



2027 Agriscience Fair

Q&A

This document provides general questions regarding the changes to the 2027 Agriscience Fair Award program.

Question: Why did National FFA change the 2027 Agriscience Fair award program?

Answer: These changes align the National FFA Agriscience Fair more closely with the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) and recognize that more recognition opportunities are available for students with multi-year research projects as a part of the 2027 National FFA SAE Award Program.

Question: How many students will get recognition?

Answer: Up to 18 national winners and 108 national finalists will be recognized in the 2027 National FFA Agriscience Fair Award Program.

Question: How many national finalists will be named?

Answer: Up to 6 finalists in each pathway and division will be recognized on the Main Stage during the National FFA Convention.

Question: How many years of research records are required to qualify for the 2027 National FFA Agriscience Fair?

Answer: Student researcher(s) may use findings of previous research to formulate their research hypothesis; however, the student researcher(s) will be evaluated on research they have conducted in the twelve months prior to June 15 annually. Data may not be added to the research project after state-level selection. Projects may not have more than one year of data included. See "Extension of Agriscience Fair Projects" for additional information about extension projects.

Question: Can a team of students apply to the 2027 National FFA Agriscience Fair?

Answer: Yes. Teams of 1-3 students may apply.

Question: If a student is a part of multiple research projects, can a student apply in more than one Agriscience Pathway?

Answer: No. The application will include only one Agriscience Fair Grade Level/Pathway per student.

Question: In 2026 I won my state Agriscience Fair award in Division 3 (individual member in grades 9 and 10) - Social Science Pathway and was a national finalist. Can I apply for Grade Level 9-10-Social Science Pathway in 2027?

Answer: Yes. All previous state and national winners of the Agriscience Fair will be eligible to submit to the 2027 Agriscience Fair Award Program. Note – An FFA member in grades 7-12



during the school year in which the participant qualified to participate at the national level. A graduating senior is considered eligible to compete at the state and national level up to and including their first national convention following graduation.

Question: If I won my state Agriscience Fair award in Grade Level 9-10 – Social Science in 2027 and was a top 6 national finalist, can I apply for Grade Level 9-10 – Social Science in 2028?

Answer: No. Students identified in the top 6 national finalists are not eligible in the same National FFA Agriscience Fair area in future years.

Question: If I won my state Agriscience Fair award in Grade Level 9-10 – Social Science in 2027 and was NOT a top 6 national finalist, can I apply for Grade Level 9-10 – Social Science in 2028?

Answer: Yes. Only students identified in the top 6 national finalists are not eligible in the same National FFA Agriscience Fair area in future years.

Question: What will the applications for the 2027 National FFA Agriscience Fair Program include?

Answer: The 2027 Award applications will be like the 2026 Agriscience Fair Award applications except all Grade Levels will use the same written report format.

Question: What format will be required for the written report?

Answer: All Grade Levels will use the same written report format in 2027. The report format used for grades 9-12 in 2026 will be used for all Grade Levels in 2027.

Question: Why did National FFA remove the team division?

Answer: Students should continue to conduct team projects. Team projects will be evaluated together with individual projects. This change aligns the National FFA Agriscience Fair more closely with the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) and recognizes that more recognition opportunities are available for students with multi-year research projects as a part of the 2027 National FFA SAE Award Program.

Question: Can students still work in groups?

Answer: Yes, in fact, it's encouraged. Collaborating with others is an important part of the research process. Students should seek the input of other peers, teachers, universities/institutions, and businesses. The application that is submitted should reflect the work of the student/team. As part of the application process, students are asked to provide an explanation of their work as well as the contributions of others.

Question: What grade-level award areas will be offered?

Answer: Grade levels of 7-8; 9-10; and 11-12 will be offered (Same as currently)



Question: Can I have one research project where data collection happens over multiple years?

Answer: Yes. The 2027 Agriscience Fair Program will permit extension projects or continuation projects in later years by identifying the project as an extension project and only evaluating the last 12 months of data and results. Previous year's information will not be judged if included (Same as 2026). Students with multi-year research projects should consider the 2027 National FFA SAE Award Program. The 2027 National FFA SAE Award Program recognizes National-level applications that include SAE records (hours, paid/unpaid or finances) from at least two calendar years, including records from the year prior to applying for the specific SAE project(s) on which the application is based

Question: Does our state have to follow the rules of the Agriscience Fair Award program to select our state winners?

Answer: The National FFA does not mandate that states follow the same award or event structure. States can choose the events and awards that best represent their students.