



2022-23 AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARD UPDATE

SUMMARY

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Updated Award Areas

Agricultural Proficiency Award area descriptions not listed below are unchanged from the previous year. In an attempt to further clarify the types of SAE projects which do and do not qualify in each, the following award area descriptions were updated, as follows:

Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement

Emphasis was added that only items/structures designed and fabricated for agricultural or natural resource purposes qualify in this area. A note specifying items such as toys, jewelry, furniture, art and all facets of residential construction do not qualify was added.

Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship and Agricultural Sales - Placement

Wording was updated to emphasize that production and/or processing of items (*except floral*) is not included in these two award areas. Only the marketing and selling of finished agriculture and natural resource related goods qualifies.

The description was further updated to emphasize that owning or working for a floral business which purchases and uses flowers and plants to create floral arrangements (*bouquettes, corsages, potted plants, etc.*) for retail sale does qualify in this area. Projects which include growing floral plants do not qualify in this area.

Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement

Wording was updated to emphasize that owning or working for a business which **BOTH** grows floral plants and creates and sells floral arrangements qualifies in this area.

SAE projects that ONLY grow floral plants qualify in the Specialty Crop area.

SAE projects which ONLY create and sell floral arrangements qualify in Agricultural Sales.

Fiber and Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement

The description was clarified to specifically add the harvesting, baling, marketing and selling of straw and/or corn stalks, for all purposes EXCEPT forage, to this award area.

Projects which include anything to do with producing the grain do not qualify in this award area.

Selling the straw/stalks created as part of grain production may be included in grain production as a by-product.

Grain Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement

Wording was added to clarify that straw or stalks harvested and marketed as a by-product of grain production may be included in this award area.

Projects which do not include any production of grain, ONLY harvesting and marketing straw or stalks do not qualify here, they belong in the Fiber and Oil Crop Production area.

