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Teachers,

Here's an update on the Meats CDE

The students in the Meats CDE in Maryland wear their official dress.

They no longer are able to go to a meat locker due to state and federal health regulations, so no white jackets or hard hats. On the National level, the students are taken to Purdue University's Meats lab where these items are required to be worn.

Students will complete the following parts of the event as outlined in the National FFA Meat CDE Handbook:

Written Exam (50 questions)

Retail Meat Cut Identification (30)

Evaluation of classes (Generally there are 4 classes and 2 will have questions to be answered)

There is a team activity.

Students will generally complete 2 or 3 of the 6 possible options, so they need to know how to do those activities. (pg 5-6 of the handbook)

They usually don't do carcass grading since it is difficult to evaluate from the photos and bringing a set of carcasses is not practical.

I hope this helps,

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