

District 10 FFA Organization Proposal for Soil Judging Contest Coordination

Dear Soil and Water Conservation District Representatives:

The District 10 FFA Organization is reaching out to our local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to explore the possibility of a new type of partnership to coordinate and conduct our annual District 10 FFA Soil Judging Contest.

For many years, the District 10 FFA Soil Judging Contest has been hosted and organized by FFA chapters throughout the district with substantial support from their local SWCD. While this system has worked well, we have recognized a challenge with the current rotation. Some counties have multiple FFA chapters and, as a result, may be responsible for hosting the contest several years in a row. Other counties may have only one FFA chapter and are asked to host much less frequently. We would like to explore a system that provides greater consistency and fairness for all of the FFA chapters in District 10 and the SWCDs that help facilitate the contest.

One option we are considering is having the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts take responsibility for organizing and conducting the annual contest. We believe this could be a natural partnership because it creates more equity among districts in terms of the frequency of their support in judging our district contest.

Under the proposed arrangement, participating FFA chapters would pay a **\$50 registration fee per team**. The Soil and Water Conservation District hosting the contest would be responsible for the major organizational components, including:

- **Securing an appropriate location** for the soil judging contest.
- **Preparing and judging the soil pits** according to the requirements established by Ohio FFA.
- **Communicating contest information and details** to the FFA chapters/schools participating in the District 10 contest.
- **Requesting the necessary score sheets** from Ohio FFA.
- **Providing completed score sheets to the Ohio FFA State CDE Coordinator** for official scoring.
- Working with the District 10 FFA organization and participating chapters to ensure the contest runs smoothly.

The District 10 FFA organization would continue to provide oversight and coordination as needed and would work with the participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts to ensure that the contest meets Ohio FFA requirements.

We believe this partnership could provide several benefits. It would create a more consistent system from year to year, eliminate the burden of repeatedly hosting the contest from FFA chapters in counties with multiple schools, and allow FFA advisors and students to focus more on preparing for the contest. At the same time, it would provide Soil and Water Conservation Districts with an opportunity to work directly with agricultural education programs and students

throughout District 10 and to help provide financial support for all of the assistance that they are already providing.

At this point, we are seeking input and determining whether this is something that our local Soil and Water Conservation Districts would be interested in taking on. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposal, answer questions, and work together to determine whether this arrangement would be beneficial for everyone involved. We are hoping to make a decision regarding this matter at our spring district meeting in April.

Please let us know if your Soil and Water Conservation District would be interested in discussing this opportunity further. We appreciate the work that you do to promote soil conservation and agricultural education in our communities, and we hope we can develop a partnership that benefits both our organizations and the students we serve.

We are hoping to move forward

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of agricultural education and FFA.

Sincerely,

District 10 FFA Advisors

Current rotation system: Alternate North and South sub-districts and then alphabetical by county within each sub-districts and alphabetical by school within each county. (our current north-south division is very lopsided 25 south, 9 north)

Year	Subdistrict	County	School
2026	South	Jackson	Wellston High School
2027	North	Hocking	Chief Logan High School
2028	South	Lawrence	Collins Career Center
2029	North	Morgan	Morgan High School
2030	South	Lawrence	Symmes Valley High School
2031	North	Perry	Miller High School
2032	South	Meigs	Eastern High School
2033	North	Perry	New Lexington High School
2034	South	Meigs	Meigs High School
2035	North	Washington	Fort Frye High School
2036	South	Meigs	Racine Southern High School
2037	North	Washington	Frontier High School
2038	South	Pike	Eastern Local High School
2039	North	Washington	Marietta High School
2040	South	Pike	Piketon High School
2041	North	Washington	Warren High School
2042	South	Pike	Western High School
2043	North	Washington	Waterford High School
2044	South	Scioto	Green-SCCTC High School
2045	North	Hocking	Chief Logan High School
2046	South	Scioto	Minford-SCCTC High School
2047	North	Morgan	Morgan High School
2048	South	Scioto	Northwest-SCCTC High School
2049	North	Perry	Miller High School
2050	South	Scioto	Portsmouth West-SCCTC High School
2051	North	Perry	New Lexington High School
2052	South	Scioto	South Webster-SCCTC High School
2053	North	Washington	Fort Frye High School
2054	South	Scioto	Valley-SCCTC High School
2055	North	Washington	Frontier High School
2056	South	Vinton	Vinton County High School
2057	North	Washington	Marietta High School
2058	South	Athens	Alexander High School
2059	North	Washington	Warren High School

Year	Subdistrict	County	School
2060	South	Athens	Athens High School
2061	North	Washington	Waterford High School
2062	South	Athens	Federal Hocking High School
2063	North	Hocking	Chief Logan High School
2064	South	Athens	Tri-County Career Center
2065	North	Morgan	Morgan High School
2066	South	Gallia	Gallipolis High School
2067	North	Perry	Miller High School
2068	South	Gallia	River Valley High School
2069	North	Perry	New Lexington High School
2070	South	Gallia	South Gallia High School
2071	North	Washington	Fort Frye High School
2072	South	Jackson	Jackson High School
2073	North	Washington	Frontier High School
2074	South	Jackson	Oak Hill High School
2075	North	Washington	Marietta High School

Proposed rotation if all county SWCDs want to join our proposal:

Year	County
2026	Jackson
2027	Lawrence
2028	Meigs
2029	Pike
2030	Scioto
2031	Vinton
2032	Athens
2033	Gallia
2034	Hocking
2035	Morgan
2036	Perry
2037	Washington