communications Quiz Score, the Editing Exercise Score, and finally the News Release Critique Score.

4. References include: Associated Press Style Manual (available online and from most major or campus bookstores); Agricultural Communications CDE Guidebook (a download from National FFA CDE Web site); Writing for Agriculture (2nd edition) ISBN# 0-7872-7813-0

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
Agricultural Shop

Superintendent: Mr. John Olson
Email: john.olson@opsu.edu

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: OPSU Metal Shop Building
Room: Metal Shop 105

Teams/Individuals:
One team composed of three members may be entered per school with a maximum of 15 teams total being allowed. Entries will be allowed on a first come first served basis due to space limitations. No entries will be accepted the day of the contest.

Registration:
Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at http://www.opsu.edu. For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

All teams in this contest must be preregistered. Team entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis and will be limited to the first 15 teams. No teams will be allowed to register after 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9th. There will be no individual entries accepted. Get your entries in early.

Contest Specifics, Rules, & Guidelines:

3. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.

4. This contest will consist of (a.) arc welding, (b.) oxy-acetylene cutting, (c.) tool identification, and (d.) a written exam.

f. Arc Welding - Each contestant will be given three pieces of material to be used in the making of butt weld in flat position and butt weld in the vertical position. Weld ONE side only. You may tack your material for the vertical weld in the Flat position.

g. Oxy-acetylene Cutting - Each contestant will be given one piece of metal 4" x 6" with instructions.

h. Tool Identification – Each contestant will be required to give proper names of the tools on display.

i. Written Exam – Each contestant will take the written exam. The examination consists of 40 multiple choice questions pertaining to
arc, and oxyacetylene welding.

5. Arc welding helmets will be provided, or students can bring their own. Contestants will provide their own industrial quality eye protection with clear lens, gas-welding goggles, gloves, and any additional personal protection equipment that is appropriate for the activity.

Awards: Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
Crop Identification

Superintendent: Dr. Curtis Bensch
Email: cbensch@opsu.edu

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Time: *At conclusion of Range contest.

Location: OPSU Science & Agriculture Building
Room: SAB 109

Teams/Individuals: Multiple teams composed of three or four members may be entered by each school. If four members are entered, the three top scores will be used for the team score. Individual entries are also allowed.

Registration: Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at http://www.opsu.edu. For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

Contest Specifics, Rules, & Guidelines:
1. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will Not be allowed to participate.

2. *This contest will begin at 12:00 p.m., or at the conclusion of the Land and Range competitions.

3. The crop contest will consist of identification of 80 plant and seed samples. Each sample will be given a value of 5 points for a total of 400 points possible. The contestant will identify the samples by number from a master list of names of all of the plant materials on the official identification list. The official list is included on the following pages. Contest samples will be either seeds or plants. Plants will generally be shown in the reproductive stage (flower bud through seed maturity). Seeds will be displayed in open pans.

4. Appendix included.

Awards: Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.

* If your team is not participating in the Land or Range contests, please have your students at SAB early.
Electricity

**Superintendent:** Nels Peterson  
**Email:** nels.peterson@opsu.edu

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** OPSU Science & Agriculture Building  
**Room:** SAB 101

**Teams/Individuals:** Multiple teams composed of three or four members may be entered by each school. If four members are entered, the three top scores will be used for the team score. Individual entries are also allowed.

**Registration:** Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at [http://www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu). For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

No teams will be registered after 8:45 A.M. the day of the contest.

**Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:**

1. **Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.**

2. The Electricity CDE will include a written exam consisting of multiple choice, matching and true/false questions. An electrical components identification section of 20 items will also be included. Examples include: switch boxes, electrical wires, tools, etc.

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
Entomology

Superintendent: Dr. Justin Collins  Email: jkcollins@opsu.edu
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016  Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: OPSU Science & Agriculture Building  Room: SAB 213

Teams/Individuals: Multiple teams composed of three or four members may be entered by each school. If four members are entered, the three top scores will be used for the team score. Individual entries are also allowed.

Registration: Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at http://www.opsu.edu. For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

No teams will be allowed to register after 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9th, however pre-registration is preferred by November 4th.

Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:
1. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.
2. The Entomology contest will consist of spot identification of insects or other arthropods using a provided list of species. Contestants will be expected to know the insects, their scientific order or family names, their food, and their ordinal characteristics as given on the list.
3. Resource material for this contest can be found at: http://entoplp.okstate.edu/4H-FFA/contest-guide.pdf

Awards: Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
# Farm Business Management

**Superintendent:** Dr. Nels Peterson  
**Email:** nels.peterson@opsu.edu

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
**Time:** 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Location:** OPSU Science & Agriculture Building  
**Room:** SAB 106

**Teams/Individuals:** Multiple teams composed of three or four members may be entered by each school. If four members are entered, the three top scores will be used for the team score. Individual entries are also allowed.

