

TEXAS YOUNG FARMER STATE CONVENTION CONTESTS
RULES, CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

Photography Contest:

You will be allowed one (1) 8x10 matted picture per category, per paid member is allowed. Each picture should be classified by the member submitting the picture. The categories are:

Agriculture at Work- People involved in agricultural tasks

Agriculture at Leisure- People involved in recreational time activities

Agriculture Animals- Domesticated animals and no people

Agriculture Equipment- Pictures with Ag equipment and no people

Agriculture Landscape- Pictures of landscape with no people, animals or equipment

Agriculture Wildlife- Pictures that include non-domesticated wildlife

Agriculture Future- Pictures of young people involved in an Ag activity age 12 and under

Agriculture Expressions Contest:

This contest requires the contestant to write a 500 word essay about a topic of their choosing from one of these Convention topics listed below.

- (1) Increasing Food Production While Minimizing the Environmental Footprints;
- (2) New Government Mandates and Regulations and their Effect on Agriculture;
- (3) Availability and Price of Land for Agricultural Expansion;
- (4) Stability, Development and Fluctuations in Global Financial Markets;
- (5) Development and Use of Bio-based Fuels;
- (6) Agricultural Water Quality Management for the Future;
- (7) International Trade Expansion and its Effect on Agriculture;
- (8) Biotechnology & Labeling in Food Production;
- (9) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Involvement in Agriculture;
- (10) Food Safety Issues in Current Food Production Methods;

Basket Contest

The basket contest is more than just a contest, it helps raise money for our scholarships. The rules have been: The basket contest is open to all Chapters and this year the basket will be a "**Bushel Basket**" and all contents must be contained in the container and the contents from the bottom to the highest point cannot be over 24 inches in height. You may decorate or paint the outside however you like.

Convention Quiz:

The Quiz competition is made up of questions derived from the convention tours and programs as well as Texas Young Farmer knowledge. Participants earn points towards the Chapter Sweepstakes Award.

Digital Scrapbook:

Competition is open to all Young Farmer Chapters attending the State Young Farmer Convention in January. The format is electronic digital submitted on a flash drive at registration on Friday night at the convention. Content of the scrapbook will follow along with dates of the Outstanding Chapter Report (at this time September 1- August 31 of the previous year). It may be created in a power point or similar program presentation not to exceed five (5) minutes in total length. Participation in this event is worth (5) points towards the Sweepstakes Award. Three places will be awarded extra points and possible monetary awards if sponsored. First place received (5) extra points, Second place received (3) extra points and Third place received (1) extra point.

Spokesperson for Agriculture:

Participants in this contest should prepare a speech for a length of not less than five minutes and not longer than eight minutes and will be asked questions at the end of the speech. Topics for speeches are (1) Agribusiness, (2) Plant Science, (3) Animal Science, (4) Agricultural Mechanics

Sweepstakes Award:

This is a traveling trophy which goes to the chapter with the most participation throughout the convention. The above mentioned contests along with Ag Olympics are used to calculate the winner. Chapters receive a participation point for members who participate in the events and winners receive bonus points. Every chapter that participates in any of the events receives at least one point. Bonus points are calculated as follows: 5 points for First Place, 3 points for Second Place, and 1 point for Third Place.