Pre-Qualiying Agriscience Fair 2024 - Divisions 1-2 (Grade 7-8)

	High Points	Medium Points	Low Points
		1	1
Importance	10 to 7	6 to 4	3 to 0
Score:	The importance includes a one	The importance includes a one paragraph answer for each question that vaguely answers: • Why is the topic important to the agriculture industry? • What problem does the investigation solve for agriculture?	The importance includes a one paragraph answer for each question that poorly answers: • Why is the topic important to the agriculture industry? • What problem does the investigation solve for agriculture?
Other's Work	15 to 11	10 to 5	4 to 0
Score:	 Clearly details what information currently exists concerning the research project. Reference where the information was found (website, book, article, etc.,) is listed. A paragraph written by the student(s) clearly describing the reference and information it provided for each publication used. 	Poorly details what information currently exists concerning the research project. Reference where the information was found (website, book, article, etc.,) is listed. A paragraph written by the student(s) vaguely describes the reference and information it provided for each publication used.	Does not detail what information currently exists concerning the research project. Reference where the information was found (website, book, article, etc.,) is listed. A paragraph written by the student(s) poorly describes or is not included on what the reference says for each publication used.
Materials and Methods	10 to 7	6 to 4	3 to 0
Score:	Clearly written to enable others to replicate the study and results. Section is written in first person and encompasses all materials required. If used, the statistical procedures are included. A narration of the steps taken to complete the experiment is included.	Not written clearly to enable others to replicate the study and results. Section may or may not be written in first person and encompasses all materials required. The statistical procedures are included but are unclear. A narration of the steps taken to complete the experiment is included.	Written poorly so that others cannot replicate the study and results. Section is not written in first person and does not encompass all materials required. The statistical procedures are not included. Steps taken to complete the experiment are listed.
Hypothesis/ Anticipated Results	5 to 4	3 to 2	1 to 0
Score:	Student(s) clearly state the hypothesis and/or anticipated results.	Student(s) vaguely state the hypothesis and/or anticipated results.	Student(s) do not state or poorly state the hypothesis and/or anticipated results.
Results	20 to 14	13 to 7	6 to 0
Score:	Written results of the project are summarized. Trends and relationships are clearly addressed. No conclusions are made in this section. Data that can stand alone in the form of tables and/or figures are included.	Written results of the project are incompletely summarized. Trends and relationships are vague. No conclusions are made in this section. Data that can stand alone in the form of tables and/or figures are sometimes included.	Written results of the project are poorly summarized. Trends and relationships are not addressed. Data is not appropriately included as tables and figures.
Discussion	10 to 7	6 to 4	3 to 0
Score:	The discussion includes clear, detailed answers for each question: • What do the results of the study mean? • How are they related to what others found in the "Other's Work" section?	The discussion includes vague answers for each question: • What do the results of the study mean? • How are they related to what others found in the "Other's Work" section?	The discussion poorly answers each question: • What do the results of the study mean? • How are they related to what others found in the "Other's Work" section?
Conclusions	5 to 4	3 to 2	1 to 0
Score:	 The conclusion clearly states what should be done and/or changed as a result of the research. Clearly states what the next steps are to continue the research. 	The conclusion vaguely states what should be done and/or changed as a result of the research. The next steps for research are unclear.	The conclusion poorly states what should be done and/or changed as a result of the research. The next steps for research are not included.
Summary	5 to 4	3 to 2	1 to 0
Score:	The summary is two to three paragraphs describing the study conducted: • why the student(s) chose to conduct the study, • why the study is important to the agriculture industry, • how the study was conducted, • what was found by conducting the study, and • how the results apply within the agriculture industry.	The summary is two to three paragraphs vaguely describing the study conducted: • why the student(s) chose to conduct the study, • why the study is important to the agriculture industry, • how the study was conducted, • what was found by conducting the study, and • how the results apply within the agriculture industry.	The summary is two to three paragraphs that poorly describes the study conducted: • why the student(s) chose to conduct the study, • why the study is important to the agriculture industry, • how the study was conducted, • what was found by conducting the study, and • how the results apply within the agriculture industry is unclear.