**Registration:** Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at [http://www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu). For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

**Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:**

1. **Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.**

2. Objective test over the recommended curriculum (60 questions, worth 5 points each for a total of 300 points). Grading the objective test will score the contest. If a tie occurs, a set of pre-selected objective test questions will be sequentially used to break the tie.

3. **Contestants will be allowed to have a personal, battery-operated calculator with them during the contest.** Additional notes, books, or paper will not be allowed in the contest room.

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
# Floriculture

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**Teams/Individuals:** Multiple teams composed of three or four members may be entered by each school. If four members are entered, the three top scores will be used for the team score. Individual entries are also allowed.

**Registration:** Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at [http://www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu). For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

**Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:**

1. **Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.**

2. The Floriculture contest will consist of a written exam, three placing classes, 40 identification problems, and a practicum.

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
Greenhand Quiz Bowl

Superintendent: Dr. Nels Peterson  
Email: nels.peterson@opsu.edu

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
Time: 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Location: OPSU Science & Agriculture Building  
Room: SAB 103 & 104

Teams/Individuals: One team composed of four 9th grade members may be entered per school.  
Official FFA dress is required!

Registration: Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at http://www.opsu.edu. For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:

1. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.

2. Questions will be derived from the Agriculture Education I, CIMC curriculum; these will be used as the sole resources for all questions and answers.

3. Each game will be played in four periods. There will be two Toss-Up (Individual) Rounds and two Lightning (Team) Rounds. The team with the highest score at the end of Period One will be given the option of doing the Lightning round in Period Two or Period Four.

4. In case of a tie score at the end of the game, each pair of players will be asked one question in a Toss-Up round. In the Lightning Round, the first answer given is counted right or wrong and cannot be repeated. A question may be passed and then repeated.

5. A single elimination format will be used.

Awards: Plaques to the top three teams.
Job Interview Contest

**Superintendent:** Nels Peterson  
**Email:** nels.peterson@opsu.edu  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** OPSU Sewell Building (Third Floor)  
**Room:** Second floor SAB

**Teams/Individuals:** This competition is individual based. Schools may enter multiple contestants.  
**Due to early submission requirements, no entries will be accepted the day of the contest.** Official FFA dress is required!

**Registration:** Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at [http://www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu). For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.  
**Due to early submission requirements, no entries will be accepted the day of the contest.** Required items for this contest must be successfully received prior to 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the contest.

**Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:**

1. **Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.**

2. In the job interview CDE, students are required to submit **five collated copies** consisting of a cover letter, resume, and reference letters. **These items must be received by 4:30 P.M. the Friday preceding the contest. No faxes will be accepted.**

3. On the day of the competition students will be required to complete a standard job application, three 15 minute personal interviews, and complete a follow up letter.

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three individuals.
# Land Judging

**Superintendent:** Dr. Curtis Bensch  
**Email:** cbensch@opsu.edu  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** OPSU School Farm  
**Room:** Teams will meet on campus

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| Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines: 1. | **Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.**  
2. The Land Judging contest will be conducted first, and the Rangeland judging will be conducted upon completion of the land judging. **The same or separate teams from a particular chapter could compete in both the Land and the Rangeland Judging contests.**  
3. The Land Judging contest will consist of four (4) sites where the soil characteristics will be judged and correct treatments or limitations identified. The “Land Judging in Oklahoma” manual will be the authority for the rules. It is available online at [www.landjudging.com](http://www.landjudging.com). |
| Awards: | Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals. |
Livestock

Superintendent: Dr. Sandol Johnson
Email: sandol.johnson@opsu.edu

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Time: 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: OPSU School Farm
Room: Held at Milton England Center

Teams/Individuals: One team per grade division may be entered by each school. The three grade divisions include 7th & 8th, Freshmen, and Senior. Students may move up into an older division if needed but may not move down.

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Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:

1. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.

2. Absolutely no individuals or partial teams will be allowed to compete.

3. One team per grade division may be entered by each school. The three high scores will be considered the official contestants. Ties will be broken by alternate's score and if still tied, by team reasons.

4. No one will be allowed in the arena during the contest other than contest officials, judges, and contestants. Coaches are not allowed on the arena floor. Classes will remain in the arena one half hour after completion of the contest for coaches/advisors to view.

5. No one except contest personnel will be allowed in the tabulation room. Any school or coach entering the tabulation room will be automatically disqualified.

6. No contestant shall be permitted at the OPSU livestock barns or the Animal Science arena to inspect the animals to be used in this contest 48 hours prior to the judging, and any violation of this rule will be sufficient to bar such student from the contest.

