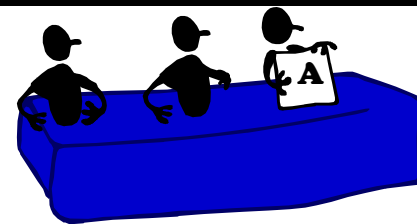


# 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG FARMER AG CHALLENGE

## What is the Ag Challenge?

The Ag Challenge is Farm Bureau's version of an agricultural quiz bowl. Farm Bureau teams of up to four young farmers compete against each other for fun, prizes and personal development.



Due to space limitations at the Iowa State Fair, up to 16 teams will compete on Farm Bureau Day at the Iowa State Fair, Tuesday, August 18, 2009. The Ag Challenge will be held in the Family Center in the Variety Theater. The first match will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude by 6:00 p.m. The Iowa Farm Bureau will provide each team with fair admission tickets (up to 4 per team), 2 parking passes and 2 hotel rooms for Monday, August 17. Participants will be invited to attend a networking dinner and speaker on the evening of August 17.

Hotel accommodations will be at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center on Army Post in Des Moines. The IFBF will handle the hotel reservations. Each team will receive a mailing by early August that includes the tickets and hotel confirmation numbers.

## Registration

Teams must pre-register for the contest. Entries will be entered on a first come, first served basis. To be considered an entry, the attached registration form must consist of at least two team members, be signed by the regional manager and county president, and returned to the Iowa Farm Bureau by July 24. To accommodate as many counties as possible, counties will be limited to one team based on availability.

## Question Format

All questions are multiple choice questions and will fall into one of the following categories:

Ag Issues/Current Affairs	Ag Statistics	Farm Bureau
Ag Management	Animal Science	Horticulture
Ag Mechanics	Crop Production	Natural Resources
Ag Safety	Family Life	

## Prizes



Each member of the state winning team and the second place team receives \$50 cash.

In addition, members of the winning team will be invited to the IFBF Annual Meeting and introduced at the Young Farmer award ceremony during the IFBF Annual Meeting, December 2-3 in Des Moines. The IFBF will provide a maximum of two hotel rooms for the night of the banquet.

# AG CHALLENGE CONTEST RULES

1. Team members must be between 18-40 years old inclusive and cannot reach their 41<sup>st</sup> birthdays before August 18, 2009. At least two team members must be 35 or younger and cannot reach their 36<sup>th</sup> birthdays before August 18, 2009.
2. Two to four people per team can compete, but a team can have no more than four members.
3. There are three 6-minute rounds. Introduction of teams are made between rounds. Questions are worth the following: Round 1 - 1 point, Round 2 - 2 points, Round 3 - 3 points. Teams must select the "best" answer from those offered. Questions are multiple choice.
4. There are two bonus questions per round. Bonus questions are worth double the round points. If a bonus question is answered incorrectly, the team loses only the value of the general question.
5. The person buzzing in must answer immediately whether the entire question and possible answers have been read or not.
6. No conferring by either team is allowed once a person starts to answer. Questions will be thrown out if there is a violation.
7. After an incorrect answer, the other team has 10 seconds to "steal" the question, to gain that round or bonus value of points. They may also pass without penalty.
8. If neither team answers within 10 seconds, the reader will give the correct answer and go to the next question.
9. Questions may be repeated one time (only in the case of a steal).
10. In the first round, two practice questions will be read and answered before the match begins.
11. Once the clock starts, it is stopped only for discussion on procedure or a contested answer.
12. The question being asked at the end of each round will be completed, even if time has expired.
13. Should a tie occur after the 3 six-minute rounds, overtime round(s) of one minute shall be held until the tie is broken.
14. Once a team has competed in one round of the competition, team members may not be added or replaced to fill the four-person roster.
15. The IFBF young farmer advisory committee members decide any disputes that may arise and their decisions are final.

