



What Do You Know About Career Development Events?

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Judging contests (oops! Career Development Events) in agricultural education pre-date the FFA. Shortly after the passage of the Smith-Hughes Act and the implementation of a formal administrative structure for vocational agriculture, competitive events emerged. Go to the head of the class if you can answer the following contest/career development event questions.

- The first multi-state invitational livestock judging contest for vocational agriculture students was held at the:
 - Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in West Springfield, MA in 1917.
 - National Western Livestock Show in Denver, CO in 1918.
 - International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, IL in 1919.
 - Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show in Omaha, NE in 1920.
- The first national dairy cattle judging contest for vocational agriculture students was held at the:
 - Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie, GA in 1922
 - Pennsylvania All American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA in 1923
 - World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI in 1924.
 - National Dairy Show in Indianapolis, IN in 1925.
- A forerunner of the FFA was the National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students. The first Congress was held in Kansas City in conjunction with the America Royal Livestock Show. Will Rogers spoke to 1,524 boys from 22 states who attended the first Congress. The major purpose of this Congress was to conduct judging contests. In what year was the first Congress held?
 - 1922
 - 1924
 - 1926
 - 1928
- A new competitive event emerged in the FFA in 1930. It was originally sponsored by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas. The event was:
 - Public Speaking
 - Crops Judging
 - Poultry Judging
 - National Chapter Contest
- There were no national judging contests in the FFA for a five year period due to the:
 - Financial difficulties caused by the Great Depression during the 1930s
 - Travel restrictions caused by the world war during the 1940s
 - Polio outbreaks during the 1950s
 - Energy crisis of the 1970s
- Prior to 1968 the National FFA Dairy Judging Contest and Dairy Products Judging Contest were not held in Kansas City. These contests were held in:
 - Waterloo, Iowa
 - Louisville, Kentucky
 - Columbus, Ohio
 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- There has never been a national FFA sponsored competitive activity in:
 - Farm Safety
 - Community Development
 - Land Judging
 - Computers
- Which of the following FFA contests is the newest one at the national level?
 - Agricultural Mechanics
 - Farm Business Management
 - Meats Evaluation and Technology
 - Parliamentary Procedure
- There is a national FFA Awards and Career Development Event Advisory Committee. This group advises the National FFA Board of Directors on issues affecting both National FFA Career Development Events and Awards. Which of the following statements about this group is not true?
 - The composition of this committee is two FFA members, two teacher educators, two agriculture teachers, two state staff, and two members of the National FFA Board of Directors.
 - A sub-group of this committee makes all final decisions on interpretation of rules at the national FFA convention.
 - This committee selects the Star Farmer and Star in Agribusiness.
 - This committee meets twice per year.
- The New Farmers of America (NFA) had several competitive events similar to the FFA. They also had some contests unique to the NFA. Three of the following were actual NFA contests at the national level. Which was not a NFA contest?
 - Quartet
 - Quiz
 - Talent
 - Scrapbook