

California Agricultural Teachers Association

“A Growing Tradition”

Dear Agriculture Teachers,

As part of our continued effort to ensure that our curricular activities remain current, relevant, and aligned with agricultural education, industry practices, and the needs of our students, the Operations Division is now accepting Curricular Code Change Proposals for this year’s open rotation areas. All proposals must be submitted by June 1, 2026.

The curricular code change proposal process provides CATA members with a formal opportunity to recommend revisions, clarifications, and improvements to the rules, procedures, and structure that guide our Career Development Events, Leadership Development Events, and related curricular code activities. This process is essential in maintaining activities that are educationally sound, clearly written, equitable for all participants, and reflective of both current classroom instruction and industry expectations.

This year, we are also piloting a new method for submitting Curricular Code Change Proposals through Cognito Forms. It is our hope that this updated process will improve organization, streamline submissions, and make it easier to collect the information and signatures necessary for proper review.

Proposal submissions may be completed at:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CaliforniaFFAAssociation/CATACurricularCodeChangeProposal>

The following contests on List A will be up for review this year

- Agricultural Communications
- Agriscience Fair
- Best Informed Greenhand
- Citrus
- Creed Recitation
- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Farm Power & Machinery
- Forestry
- Fruit Tree Judging
- Impromptu Public Speaking
- Livestock Judging
- Marketing
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Poultry Judging
- General Rules
- Agricultural Education
- Equipment Technician
- Rabbit/Cavy Evaluation

If a contest is not currently on this year’s rotation list, it can be opened out of rotation. In such cases, a representative must be present at the Governing Board meeting prior to Summer Conference to provide justification for why that contest or activity should be opened.

As you prepare a proposal change, please review the current curricular code carefully and ensure that all proposed revisions are clearly identified. If your proposal requires a Host Site Contest Coordinator signature, please allow adequate time to secure that approval before the submission deadline.

Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthening our Career Development Events, Leadership Development Events, throughout our state. Your professional input plays an important role in ensuring these opportunities remain meaningful, rigorous, and relevant for the students we serve.



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