

## 2009 BIG E FFA Superintendents Reports

### **CDE: Small Animal**

Superintendent (s): Melanie Sanborn, Wellsboro, PA

Assistant Superintendent: Cindy Chotkowksi, Storrs, CT

Available for 2010: yes

Budget Modifications: none stated

Materials used to conduct your event: Computer; practicum materials; printing of copies; need screen and LCD projector for next year.

Future: The event went well this year, we are growing!

### **CDE: Creed**

Superintendent (s): Janet Hammond, RI

Assistant Superintendent: Deborah Went, RI

Continue next year: yes

Budget Modifications:

We don't require materials and equipment like other CDE's. Mrs. Hammond provides the clipboards.

Future: It would be nice if a small table and chair was outside the Moses Auditorium. The student officers were a great asset this year.

### **CDE: Environmental and Natural Resources**

Superintendent (s): Ron Fredericks, PA

Assistant Superintendent: Renee Fredericks, PA

Continue next year: yes

Budget Modifications: May need to purchase expendable chemicals for soil and water test kits.

Materials used to conduct your event: Test, environmental analysis scenarios, all forms, soil test kits, and water test kits, need to make sure there are 20 tables and chairs. Please provide a copy of the rules of the CDE in the superintendents packets.

**CDE: Nursery/Landscape**

Superintendent (s): Rebecca Rose, CT  
Assistant Superintendent: Ryan Rose, CT  
Available next year: not checked

Budget Modifications: none stated

Materials used to conduct your event: tables, chairs, extra lighting

**CDE: Farm Business Management**

Superintendent (s): Doug Robertson, Maine  
Assistant Superintendent: John Bradley, Vermont  
Available for next year: yes

Budget Modifications: none stated

Locations booked for 2010.

Future: Poll states to see if additional CDE;s should be added.

**CDE: Dairy Judging**

Superintendent (s): Devon Keefe, CT and Brenada Mihaliak, CT  
Available for 2010: yes

Budget Modifications: Need to get boxed lunches for contestants next year.

Materials used to conduct your event: Dairy judging sign, binders, and written materials for written activities.

Future: Starting out with the cows at 7:45 am helped out so much and it allowed us to do all the paperwork starting at 7 am and joined in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rotation. We did reasons during 4<sup>th</sup> rotation. We were done very early!!!

**CDE: Safe Tractor Operation**

Co-Superintendent (s): David Lewis and Greg Breene, RI  
Continue for 2010: yes

Budget Modifications: OK

Materials used to conduct your event: Big E tractors: skid loader, 4 wheel wagon, manure sprader, tent, 20 chairs; mulch/jersey barrier. Bart's trucking was great this year.

Stakes provided by CDE coordinators.

Future: Many people showed up to see event. Had over 40 people watching, but no seats available for seating.

**CDE: Dairy Handlers**

Superintendent (s): Cheryl Vest

Assistant Superintendent: None, need one

Continue next year: yes

Budget Modifications: none stated

Materials used to conduct your event: 40 score sheets, 1 clipboard, and 30 harnesses.

**CDE: Dairy Foods**

Superintendent (s): Dave Snyder and Bob Sieving

Available for 2010: yes

Budget Modifications: Milk and dairy products donated by Hood Dairy donated; Brenda Mihaliak donated mastitic milk.

Materials used to conduct your event: 12 quarts of milk, cups, bowls, pitchers; 11 different paddles/2 bottles of reagent/sample bottles; 20 cheese dishes; 10 cheeses for ID; 5 milk unit sets/boards/wires; 45 number units

Future: It is essential/vital that dairy foods be maintained and unchanged, It has shown constant improvement and growth since Bob and I became superintendents. All states have expressed appreciation for the complete review of results that we provide orally and on paper. We would be able to accommodate two teams per state and would be in favor of such a change.

**CDE: Job Interview**

Superintendent (s): Eric Larson took over for Juleah Tolosky who could not attend this year.

Assistant Superintendent: none stated

Available next year: yes

Budget Modifications: None stated

Materials used to conduct your event: 1 room with 1 table large enough to seat four people. Room 2 – at least 4-5 tables for students to do applications and thank you's.

