



# National FFA Organization

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## New Jersey FFA

TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: May 15, 2013

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, June 3, 2013 – 4:00 pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Auditorium, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mr. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2011-2012.

### AGENDA FOR THE JUNE STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies
- II. Minutes from the May State Meeting
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance
- V. Committee Assignments
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations
  - C. State Leadership Activities
  - D. State Applications
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
  - G. State Convention Evaluation

#### The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*

**VI. Executive Committee Report**

**VII. Foundation Report**

**VIII. Alumni Report**

**IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

**X. Unfinished Business**

- A. State Convention Review – State President
- B. H.O. Sampson Chapter Recognition
- C. Chapter Banquets – State Sentinel
- D. Field and Stream Hurricane Remediation (May 11, 2013) – State President
- E. Honorary American Degree Nominations – State Vice President
- F. Summer CDEs – State Secretary
  - a. Dairy Handlers (July 23, 2013)
  - b. Horse Judging (July 24, 2013)

**XI. New Business**

- A. State Officer Leadership Training (June 8-9, 2013) – State Treasurer
- B. Alumni Golf Tournament (June 18, 2013) – State Reporter
- C. BLAST Off (June 26-28) – State Sentinel
- D. Code of Ethics – State Parliamentarian
- E. Select State FFA Representatives to Organization – State Vice President
  - a. State FFA Alumni
  - b. State FFA Foundation
  - c. Agricultural Education Advisory Council
- F. Establish Policies
  - a. Travel Policy – State Secretary
  - b. SO Attendance Policy – State Treasurer
  - c. Executive Committee Attendance Policy – State Executive Committee Chair
- G. State Presidents' Conference (July 22-27, 2013) – State Vice President
- H. National Leadership Conference for State Officers (July 28-August 1, 2013) – Reporter
- I. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion – State President
- J. Member of the Month – State Executive Committee Chair
- K. State Officer Mileage – State Parliamentarian

**XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – July 1, 2013*  
*New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium*  
*9:00 a.m.*

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Minutes of the May 1, 2013 State Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Ernie Ariens called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett, Kyle Clement, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Delaney Gray, Samuel Rubinstein, Alec McAlarnen, Jimmie Ferguson, Lauren Fillebrown, Stephanie Tarlowe, and Ms. Moschera Chernigovets. State Staff in attendance was Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette. Guests in attendance were Alex Feltwater, Holly Whitmore, and Alex Clark.

**II. Minutes from the April State Meeting**

**Motion by Delaney Gray** to accept the minutes as corrected.

**Gaspar Hernandez seconds. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Gaspar Hernandez** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

The guests introduced themselves and told everyone their favorite part of State Convention. Alex Feltwater and Alex Clark from the Newton FFA Chapter enjoy listening to the retiring addresses and going to the dance. Holly Whitmore from Warren Hills likes listening to the National Officer.

*Annie assumes the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments.**

**A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities**

No Report. Agenda has been finalized

**B. Membership and Chapter Relations**

No Report. Agenda finalized

**C. State Leadership Activities**

No Report. Agenda is finalized.

**D. State Applications.**

No report. Agenda finalized

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

The committee made proposals to expand parts of the Forestry CDE and discussed the subject of a minimum CDE score of 60% for teams to represent New Jersey

**Motion by Kyle Clement to accept committee report.**

**Implied second. Motion Passes.**

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

No report. The Agenda has been finalized.

## **G. State Convention Evaluation**

No report Agenda has been finalized.

*Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.*

## **VI. Executive Committee Report**

The executive committee gave each of the officers a soaring bird and a quote that best describes them and their year of service.

## **VII. Foundation Report.**

The last foundation meeting was on April 9. Kyle represented the Association.

## **VIII. Alumni Report**

The Alumni meeting was on April 10 after the Retiring Address Workshop. They discussed the upcoming golf tournament in June.

## **IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

No report. The next meeting is at state convention.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Nominating Committee**

6 members from the 3 regions were selected to serve on the Nominating Committee.

### **B. State Convention Planning**

#### **a) Timeline**

Final RA copies are due Friday, May 3

#### **b) Statewide Community Service Project**

Everyone is encouraged to keep pushing the gift card drive so that we can help Hurricane Sandy victims.

#### **c) Potential SOCs**

State Officer Applications were due today. Good luck to all the candidates!

### **C. New Jersey Ag Society Gala**

Lauren, Delaney, and Sam attended the New Jersey Ag Society Gala on April 5. They helped set up and mingled with guests such as Secretary of Agriculture Douglass Fisher, farmers, teachers, and representatives from the New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger.

