

February 21, 2018

Dear FFA Advisors,

The Maryland FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes middle and high school students who chose to research the application of agricultural principles and emerging technologies in the agriculture industry. This event celebrates the innovative and futuristic thinkers among Maryland FFA, so thank you for your interest and dedication to improving the agriculture industry and working for a better tomorrow.

This year's Agriscience Fair will be held on April 7, 2018 at Westminster High School in Westminster, Maryland during the state's Spring Judging event. All displays should be set up by 9am in the main lobby. The judging will begin following the morning program which is expected to conclude by 10am. The total score will be the result of the application/written report and the presentation. The application/written report will be scored prior to the contest, therefore **must be submitted via www.theaet.com by March 15, 2018**. The necessary documents and templates can be found on www.ffa.org under Awards, then Agriscience Fair. The presentation score portion of the contest will consist of an interview with judges. Students should have a display and scientific manual prepared. They should also be able to explain what their project is, what were the results, and how it relates to the agriculture industry.

Concluding the contest, students will receive their scores and judges' feedback. The gold medalists in each category will have the opportunity to apply to participate in the National FFA Agriscience Fair at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. After revisions are made to applications and written reports, they **must be submitted to the Maryland FFA Executive Director by June 1, 2018**.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at namichol@verizon.net or (443)641-4810.

Sincerely,

Nicole Michol

Superintendent,

Agriscience Fair