**CDE: Marketing Plan**

Superintendent (s): Gail Kiley Sanders

Assistant Superintendent: none stated

Available 2010: yes

Budget Modifications: parking covered at Sheraton for Superintendent and judges at hotel.

Materials used to conduct your event: screen and stopwatch

**CDE: Parliamentary Procedure**

Superintendent (s): Janet Rosequist, NH

Assistant Superintendent: Maria VanderWoude, NH & Ellen Welch

Continue next year: yes

Budget Modifications: None stated

Materials used to conduct your event: Stopwatches, time cards, problem cards, tests, answer sheets, judges packets, coaches packets

**CDE: Poultry**

Superintendent (s): Bob Lauffer

Assistant Superintendent: Neil Fellenbaum

Available next year: not stated

No report provided

**CDE: Livestock**

Superintendent: Keith Shane, DE

Asst: Laura Marek, CT

Available for 2010: Mr. Shane indicated he would not be able to continue but correspondence later indicated he may reconsider

Comments:

Continue bag lunches.

Materials used this year: neckbands; scantron, index cards for class names; exhibitor harnesses (8)

The event went well.

**CDE: Horse Evaluation**

Superintendent: Linda Corson, MA

Asst: Elsie Bornstein, MA

Available for 2010: yes

Co-superintendents should be equal stipends. Continue snacks and boxed lunches.

**CDE: Forestry**

Superintendent: Rick Martineau

Co-Superintendent: George Lyman, CT

Available for 2010: yes

Co-superintendents should be equal stipends. Need \$75 per year for consumable supplies.

Currently the Superintendents provide all the tools and equipment for the contest. There should be no changes for 2010.

**CDE: Extemporaneous Speaking**

Superintendent: Tiffany Hoy, PA

Co-Superintendent: None stated

Available for 2010: yes

Co-superintendents should be equal stipends. None stated

Need podium and two rooms for speaking event. 1 preparation room with table and chairs. Only 4 students out of 9 showed up the day of the event.

**CDE: Prepared Speaking**

Superintendent: Kim Lefleur, MA

Co-Superintendent: Gwynne Millar, RI

Available for 2010: yes

Budget considerations: Parking reimbursement for Sheraton parking would be greatly appreciated.

Need 2 podiums – 1 per room for public speaking. Need to run the contest in 2 rooms and students need the option of podium.

Future considerations: Ag Sales should be added.

**CDE: Floriculture**

Superintendent: Charles Mavrelion, CT & Bethany Royer, CT

Available for 2010: yes

Move 4-H judging from the middle of our CDE – new location.

**CDE: Ag Mechanics**

Superintendent: Doug Hammond and Tom March

Available for 2010: yes

Provided 6 laptops with service advisor and PM Pro John Deere 9.0 liter engine; EZ Steer GPS kit

**CDE: Agronomy**

Superintendent: Steven Grower & Alyssa Grower. MI

Available for 2010: yes

No specific comments provided. Mr. Grower provides all materials for CDE.

BIG E FFA Coordinators Report  
November 5, 2009

**Statistics of Participation**

CDE	CT	DE	M E	MD	MA	NH	NJ	NY	OH	PA	RI	VT	VA	WV	tot als
Creed	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	10
Environmental	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	36
Forestry	4	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	36
Small animal	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	4	0	24
Nursery	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	24
Dairy cattle	4	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	4	4	0	4	4	0	40
Extemp	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	9
Horse	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	4	4	4	0	0	4	0	44
Parli Pro	6	6	6	6	6	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	42
Tractor	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	9
dairy Products	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	4	4	0	32
Business	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	28
Job interview	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	9
Poultry	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	4	0	32
Marketing	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Livestock	4	4	0	4	4	4	0	4	4	4	0	0	4	0	40
Dairy Handlers	1	4	0	3	0	0	1	2	4	4	0	1	1	0	21
Floriculture	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	0	4	4	4	0	4	0	40
mechanics	2	4	4	4	0	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	42
Prepared	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Placement	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	10
Production	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	7

Business	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	7
Science	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Agronomy	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	24
Totals	64	65	31	61	40	34	3	39	69	65	8	19	52	2	58
Interns	3														
National Officer Hanna Crossen	1														
State Officers	92														
Floral	14 chapters														
Landscape	5														
designs	43														

Totals 2008	64	65	31	61	40	34	25	39	69	65	8	19	52	2	58
2007 totals	60	46	26	60	43	50	36	69	72	70	5	28	49	1	61

Interns: Three interns worked at the BIG E this year, they came from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Each did an outstanding job in executing their duties as needed.