### **D. State Applications**

On April 11 State FFA Applications were judged by members of the Executive board and volunteers. The results will be announced at the State FFA Convention.

### **E. Spring CDEs**

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners : Agricultural and Mechanical Systems, Northern Burlington; Agricultural Sales, Newton; Environmental and Natural Resources, Philipsburg; Floriculture, BCIT Westampton; Nursery and Landscape, Cape May Tech; Veterinary Science, BCIT Medford. Each team will have the opportunity to represent NJ at the National Convention in Louisville, KY in October.

**F. Livestock Evaluation**

Congratulations to the Newton FFA Chapter for placing first as a team and to Alyssa Ferraro from Sussex Tech for placing as the first individual!

**G. Agriscience Fair**

The Agriscience Fair was held April 24. Five judges evaluated twenty projects. Congratulations to all of our division winners!

**H. Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

Congratulations to the Belvidere FFA Chapter for placing first in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE! This event was held on April 27 at Cedar Lane Farm.

**I. Eastern PA FFA Day**

Congratulations to the Newton FFA Chapter for placing first in both the Poultry Judging and Food Science and Technology CDEs. These events were held at the Eastern PA FFA Day in Manheim, PA.

**J. Ceremony Practice Schedule**

Officers are encouraged to continue to memorize their ceremonies.

**K. Retiring Addresses**

Final drafts are due May 3! Officers should start memorizing their RAs! Sunday night of convention practice will be another RA workshop.

**L. Chapter Visits**

All visits have been completed! Gaspar visited Middlesex Piscataway and had a wonderful time!

**M. Team Goal Action Plan**

The team has completed their action plan!

**XI. New Business**

**A. H.O Sampson Chapter Recognition**

Mrs. Noble explained to the executive board how the H.O Sampson Participation Recognition works. Chapters will be recognized at the State FFA Convention.

**B. Honorary American Degree Nominations**

The Board discussed potential Honorary American Degree nominations.

**C. Summer CDEs**

Both the Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity and the Horse Evaluation CDE will be held at the Delaware State Fair. Dairy Handling will be on July 23 at 8:30 am and Horse Evaluation will be on July 24 at 9:00 am.

**D. Chapter Banquets**

Keep calendars open for banquet requests

#### **E. Field and Stream Hurricane Remediation**

On May 11 some of the State Officers and Executive Committee members will join other volunteers to collect debris and plant beach grass on the sand dunes at Island Beach State Park. CSX is also hosting a service event that day. Lauren volunteered to represent the NJ FFA at that event since CSX is such large sponsor.

#### **F. Agriculture / Education Issues Discussion**

Delaney talked about the “fuel of the future” and how it will affect agriculture.

#### **G. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Jimmie Ferguson** to make Jenna Pinhas from the Allentown FFA Chapter as May’s member of the month!

**Seconded by Lauren. Motion passes.**

#### **H. State Officer Mileage**

May’s mileage will be due on June 3 and banquet mileage will be due on June 15.

#### **I. Membership and Chapter Status**

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen** to recommend to the Chapter Relations Committee that the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter be placed on a one-year probation due to the lack of chapter POA.

**Seconded by Gaspar Hernandez. Motion passes.**

#### **J. Program Affiliation**

**Motion by Sam Rubenstein** adopt the Program of Affiliation Handbook.

**Seconded by Alec McAlarnen . Motion passes.**

#### **K. Specialty Fund Donations**

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen** to donate \$2000 to Convention Awards special project fund in the NJ FFA Foundation.

**Seconded by Jimmie Ferguson. Motion passes.**

#### **XII. End of the Year Reflections**

Each officer provided a reflections related to their year of service.

#### **XIII. Closing**

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report  
April 2013

BEGINNING BALANCE: I April 1, 2013

\$29,622.08

<b>Deposits:</b>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 47,017.00	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 22,000.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 793.00	\$ 1,134.00
	3	General Supplies		\$ 60.00	\$ 270.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 1,083.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 15,625.00		\$ 11,474.90
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 60,850.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 7,709.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 650.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 901.00	\$ 488.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			\$ 4,006.13
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,135.60	
		Total Deposits	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 16,643.60	\$ 48,815.03
<b>Expenses:</b>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 14,845.00		\$ 13,729.10
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,179.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 655.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,208.00		\$ 5,373.32
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,749.91		\$ 4,883.74
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,031.00		\$ 18,611.70
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 66,317.73	\$ 145.15	\$ 527.15
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,511.00		\$ 4,056.61
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,314.00	\$ 3,790.89	\$ 5,172.31
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,920.36		\$ 16,719.95
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,016.00		\$ 6,105.60
		Total Expenses	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 4,286.04	\$ 75,834.48

