PREFACE

4-H/FFA INDIANA CDEs
Note: This section needs to be revisited, based on the bylaws that may/will be adopted

The statewide career development program is a joint effort between the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service (through the Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department) and the Indiana Department of Agriculture (through the State FFA Office). The state 4-H/FFA CDE advisory committee guides the overall program. The chair of the committee resides in the Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education and the secretary resides in the State FFA Office.

The advisory committee meets once a year (September, adopted 6/12/12) to evaluate the state CDEs, suggest possible changes for the following year, and to finalize program content. Members of this committee have leadership and service roles in the operation of all contests. Committee members are charged with sharing changes and updates with their Areas/Districts.

In addition to active state committee support, each event also has a subcommittee comprised of Extension Educators, coaches and interested volunteers to assist and advise in a supportive role.

Under the present organization, the specific responsibilities are as follows:

State 4-H Staff
1. Chair the State 4-H/FFA CDE Committee
2. Coordinate development of the 4-H/FFA Ag CDE Handbook
3. Posting the 4-H/FFA Ag CDE Handbook on the WEB
4. Publicity
5. Organization of Extension Educators to coordinate county, area and state level CDE programs
6. Pre-registration and related follow-up
7. Event registration at each site
8. Tabulation
9. Evaluation
10. Entry information for respective national 4-H contests

State FFA Staff
1. Secretarial follow-up and support
2. Coordinate development of the 4-H/FFA Ag CDE Handbook
3. State awards
4. State event donor support
5. Distribution of rule changes and pertinent information to Agriculture Education Instructors
6. Event set-up and arrangements
7. Evaluation
8. Manpower from coaches and state FFA officers
9. Publicity
10. Entry information for respective national FFA contests
Individual CDE Subcommittees – to be developed

Area and County Committees
A similar coordinating committee operates at both the area and county levels to assure that 4-H and FFA contestants receive quality educational programming.

A Final Word
The Indiana career development events continue to grow and to prosper through teamwork, competition and the educational philosophy that "Judging is a method of teaching and a positive way of learning."