Online registrations: Having a separate web site for each CDE coordinator to log into to review their CDE totals worked out very well. The bus vendor worked out very well and no problems were reported.

The landscape exhibits continue to be a highlight of the Farm-A-Rama building even though this year we only had five exhibits.

The floral design competition went very well and no problems reported.

There was maximum attendance at the Sheraton this year (700) which was great, but there is no room for additional students and advisors.

Positive comments were received from the CDE Superintendents at the conclusion of their events.

Many thanks to the Jim and Carol Ogden for their expertise and dedication in getting the computerized results tabulated.

State FFA Officer Assignments: A much better job was done this year in scheduling officers at CDE events in most areas but some state FFA officer are not being utilized.

The need for more qualified individuals to serve as CDE Superintendents and assistants is needed.

In addition to Mr. Strangeway coordinating the pageant, several past State FFA Officers assisted and were in charge of getting students to the parade.

Getting floral corsage chapters to make corsages on the weekends is a continuing challenge. We also had a chapter make corsages in the evening and this worked out well.

Need to revisit the Stars application and perhaps go with the American Degree format.

FFA Workday the Saturday before has only had one chapter participate in the past and additional chapters are encouraged to assist.

Judy, Elena, and Donna and to be commended, as well as others who provided assistance to the FFA at the BIG E. Their patience, dedication and hard work helped make FFA days a success.

The Stars Superintendents need to have a greater diversity of judges in the future and encourage other states to provide a judge.

The banquet went very well this past year with the help of Norm and Janet Hammond, who coordinated this event.

Having the National FFA Officer one day earlier afforded the BIG E FFA program the advantage of having Hanna Crossen attend the Springfield Rotary Club banquet as well as the Green Pastures banquet.

Need to develop a volunteerism form, similar to National FFA to keep an accurate tally on who participates with the many events.

Respectfully submitted,

Milt Natusch  
BIG E FFA Coordinator

**BIG "E" FFA PLANNING COMMITTEE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
NOVEMBER 5, 2009**

			<u><b>ACCOUNT BALANCE</b></u>
<b>BALANCE</b>	November 6, 2008		14,158.06
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Interest (Oct.-Sept)	2.74	
	Participation Dues (2009 – 7 States)	<u>1250.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>1252.74</u></b>	15,410.80
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Check Register	9.55	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>9.55</u></b>	15,401.25
<b>FARM CREDIT ACCOUNT</b>			
			<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	November 6, 2008		(4899.33)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Financial Partners	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>5,000.00</u></b>	100.67
			20,401.25
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Big "E" Stars Luncheon 2009	3366.00	
	Harrison Griffin Stars Exp.	794.98	
	Stars Travel (22 Individuals)	2200.00	
	Star Winners (4 Individuals)	<u>1200.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>7560.98</u></b>	(7460.31)
			<u>12,840.27</u>
	Check Cancelled (uncashed from 2007)		100.00
	Checkbook Balance November 5, 2009		12,940.27
	Checks Outstanding November 5, 2009		6,046.79
	Bank Statement September 30, 2009		<u>18987.06</u>

Respectfully Submitted

*Kenneth A. Parker*

Kenneth A. Parker, Treasurer

BIG E FFA PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 5, 2009  
BROOKS BUILDING

Call to Order – David Hopson, Chairman  
Secretary's Report – Kim LeFleur  
Treasurer's Report – Ken Parker  
Communications if any

**Reports**

Donna Woolam – BIG E  
National FFA Report – Kevin Keith  
BIG E Coordinators Report – Milton Natusch  
CDE Superintendents Reports  
Stars Program Report – Mr. Griffin  
Others

**Old Business**

Agriscience Fair Competition at the BIG E

**New Business**

Concern with State FFA Officers not being utilized by CDE Superintendents  
Survey states to determine the viability of existing CDE's being held at BIG E  
and what new ones might be added  
New updated waiver form  
Other concerns