Ending Balance: April 30, 2012

\$41,979.64

**FY13  
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	<b>April</b>			
1	Middlesex Co Voc school - E.Brunswick	2237	\$ 1,050.00	
	Hackettstown	047507	\$ 900.00	
	Cumberland	29098	\$ 2,700.00	
	Cape May	009251	\$ 1,550.00	
	North Warren	032266	\$ 900.00	
	Middlesex Co-Piscataway	1825	\$ 550.00	
				\$ 7,650.00
2	BCIT Westampton	3899	\$ 36.00	
	Cape May	0738	\$ 35.00	
	Camden County Tech Schools	5016	\$ 9.00	
	Warren Hills Regional	019271	\$ 36.00	
	The Calais School	393	\$ 9.00	
	North Warren	032265	\$ 108.00	
	Freehold Twp High School	13470	\$ 560.00	
				\$ 793.00
3	North Warren - J.Wilson NJAAE Regis	032265	\$ 30.00	
	Buena-P.Thorne NJAAE Regis	27105	\$ 30.00	
				\$ 60.00

**FY13  
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	<b>April</b>			
4	Cumberland Reg.	29098	\$ 54.00	
				\$ 54.00
6	Middlesex Co Voc. E.Brunswick	2229	\$ 775.00	
				\$ 775.00
7	Freehold Twp High School	13470	\$ 240.00	
	Hackettstown Bd of Education	047507	\$ 35.00	
				\$ 275.00
8	Middlesex Co voc Schools - EB	2229	\$ 325.00	
	Cumberland	29135	\$ 204.00	
	BCIT Westampton	3835	\$ 100.00	
	Gloucester Co Special Services	107709	\$ 56.00	
	Camden County Tech Schools	5004	\$ 100.00	
	Newton High School	5288	\$ 116.00	
				\$ 901.00
10	State of New Jersey, College of NJ ALD	9997257547	\$ 4,880.60	
	Union Co Voc	1553	\$ 25.00	
	Freehold Twp High School	13465	\$ 75.00	
	Buena Regional	7839	\$ 75.00	
	Allentown High School	1001	\$ 125.00	
	BCIT Westampton	8555	\$ 175.00	
	Phillipsburg High School	1514	\$ 475.00	
	Penns Grove High School	0814	\$ 200.00	
	Anne Edwards	8603	\$ 40.00	
	Mayra Morales	1305	\$ 40.00	
	NJ Farm Bureau	1725	\$ 25.00	
				\$ 6,135.60
			\$ 16,643.60	



