



# IDAHO FFA CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

**Idaho FFA**  
FOUNDATION

Never before have careers in agriculture been more important. The world population of over 7 billion is expected to near 10 billion by the year 2050 and every facet of agriculture must grow to meet the increasing demands on the world's food supply. There are over 300 careers in the diverse field of agriculture with over 17 percent of Americans working in jobs related to the production, processing and distribution of food, fiber and natural resources. FFA Career Development Events (CDEs) and Leadership Development Events (LDEs) help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly, and perform effectively in a competitive job market.

Idaho State FFA CDEs and LDEs provide competitive learning activities which reflect skill and knowledge gained from instruction received in secondary Agricultural Education courses. In addition, Idaho State FFA CDEs and LDEs motivate students to develop their abilities while building real career skills, as well as leadership skills.

There are currently 29 Idaho FFA CDEs and LDEs and general objectives for all include:

1. Students demonstrate knowledge, skills, and technical competence specific to each CDE area.
2. Students develop critical thinking, research, analytical and teamwork skills.
3. Students gain awareness of career and professional opportunities in the fields of agriculture.
4. Students develop oral and written communication skills and build leadership skills.

The 28 current Idaho FFA CDE and LDE areas are:

Agricultural Communications	Team Award -4
Agricultural Issues	Team Award - 7
Agricultural Marketing (formerly Marketing Plan)	Team Award - 3
Agricultural Mechanics & Technology	Team Award- 4
Agricultural Sales	Team Award - 4
Agronomy	Team Award - 4
Creed Speaking	Individual - 1
Conduct of Chapter Meetings	Team - 7
Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management	Team Award - 4
Dairy Cattle Handler	Individual - 1



Employment Skills (formerly Job Interview)	Individual - 1
Environmental & Natural Resources	Team Award - 4
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Individual - 1
Farm Business Management	Team Award - 4
Floriculture	Team Award - 4
Food Science & Technology	Team Award -4
Forestry	Team Award - 4
Horse Evaluation	Team Award - 4
Livestock Evaluation	Team Award -3
Meats Evaluation & Technology	Team Award - 4
Milk Quality & Products	Team Award - 4
Nursery & Landscape	Team Award - 3
Parliamentary Procedure	Team Award – 6
Poultry Evaluation	Team Award - 4
Prepared Public Speaking	Individual - 1
Scrapbook Division 1	Team Award
Scrapbook Division 2	Team Award
Veterinary Science	Team Award - 4



Career and Leadership Development Events help FFA members explore career opportunities, develop real world skills and get a head start on higher education toward career success. This personal skill development through hands on instruction and problem solving is a major reason FFA members, as part of Idaho Professional Technical Education, has a 63% “Go to College” rate compared to only 47% for general state education completers.