

Objective:

To serve as a vehicle for agricultural literacy by allowing middle school students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the agricultural industry and to encourage the development of this knowledge through educational competition.

A. Rules and Regulations

1. This event is open to any seventh or eighth grade student from a school with an approved agricultural education program.
2. Each team will consist of four members from the same school.
3. Teams will be invited to the state competition based on the number of total teams registered. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all teams for the state competition.
4. The questions used in this activity will align with the Agricultural Food & Natural Resources state standards. Different questions will be used for each round of the competition as is possible.

B. Procedures

1. Teams will be assigned to compete in a round-robin tournament to determine the overall winners. The placement will be pre-drawn prior to the tournament. The competition will be a double elimination tournament.
2. Each round of competition will consist of a maximum of 16 questions, one question per each team member. One individual from each of eight to ten different teams will compete at one time. The first individual to answer the question correctly will receive a point. If no individual answers correctly, no point is awarded. In case of a tie, an overtime will be used where the first individual to answer a question correctly will determine the winning team.
3. One team member from each team will have the buzzer control in their hand prior to the start of the questioning.
4. The first individual to press the buzzer will have the opportunity to answer the question. Individuals do not have to wait until the entire question is asked before pressing the buzzer. The Quiz Bowl coordinator must stop reading the question when someone "buzzes in." If the answer is correct, a point is awarded and the coordinator moves on to the next question.
5. If the answer to the question is incorrect, the question is reread and the other individuals are given a maximum of 10 seconds to answer. If no answer is given, the question is dropped and the next question is read.
6. Any sharing of answers will result in the team losing a point. If an answer is provided from the audience, the question will not count for a point and will not be replaced in the rotation. A team may be declared ineligible if caught cheating during the event.

C. Awards Recognition

Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams at the state competition.