



CALIFORNIA FFA AGRISCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

2023 STATE FINALIST ORIENTATION PACKET

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Congratulations! We are proud to select you as a [2023 California FFA Agriscience Fair State Finalist](#). This orientation packet provides all the necessary information about competing in this event. Be sure to complete each task before specific deadlines. Should you have questions, please contact us via email (jgoehring@cde.ca.gov) for assistance.

OVERVIEW

- **February:** Agriscience applications due in AET.
- **March:** State finalist announced
- **March/April:** State Agriscience Fair & Team Interviews

RULES AND PROCEDURES

This event will follow the rules and procedures found in [CATA Curricular Code](#).

Participants should be familiar with their event handbook before competing. Any infraction of the rules may result in disqualification.

THANKING OUR SPONSORS

The financial commitment of our sponsors is vital to the State FFA Agriscience Fair experience. Please bring a hand written thank-you note when setting up the Display Boards on March 16.

- [Sponsor contact information \(PDF\)](#)

STATE FFA AGRISCIENCE FAIR FINALIST CHECKLIST & FAQ

MARCH 8

- Submit Display Board and Log Book to your current Agriscience Fair Application on AET. Once added and updated, please be sure to "Save/Print Your App" to generate a new version #. Once the version # has been generated, submit the Version # to the new list called "CA 2023 Agriscience Fair - Display Board Finalists".

MARCH 16

- Agriscience Fair Display Board setup for all Finalists
- Agriscience Fair Silver Bowl Contest Interviews
- Bring a handwritten thank you letter to your respective sponsor.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR SETUP AND TAKEDOWN?

The agriscience fair setup will be at the Convention Center in Exhibit Hall B. Display Board setup will be on Thursday, March 16 from 9am-1pm. Agriscience Boards will need to be removed from the Convention Center on Saturday, March 18 from 12pm-1pm. Only State Finalists will bring their display boards for the competition.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR TEAM INTERVIEWS?

The Agriscience Fair Team Interviews will begin at 10am and conclude by 4pm on Thursday, March 16. All schools who registered on Judging Card will be contacted with their assigned interview times.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR AWARDS CEREMONY?

The Agriscience Fair Awards will take place on Friday, March 17 at 11:15am on the Stage in the Exhibit Hall of the Convention Center. All 1st place winners and top 5 teams will then need to report to the Toyota Arena for the 3rd Session that will begin at 4pm on March 17 for the announcement of overall project winners and the State Champion Teams.

SILVER BOWL TEAM INTERVIEWS

All chapters participating in the Silver Bowl Team contest will be expected to participate in the interview process on March 16. All participants should wear Official FFA uniform and arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled interview.

- [Agriscience finalist interview schedule \(PDF\)](#)

Interview dates and times are not flexible. If you are no longer participating, please notify jgoehring@cde.ca.gov by March 13.

INTERVIEW RULES

- Bring your printed display board.
- No props or aids of any kind are allowed.
- Official FFA uniform is required.
- Any assistance from outside sources will result in disqualification.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

A panel of up to three judges evaluates each finalist using the event rubric.

Self-Introductions

A room host will let each finalist into the interview room at their scheduled interview time. To begin, each finalist should give a brief introduction that includes (but is not limited to) their name, school and agriscience fair research project. The introduction should not exceed one minute.

Judge Questions

Each finalist will be asked a series of questions by the judges. Judges have 10 minutes to ask questions to each of the three team projects. The questions will be related to the research paper. A room host will inform the finalist and judges when the question time has expired.

Tip: Improve your interview by detailing information that judges do not already know from your written application.

SCORING RUBRICS

- [Divisions 1, 3, & 5 Convention Rubric](#)
- [Divisions 1, 3, & 5 Convention Scoresheet](#)
- [Divisions 2, 4, & 6 Convention Rubric](#)
- [Divisions 2, 4, & 6 Convention Scoresheet](#)

DISPLAY BOARDS

AGRISCIENCE FAIR DISPLAY BOARDS

Display Boards and Log Books must be submitted to the current Agriscience Fair application on AET. You must save/complete the application to get a new version #. Once you have a new version #, then you will upload it to the "CA 2023 Agriscience Fair - Display Board Finalists" List. The Display Board for the agriscience fair must be uploaded on AET by March 8

Display Requirements

All files must be no larger than 36" x 48" in landscape style. You can use the [provided poster template](#) to maintain the required dimensions or use your own. Do not adjust the slide size if you use the sample. Save the final file as a PDF.

Display Boards will be hung "viewing style" this year (see picture). This means your poster board will have holes poked in the corners to hang. Please be sure your board has foam backing and not wood. If you have questions regarding your board, please contact jgoehring@cde.ca.gov



For questions regarding the California State Agriscience Fair please contact: jgoehring@cde.ca.gov