Election of Officers for 2009-10  
Next meeting date – November 4, 2010

Adjourn

RE : FFA Stars Report

On September 19, 2009 the FFA Stars Program was conducted with twenty two star participants from ten north-eastern states participating. Twelve knowledgeable judges from five states conducted interviews and reviewed the SAE records of applicants in four categories – Star Farmer, Star Agricultural Placement, Star Agribusiness and Star Agriscience. Congratulations to the following winning Stars for 2009: Agricultural Placement – Brittany Pestey (Connecticut), Agriscience – J. Wyatt Hall (Virginia), Farmer – Kenneth Quick (New York), and Agribusiness – Matthew VanScoy (Ohio). Star candidates submitted applications prior to August 1 and were each interviewed on September 19. Stars, parents and advisors attended a delicious luncheon in Old Storowton Tavern and later in the afternoon participated in an awards ceremony before the Big E Circus audience. The awards were presented by James Putnam (First Pioneer Farm Credit), Wayne McCary (Big E President) and Donald Chase ( Big E Board of Trustees President).

A special thanks goes to the Northeast Farm Credit AgEnhancement Program who sponsors this event – the associations include; First Pioneer Farm Credit (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island), Yankee Farm Credit (New Hampshire and Vermont), Farm Credit of Maine and Farm Credit of Western New York. The MidAtlantic Farm Credit (Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania) also sponsored this event. Special thanks also goes to the Big E for their continued support. I would like to especially thank Mr. James Putnam, Senior Vice President of First Pioneer Farm Credit for his personal involvement as a judge and representative of Farm Credit. We were very appreciative to have Kevin Keith, Local Program Specialist of the National FFA also serving as a judge.

The following are my concerns for this Big E FFA Stars Program:

I am very pleased to see the increased funding of this program by the Farm Credit System – we as consultants and teachers need to thank our Farm Credit contributors.

We need to encourage our other Farm Credit Banks to help with sponsorship.

I request some personal help from State Consultants or State FFA Coordinators from the following states:

Ohio                      Ag Credit, ACA  
                                  610 W.Lytle Street  
                                  Fostoria, Ohio 44930  
                                  Tel 419 435 7758    Connie Ruth, Marketing Director

FCS of Mid-America, ACA  
1601 UPS Drive  
Louisville, Kentucky 40223  
Tel 502 420 3700    Tom Schlenker, Marketing Director

Penn.                      Ag Choice Farm Credit  
                                  900 Bent Creek Blvd.  
                                  Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
                                  Tel. 717 796 9372 Gary Hickman, Marketing Director

Virginia Colonial Farm Credit  
7104 Mechanicsville Turnpike  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
Tel. 804 746 1252 Jim Belfield, Marketing Director

Farm Credit of the Virginias  
106 Sangers Lane  
Staunton, Virginia 24402-0899  
Tel. 540 886 3435 Ronald Leathers, Marketing Director

Valley Farm Credit  
125 Prosperity Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602  
Tel. 540 662 3473 Christie Hyre, Marketing Director

We need to work to have more applicants from more states. Participating contestants were from the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia.

I would encourage more participation in the Ag Science competition.

It is important that State Consultants or other officials certify the applications. The judges indicated that the quality of applications is improving.

The suggested scoring rubric worked well.

More judges are needed from more states. Please send suggestions to Mr. Natusch or myself (griffinfarm@aol.com).

Thankyou addresses:

Mr. James Putnam  
Senior Vice President of Marketing  
First Pioneer Farm Credit  
174 South Road,  
Enfield, CT 06525

Mr. Robert Smith  
Program Coordinator  
Northeast Farm Credit Ag Enhancement  
2668 State Route 7, Suite 21  
Cobleskill, NY 12043-9707

Sincerely,

B. Harrison Griffin, Stars Program Superintendent

Comments from the Director of Agriculture and Education  
For FFA Planning Committee, November 2009

On behalf of the Exposition and the staff of the department I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the folks involved with the 2009 FFA Activities. Your dedication of time and other resources is greatly valued by ESE.

As in every year the Exposition was very pleased to be able to host the young people chosen as interns. These young people are an intricate part of staging this program. As in previous years they represented FFA at the pre-opening ESE Media party. It has also been conveyed to me that the Green Pastures Committee is very pleased to have a National Officer present at the dinner recognizing New England's outstanding dairymen. Your National Officer also presented at the Springfield Rotary Luncheon during her visit.