Acknowledgements	3	2 to 1	0
Score:	Detailed list or paragraph is included acknowledging anyone who assisted with any aspect of the project and how they helped.	A list or paragraph is included acknowledging anyone who assisted with any aspect of the project.	A list or paragraph is not included acknowledging anyone who assisted with any aspect of the project and how they helped.
Spelling/ Grammar	2	1	0
Score:	APA or MLA citation style writing is used throughout the report. Student(s) use complete sentences; no spelling or grammar errors present.	APA or MLA citation style writing is used. Student(s) use complete sentences; minor spelling or grammar errors present.	APA or MLA citation style writing is not used. Student(s) do not use complete sentences; excessive spelling or grammar errors present.
Skills, Competencies and Knowledge within Primary Pathway	High Points	Medium Points	Low Points
Primary Pathway: Standard A1	3 to 2	1.5 to 0.5	0
If bullet 1 or 2 is zero, score the entire standard zero. Score:	•Selected standard <u>clearly applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	•Selected standard <u>vaguely applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	(Zero Score for entire standard) •Selected standard does not apply to project detailed in application.
	*Described activity is completely and clearly related to selected standard (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	*Described activity is <u>vaguely related</u> to selected standard (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	or •Described activity is not related to selected standard.
	•Provided description clearly demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 2).	Provided description vaguely demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 1.9 - 1 pts).	
Primary Pathway: Standard A2 If bullet 1 or 2 is zero, score the entire	3 to 2	1.5 to 0.5	0
standard zero. Score:	Selected standard <u>clearly applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	*Selected standard <u>vaguely applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	(Zero Score for entire standard) *Selected standard does not apply to project detailed in application.
	•Described activity is <u>completely and</u> <u>clearly related</u> to selected standard (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	•Described activity is <u>vaguely related</u> to selected standard (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	•Described activity is not related to selected standard.
	•Provided description clearly demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 2).	Provided description vaguely demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 1.9 - 1 pts).	
Primary Pathway: Standard A3	3 to 2	1.5 to 0.5	0
If bullet 1 or 2 is zero, score the entire standard zero. Score:	•Selected standard <u>clearly applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	•Selected standard <u>vaguely applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	(Zero Score for entire standard) •Selected standard does not apply to project detailed in application.
	•Described activity is <u>completely and</u> <u>clearly related</u> to selected standard (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	selected standard (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	Described activity is not related to selected standard.
	•Provided description clearly demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 2).	Provided description vaguely demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 1.9 - 1 pts).	
Skills, Competencies and Knowledge within Any Pathway	High Points	Medium Points	Low Points
Any Pathway: Standard B1	3 to 2	1.5 to 0.5	0
If bullet 1 or 2 is zero, score the entire standard zero. Score:	•Selected standard <u>clearly applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	•Selected standard <u>vaguely applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	(Zero Score for entire standard) •Selected standard does not apply to project detailed in application.
	•Described activity is completely and clearly related to selected standard (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	Described activity is <u>vaguely related</u> to selected standard (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points. Provided description vaguely	•Described activity is not related to selected standard.
	•Provided description clearly demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 2).	demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 1.9 - 1 pts).	

Any Pathway: Standard B2 If bullet 1 or 2 is zero, score the entire standard zero. Score:	3 to 2	1.5 to 0.5	0
	•Selected standard <u>clearly applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	•Selected standard <u>vaguely applies</u> to project detailed in application (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points.	(Zero Score for entire standard) •Selected standard does not apply to project detailed in application.
	Described activity is completely and clearly related to selected standard (max 0.5). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points. Provided description clearly demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 2).	Described activity is <u>vaguely related</u> to selected standard (max 0). If standard doesn't apply -> click 0 points. Provided description vaguely demonstrates applicant performing standard (max 1.9 - 1 pts).	or •Described activity is not related to selected standard.
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