7. Instructions will be given at approximately 9:00 a.m. and the contest will start shortly thereafter. No team shall be allowed to enter after instructions have been

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given and contestants divided into groups.

8. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants. A warning will be given after the first violation and any further violation will warrant disqualification. Furthermore, contestants are not permitted to carry cell phones or any electronic devices during the contest. Contestants that violate this rule will be disqualified.

9. Five to seven classes of livestock of four animals each will be placed. Classes will be selected from cattle, sheep, and swine. The classes may be breeding or market.

10. Two sets of oral reasons will be designated by the Superintendent for Senior Contestants and One set of oral reasons for Freshman (9th grade) contestants at the beginning of the contest. Reasons will be given after all classes have been placed. Notes will not be permitted. 7th & 8th grade contestants will give no reasons.

11. This contest may include one to two female selection classes (keep/cull), and will be of the species beef, sheep or swine, consisting of eight animals. Contestants will be required to select the four best animals from the eight using visual appraisal and performance data. Performance data will be provided orally or in writing. Scenarios will be used in the selection process.

12. Performance Records may be used in the placing and the female selection classes of beef, sheep, and swine. Performance criteria, when used shall be based on standards developed and used by; the Beef Improvement Federation, the Sheep Industry Development Program, Inc., and the National Swine Improvement Federation.

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
Meats

Superintendent: Mr. Daren Stephens  Email: dstephens@opsu.edu
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016  Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Location: OPSU Firestone Meats Laboratory  Room: Will meet in SAB 101

Teams/Individuals: Multiple teams composed of three or four members may be entered by each school. If four members are entered, the three top scores will be used for the team score. Individual entries accepted as space allows.

Registration: Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at http://www.opsu.edu. For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to nels.peterson@opsu.edu. Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:

1. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.

2. Contestants will report for contest instructions (8:45 a.m.) in room SAB 101. Contestants must come prepared to work in a cold storage room. They should have warm clothing and footwear and appropriate head cover.

3. There will be no handling of wholesale cuts, exposed rib eyes of beef carcasses or identification cuts during the contest. Contestants shall not use any mechanical aid or tabular material aids in arriving at a decision. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification of the contestant.

4. The Meat Evaluation and Management contest will consist of (a.) retail meat identification, (b.) quality and yield grading, (c.) placing classes, (d.) questions on classes and (e.) a written exam with formulation problems.

   a. Retail Meat Cut Identification – 60 cuts
   b. Quality Grading – 5 beef carcasses
      Yield Grading – 5 beef carcasses
   c. Six Placing Classes selected from:
      - Class of four beef carcasses
      - Class of four beef wholesale cuts
      - Class of four pork carcasses
      - Class of four pork wholesale cuts
      - Class of four lamb carcasses

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- Classes of retail cuts for beef, pork, or lamb

d. Two Questions Classes selected from two of the (c.) six placing classes

e. A written exam consisting of:
   - 20 multiple choice questions
   - One individual formulation problem
   - Possibly one team formulation problem

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
# Nursery/Landscape

**Superintendent:** Dr. Nels Peterson  
**Email:** [nels.peterson@opsu.edu](mailto:nels.peterson@opsu.edu)  

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*  
**Location:** OPSU Science & Agriculture Building  
**Room:** SAB 106  

**Teams/Individuals:** Multiple teams composed of three or four members may be entered by each school. If four members are entered, the three top scores will be used for the team score. Individual entries are also allowed.

**Registration:** Preregistration/Entry forms can be found at [http://www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu). For an entry copy in MS Word please send an email to [nels.peterson@opsu.edu](mailto:nels.peterson@opsu.edu). Completed entries can be returned via fax or email as indicated on the entry forms.

Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 4th.

**Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:**

1. **Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.**

2. *This contest will begin at 11:00 a.m., or at the conclusion of the Floriculture competition.*

3. The Nursery Landscape contest will consist of two parts including a general knowledge exam and plant identification.

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.
# Rangeland Judging

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Entries to this contest are allowed the day of the contest. However preregistration is preferred prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 3rd.

**Contest Specifics, Rules & Guidelines:**

1. Teams arriving after the contest has started will be disqualified and will NOT be allowed to participate.

2. The Land Judging contest will be conducted first, and the Rangeland judging will be conducted upon completion of the land judging. The same or separate teams from a particular chapter could compete in both the Land and the Rangeland Judging contests.

3. The Rangeland contest will consist of one location for identification of 20 range plants. The rules are generally the same as the National Rangeland Judging Contest. The Rangeland Judging Manual is available online at [www.rangejudging.com](http://www.rangejudging.com).

**Awards:** Plaques to the top three teams, and medals to the three high individuals.