As in 2009 on December 1<sup>st</sup> we will remove from the website the 2009 CDE's. Changes from the Supt. should be made in Dec., so that by Jan 1, 2010, we may begin posting the 2010 CDE information. Elena will notify you 1 week before we remove your CDE so that you will have time to get updates done. We hope that all supt. will respect the need to get this information updated and that the timing of this will be critical this year for the reason we will enter the new year short a staff person.

The Eastern States Exposition Ag and Ed Department has accepted the resignation of Judy Borden as Administrative Assistant, effective November 20. Though we will miss Judy's smile and warmth we hope you will all join us in wishing her well as she pursues her own business venture.

The Exposition got a good start on recovering the losses from last year. We were pleased that our product was well received and thus move toward the new year with anticipation and excitement. The Eastern States Exposition's commitment to FFA programming will continue in its usual tradition of excellence.

Respectively submitted:

Donna G. Woolam

Director of Agriculture and Education

## National FFA Organization Report – Eastern States Exposition – 2009

The National FFA Organization was represented at the 2009 'Big E' by Kevin Keith, Northeast Area LPS Specialist and Hannah Crossen, Eastern Region FFA Vice President. Both participated in numerous events and enjoyed the event and their participation in it. In addition, National FFA Alumni Eastern Region Vice President, David Miller also attended for the first time.

Both David and Kevin were involved in the Star Award winner selection process as judges and Kevin was able to assist as a judge with the Marketing Plan event. David had the opportunity to tour the Farm A Rama building and was very impressed with the quality of displays and the number of participating chapters and states. All were complimentary of the various programs, functions, and the quality of the events at the Big E grounds and the Sheraton Hotel.

One of the most complimented (and unique) aspects of the Big E, itself, is the state houses and the featuring of the various states on the Big E grounds. The group was very impressed with the support shown to the National FFA Organization, the Eastern Region States and the chapters throughout the Eastern Region and want to compliment and thank the Big and it's staff and volunteers for continuing to provide the tremendous activities and opportunities for our members.

I will put forth an effort to get new National FFA COO, Dwight Armstrong to attend a Big E, FFA Day Program in the near future, as well as inviting other FFA representatives to this unique event.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Keith  
LPS Specialist  
Northeastern United States

## Landscape/Floral Design Superintendents Report

We only had five (5) Landscape Exhibits this year. Hopefully next year we can again have six (6) participating chapters. We had three (3) very knowledgeable judges this year. All with past FFA and Landscaping experience. Chapters need to cover their names on the drawings with an easily removable tape. The Big "E" makes excellent signs for each chapter exhibit, which are placed after the judging is completed. This prevents chapter banners being subjected to water or being lost.

### FFA Landscape Exhibits

Order more yellow FFA Exhibitor Cards for 2010.

Order placing ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Suggested Themes for:

2010 – Celebrate America

2011 – Spring has Sprung

2012 – Fall Is In the Air

We had forty-five (45) floral designs in this years' competition. Students need to more carefully read and follow the rules of the event. Many lost points this year for using inappropriate flowers or grasses. Overall we were very pleased with the great turnout. Looking forward to filling all forty-eight (48) doors next year.

### Floral Design Displays

Order placing ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> place.

Order participant ribbons for remainder of contestants. ( minimum 30 )

Suggested Themes for:

2010 – Celebrate America

2011 – A Day at the Beach

2012 – Good Thymes

## Coordinators Report Awards Banquet

This years' State President Interns did a great job of labeling and distributing awards. All plaques were distributed the night of the banquet. One of the few times I can recall that we did not have awards left in the office at the end of FFA Weekend.

The Dairy Cattle Judging Superintendents need to check with the FFA Office to determine what breed awards are available so that the Ogdens can break down the scoring for individual and team breed events. We almost had a number of breed awards not given out.

State Officers applying for Awards Banquet positions need to submit their e-mail addresses with the application so the Coordinator can contact them with their assignments, directions to the banquet site, timetable of events, etc.

Getting last minute scores to the hotel still present a problem that needs to be handled by the Coordinator and the Ogdens.

Norm Hammond - RI