

**Section 49**  
**FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture, under the supervision of the agriculture teacher who is always the local chapter advisor. The California Association of FFA includes all chapters within the state, under the supervision of the Agriculture Education Unit in the State Department of Education in Sacramento. The National FFA organization includes all chapters in every state, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, under the supervision of the United States Department of Education, Washington, D.C. Every FFA member has a Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) in agriculture production, agriculture business, or agriculture research. The SAE is part of the practical education of the agriculture student. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students through agriculture education. Participation in fairs and shows is recognized as having education value as well as stimulation for better SAE's, under the supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with the cooperation of the fair management.

**LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The general rules and health rules applicable to the Senior Department apply also to the Junior Department.
2. Only Future Farmers regularly enrolled in the various high schools in Mendocino and Lake Counties and the Cloverdale High School in Sonoma County may make entries in this division. Students must meet the requirements of the California Agricultural Teachers Association and the Future Farmers of America for competition.
3. Completed official entry forms must be in the hands of fair management or postmarked no later than Friday, August 12, 2024, or Online Entries Close Midnight, August 29, 2024
4. Exhibits MUST BE check specific division rules for Exhibit due date.
5. The Fair management reserves the right to cancel all premiums of any exhibitor for any violation of the rules, or for any misconduct of any kind while on the Fairgrounds.
6. SUBMIT a separate entry form for EACH DIVISION.
7. ENTRY NUMBER and EXHIBITORS TAGS: The number stamped on each exhibitor tag will be used as the identifying number for judging exhibits.
8. All entries must be properly made on the official entry forms furnished by the Fair and must be signed by a vocational agricultural instructor, indicating chapter represented.
9. NOTE - State Rule Eligibility II 9 and 10.

**DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING**

The Danish System of Judging is based on established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In all Junior Departments using the Danish System THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SHALL BE USED BY JUDGES:

**JUDGING SCALE - DANISH SYSTEM**

Group 1 - Superior	92% - 100%	Blue
Group 2 - Good	84% - 91%	Red
Group 3 - Average	70% - 83%	White
Group 4 - Poor, undesirable	69% or Less	No Ribbon

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**AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS**

PAPER ENTRY FORMS DUE: Monday, August 12, 2024

ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT: Thursday, August 29, 2024

**EXHIBITS DUE: Wednesday, September 4 and Thursday, September 5, 2024 between 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

EXHIBITS RELEASED: Monday September 16, 2024 between 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 pm

1. Students entering exhibits in Agricultural Mechanics must be regularly enrolled in a high school that is following the California State Plan for Vocational Agriculture.
2. Although the exhibitor need not own the exhibits, all must be products of students as a regular part of the instruction in Agricultural Mechanics for the past year.
3. The student exhibitor must have been at least the major contributor to the building or repairing of the exhibit.
4. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year.
5. An article may not be entered in more than one class and each exhibitor may not enter more than one article from the same pattern.
6. Display cards must be filled out and attached to each exhibit in this department, correctly labeling the exhibit and giving a brief summary of the student exhibitor's project.
7. THE JUDGES SHALL BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL THAT THE PROVISIONS OF STATE RULES, SECTION II, RULE 4 AND SECTION IV, RULE 3, ARE APPLIED WHEN INDICATED.
8. Danish System of Judging.

**DIVISION 917–FARM EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTED–Small Projects**

A complete list of articles eligible for entry in the following division of this department may be secured from the fair office.

**BEST OF SHOW - AWARD/RIBBON**

Class

1. Cold Metal
2. Rope Work
3. Welding and Forging
4. Woodwork
5. Combination
6. Any Other

Examples:

Shoe Scraper; Bolt and Nut; any other like item.  
Adjustable Halter; Short Splice; any other like item.  
Stools; Steel Post Driver; any other like item.  
First Aid or Record Cabinet; Show Stick; any other like item.  
A project utilizing any two or more of the above items.  
Any other for examples not listed.

**DIVISION 918–FARM EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTED–Medium Projects**

**BEST OF SHOW - AWARD/RIBBON**

Class

1. Miscellaneous

Notes:

Cost of materials exceeding \$7.50