New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2013				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
<b>Dues/Memberships</b>				
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - 2012-2013 Official Manuals		\$ 799.10	
01/27/13	Nat. FFA Program Affiliation Fees		\$ 12,930.00	
				\$ 13,729.10
<b>Contests</b>				
02/14/13	Rutgers-Cook College room rental		\$ 305.00	
04/03/13	Rutgers-Log Cabin & Pavillon		\$ 350.00	
				\$ 655.00
<b>General Supplies</b>				
09/27/12	American Income Life - SO insurance		\$ 90.00	
08/10/12	Selective Insurance - Liability Ins		\$ 641.00	
12/17/12	Vista Print - wall calendars		\$ 1,501.32	
01/10/13	Drawing Board - FFA Invoices		\$ 198.19	
01/10/13	Ewell Education Service - scantron cards		\$ 347.50	
01/18/13	First Coast Promo- Mugs		\$ 410.65	
02/27/12	National FFA - FFA week supplies		\$ 143.58	
02/27/13	National FFA - Mugs/placemates		\$ 78.50	
03/19/13	National FFA- Plaques		\$ 1,436.50	
03/01/13	National FFA-J. Goodenough Jacket, mugs		\$ 157.50	
03/01/13	National FFA - FFA Week stuff		\$ 368.58	
				\$ 5,373.32
<b>State Officers</b>				
08/23/12	Trenton Marriott - Lodging for SO's BLAST OFF		\$ 1,071.00	
10/15/12	AAA - State Officers		\$ 317.00	
12/07/12	Joe Goodenough mileage July-Nov		\$ 93.56	
12/07/12	S. Tarlowe- july-nov mileage		\$ 123.57	
12/07/12	J. Ferguson- july-nov mileage		\$ 104.78	
12/07/12	L. Fillebrown- july-nov mileage		\$ 550.56	
12/07/12	K. Clement - July-nov mileage		\$ 647.22	
12/07/12	G. Hernandez-July-nov mileage		\$ 255.63	
12/07/12	D. Gray july-nov mileage		\$ 125.05	
12/07/12	E. Arians - july-nov mileage		\$ 688.88	
12/07/12	A. Poinsett July-nov mileage		\$ 47.49	
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - SPC regis E. Arians, A. Poinsett		\$ 600.00	
02/20/13	Veg Growers/Ag Conv. Non Delegate meals for L. Fillebrown, J. Ferguson and S. Rubinstein		\$ 180.00	
02/27/13	J. Goodenough jacket		\$ 79.00	
				\$ 4,883.74
<b>Leadership Experience and Development</b>				
09/20/12	Partycrashers - DJ		\$ 300.00	
10/17/12	Crowne Plaza		\$ 17,182.97	
10/17/12	First Coast - T Shirts		\$ 1,128.73	\$ 18,611.70
<b>State Convention</b>				
02/20/13	Partycrashers - DJ Dance		\$ 250.00	
02/27/13	National FFA - Plaques		\$ 132.00	
04/12/13	Party Fair - Plastic Table Cloths		\$ 145.15	\$ 527.15
<b>National Convention</b>				
11/28/12	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 784.00	
10/23/12	Hyatt Regency- Breakfast		\$ 1,549.61	
09/21/12	Citibank - Airfare for SO's		\$ 1,543.00	
02/27/13	National FFA - Delegate Regis		\$ 180.00	
				\$ 4,056.61
<b>Hort Expo</b>				
02/20/13	Staats MFG Co - Ribbons		\$ 140.92	
02/27/13	National FFA - Plaques		\$ 1,240.50	
04/03/13	Preferred Party Rentals - Tables		\$ 2,525.00	
04/17/13	Posey Peddler- Plastic containers		\$ 63.87	
04/17/13	Zieger & Sons, Inc. Flowers & supplies		\$ 1,202.02	
<b>Leadership Event</b>				
11/28/12	Twin Oaks catering for 212 conference		\$ 1,225.00	
02/28/13	College of NJ		\$ 4,880.60	
				\$ 6,105.60
<b>National Leadership Conference</b>				
08/08/12	S. R. Butch reimbursement for Extra Spirit of NJ tickets and discount		\$ 382.54	
08/23/12	Crowne Plaza Hotel		\$ 16,337.41	
				\$ 16,719.95
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 75,834.48</b>	<b>\$ 75,834.48</b>

**NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION  
2012-2013 FFA CHAP MEMBERSHIP DATA**

CHAP	REGION	COUNTY	CHAPTER	CHAPT #	OFFLST	POA	Affiliation Contract	13	12	FFA
TERS					10/1/12	12/1/12	9/30/12	FFA/Enrollment	FFA/Enrollment	CHG
1	Central	Burlington	BCT - Westampton	NJ0044	9/20/12	11/28/12	X	14	20	-6
1	Central	Burlington	BCT West Vet	NJ0069	9/30/12	11/30/12	X	66	66	0
1	Central	Burlington	BCT - Medford	NJ0046	9/19/12	11/29/12	X	44	41	3
1	Central	Burlington	Northern Burlington	NJ0006	7/26/12	12/2/12	X	257	227	30
1	Central	Burlington	Northern Burlington Middle	NJ1006	12/17/12	12/17/12	n/a	24	16	8
1	Central	Burlington	Pemberton Township	NJ0071	4/26/13	4/26/13	n/a	60	0	60
1	Central	Hunterdon	South Hunterdon	NJ0060	12/13/12	12/10/12	X	44	42	2
1	Central	Hunterdon	South Hunterdon Middle	NJ1060	12/13/12	2/12/13	n/a	14	87	-73
1	Central	Middlesex	Middlesex-East Brunswick	NJ0033	12/3/12	3/5/13	X	40	41	-1
1	Central	Middlesex	Middlesex-Piscataway	NJ0045	1/18/13	1/18/13	X	23	23	0
1	Central	Monmouth	Allentown	NJ0001	9/12/12	12/4/12	X	142	168	-26
1	Central	Monmouth	BTHS	NJ0068	12/10/12	12/14/12	X	80	84	-4
1	Central	Monmouth	Freehold	NJ0014	9/25/12	12/1/12	X	115	106	9
1	Central	Monmouth	Monmouth County	NJ0030	9/20/12	1/2/13	X	45	52	-7
1	Central	Ocean	Ocean County	NJ0040	10/3/12	1/2/13	X	36	24	12
1	Central	Somerset	Somerset Co. Voc.	NJ0034	12/6/12	12/21/12	X	13	11	2
16 Central Region total										
1	Northern	Essex	Essex County	NJ0004	9/25/12	11/19/12	X	21	17	4
1	Northern	Morris	Calais	NJ0070	10/9/12	11/29/12	X	10	3	7
1	Northern	Sussex	Newton	NJ0016	10/2/12	11/29/12	X	164	186	-22
1	Northern	Sussex	Sussex County	NJ0018	9/12/12		X	22	19	3
1	Northern	Union	Union County	NJ0042	10/2/12	12/4/12	X	32	47	-15
1	Northern	Warren	Belvidere	NJ0003	10/16/12	11/30/12	X	92	103	-11
1	Northern	Warren	Hackettstown	NJ0009	9/17/12	12/3/12	X	58	73	-15
1	Northern	Warren	North Warren	NJ0041	6/13/12	12/4/12	X	91	95	-4
1	Northern	Warren	Phillipsburg	NJ0029	6/12/12	11/30/12	X	146	167	-21
1	Northern	Warren	Warren Hills	NJ0022	10/1/12	12/12/12	X	131	98	33
10 Northern Region total										
1	Southern	Atlantic	Buena	NJ0039	9/25/12	11/30/12	X	40	29	11
1	Southern	Camden	Camden Pemsauken	NJ0028	10/5/12	2/21/13	X	32	38	-6
1	Southern	Camden	Camden Tech East	NJ0012	10/1/12	11/28/12	X	31	32	-1
1	Southern	Cape May	Cape May CVTS	NJ0063	10/1/12	3/8/13	X	58	68	-10
1	Southern	Cumberland	Cumberland Regional	NJ0008	7/3/12	11/29/12	X	278	219	59
1	Southern	Gloucester	Bankbridge Regional	NJ0067	10/1/12	12/3/12	X	13	16	-3
1	Southern	Gloucester	Delsea Regional	NJ0065	1/16/13	1/7/13	X	85	80	5
1	Southern	Salem	Penns Grove	NJ0054	6/28/12	11/28/12	X	111	116	-5
1	Southern	Salem	Salem Co. V.T.	NJ0019	11/28/12	1/11/13	X	99	49	50
1	Southern	Salem	Woodstown	NJ0023	10/3/12	1/8/13	X	108	71	37
10 Southern Region total										
<b>36 Chapters</b>				missing information	<b>Totals</b>		<b>2639</b>	<b>2534</b>	<b>105</b>	
				1-Year Probation						
				Revoke Charter						

**Committee Report**  
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: April 6th, 2013

Committee: Career Development Event Review and Evaluation

Committee Members Present: Kyle Clement; Sam Rubinstein; Jimmie Ferguson

Absent: ~~Sam Rubenstein~~; Gaspar Hernandez; Tiffany Morley  
**Ernie**

Purpose of Meeting: To review and make proposals for improvement to existing career development events, as well as researching the concepts of new state events. To evaluate member participation in career development events. To present member evaluations after each career development event to the State FFA Executive Board.

Recommended Action(s): **Forestry-** We recommend that the Forestry CDE be expanded to include 20 Tree ID instead of 15; a chainsaw parts ID, troubleshoot, safety section; and a tree disorder section. We agreed that the expansion of the tree ID and the inclusion of the chainsaw and disorder sections will add a little more to the event and help make it reflective of the industry. **Minimum Percent Mastery of CDE's-** Upon opening discussion again for the topic of a minimum percent mastery requirement for online CDE's, we decided that all teams competing in any CDE should be required to pass with a team score of at least 60% in order to qualify for representing NJ FFA at National Convention. We chose this number because, based off of the score results for many of our CDE's this year, that is roughly the average score for a first place CDE team in NJ. The intended effect is to encourage our competing members to raise the bar by putting a little more effort into their CDE preparations without having to refuse most first place teams the privilege of representing NJ at National Convention.

Comments: Many thanks to Mrs. Noble for sharing with us her recommendations for expansion of the the Forestry CDE.

Kyle Clement  
Chairperson

Kyle Clement  
Secretary