**December CDE Update Dennis Bjorklund**

**U of MN FFA Fall Invitational- October 13, 2021:** Invoices from the University have been sent out to each school. Numbers were about 50% of what they were two years ago but we had some in person competitions.

**U of MN FFA Winter Invitational-** We will hold virtual CDEs the week of December 13-17. **Cost will be $5.00 per individual.** Fish & Wildlife, Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, and SAVS. You may compete any day that week but your team should compete at the same time for each competition. Your school can compete in a CDE on different days. There is no limit on the number of individuals that may compete in each CDE from your chapter. A signup google sheet to register your teams is attached. **Registration deadline is December 10, 2021**. Region 4 will use SAVS as their state qualifier on Dec. 16. Their materials will be sent out that morning, all other materials will be sent out on Monday the 13th.

We will hold two individual LDEs (creed and public speaking) virtually. Tapes are due at 4:00 on December 17, 2021. Judge’s comments will be emailed to each student’s advisor after they have been scored. Advisors will be sent the creed questions to ask their students during their presentation. Advisors may ask public speakers 3 questions about the speech during their presentation. We will not offer Parli or COCM team LDEs or Extemp. and Employment Skills individual LDEs this year.

**2022 MN FFA Convention- April 24-26, 2022**: We are working on having a great convention. Hopefully, COVID will be in the rear view mirror. Horse Expo moved to before Easter so that will not be a conflict. I have contacted MSF and Pipefitters (Ag Mech) about using their facilities. We are not sure how much (if any) space will be available at CECC. Career Fair can use the Coliseum concourse like we had planned on two years ago. I am working on updating the CDE teacher chairs, If any Regions have changes, let me know.

I have the regional qualifier materials for Dairy and Livestock team activities and the Farm Management exam and problem. I can sent them to the person in charge of your region CDE a few weeks before your competition.

**The CDE Rules have been updated.** [**https://cde.ffa.umn.edu/**](https://cde.ffa.umn.edu/) **Any new CDE updates will be found there.**

**Ag Mech- Machine- Skid steer Model- L228 New Holland** The operator’s manual is online..

**Ag Sales- 2022 Item: Rapala Fishing Lures**  I have had some questions on the sales presentation. The lure information sheet is online. The scenario will tell the students what method of fishing they are planning on using and the type of fish they are fishing for. The salesman should sell the lure that is the best to use. Just like buying a car, color of the lure is a personal preference and should not affect the choice of the lure that is selected.

**Crops- Exam:** Corn & Oats; **Practicums:** Pesticides, Fertilizer, Variety Trials

**Farm Business Management- Practicum-** Hog and Crop Farm

**Fish & Wildlife**- **2022 Current Issue: Wildlife Diseases - A list of diseases is in the rules.**

**Floriculture- Practicum: Floral** Arrangements Could use questions about corsages.

**Food Science- Regions must determine their qualifiers by the end of January. 18 team semifinal February 8, 2022. 6 team final March 2, 2022**

**Forestry- Practicums:** Compass/GPS Course, Forest Business Management, Map Interpretation

**Horse- Individual Activity:** Horse Knowledge- Breeds, colors, markings ID.

**Livestock- Team Activity-** Beef

**Nursery/Landscape- Practicums-** Determine necessary soil amounts for potting, Calculate materials for patio and sidewalks using paver and keystone systems.

**SAVS- Practicum #1 Anatomy-** Skeletal, reproductive & external anatomy **Practicum #2 Vet Science problem solving-** Tools and equipment . **Practicum #3 Small animal problem solving-** Math applications: Animal/Personal, Patient