

2023 National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event

Growing Procedures – Pinching

Wednesday, November 1st

Time Allotted: 13 minutes

Possible Points: 100 Points

The students will be placed at a set of tables that will contain

- 1 Coleus plant per student
- There will be 32 students in each judging group
- The contestant will need to introduce themselves to the judge
- The judge will need to find the contestant they are judging on their computer

At the beginning of the event, the event coordinator will read the following:

“These plants are being grown for a Holiday Festival that is taking place next month. The final goal is to produce a compact and full plant that will be ready in 5 weeks. You will have 10 minutes to select and pinch the plant material provided.”

“Please do not explain or speak to the judges during the pinching process. At the end of ten minutes, judges are allowed one (1) minute of questions about pinching process. Are there any questions?” (PAUSE) Then say “You may begin.”

When 9 minutes have passed, the event coordinator will announce a **1 minute warning**.

At the end of 10 minutes, the event coordinator will call time and the contestants will be given one (1) minute to answer any judge’s questions. At the end of 11 minutes, contestants will be asked to leave to rejoin their group. The remaining two minutes will be used by the judge to score the contestant.

Judges should use this two minutes to compete the contestants scoring and submit the score through their computer.

The event coordinator will serve as the official time keeper. Event assistants will serve as monitors. The monitors will make sure that the material used for the pinching area are adequate to support contest activities at all times. The event assistants will also refresh the area prior to the entrance of the next group of contestants.

PINCHING PLANTS

- A plant will be placed before each participant. The participant will be given instructions as to what they are to do to the plant by the event assistant in charge of the practicum. Participants will be judged on the procedures they follow in pinching the plant.
- Scoring criteria are presented on the Pinching Plants Rubric, which will be recorded by a judge.

Points to address during judge's orientation:

In the zoom meeting with your judges there will be an explanation of what is expected of each student during the pinching process. It is very important that each student receive the same experience no matter which judge they encounter.

Scoring:

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement	Member Score
Selection of plant part to pinch	8-10 points	4-7 points	0-3 points	
Use of proper procedures in making pinches	8-10 points	4-7 points	0-3 points	
Made proper pinches	8-10 points	4-7 points	0-3 points	
Overall effect of making pinches	8-10 points	4-7 points	0-3 points	
Answered questions correctly	8-10 points	4-7 points	0-3 points	
TOTAL SCORE (50 possible points)X2				

Judge's Possible Questions:

1. Why did you select the parts of the plant that you chose to pinch?
2. What was your goal in this plant pinching process?
3. What do you believe the plant will look like in 5 weeks when it will be used in the holiday festival?