**Career Development Events (CDE) Teams**

**What is a CDE?**

* CDEs build on what is learned in agricultural classes and the FFA. The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture.

**Important** **Dates**:

Area CDE: 4/17 @ Tarleton

State CDEs: Location and Date subject to contest

\*Potentially more to follow, as these contests are during the spring semester

**Livestock Judging**

* Classify livestock as “keep” or “cull” for market and breeding purposes based on physical characteristics and records

**Marketing** **Plan**

* Develop and present a marketing plan for a current agricultural product, supply or service

**Milk**/**Dairy** **Foods**

* Demonstrate their knowledge about the quality production, processing, distribution, promotion and marketing of milk and dairy foods

**Nursery**/**Landscape**

* Test students’ skills in aspects of maintaining landscape plants and related products, evaluating equipment and services, and landscape design

**Poultry**

* Test students’ skills in the production, processing, and marketing of chickens, turkeys, processed poultry products and eggs

**Tractor** **Tech**

* Appraise components and parts of tractors and agricultural implements and make recommendations for services needed and not needed, complete a written exam, and students will compete in locating and correcting five deliberately placed malfunctions in diesel fueled tractors and safely navigate the repaired tractor through a driving course

**Vet** **Tech**

* Provides opportunities for participants to develop technical knowledge and demonstrate practical skills in the field of veterinary science

**Wool Judging**

* Evaluate fleeces for fineness, length and yield, rank fleeces within a group and give reasons for their placing of those classes

**Ag Communications**

* Prepares students for careers in journalism, radio and television broadcast, web design, marketing and more

**Ag Sales**

* Students demonstrate skills in customer relations, advertising and promotion and merchandise displays

**Ag** **Mechanics**

* Helps students develop their technical skills and knowledge and their ability to work with others to solve complex problems

**Agronomy**

* Possess an in-depth knowledge of seeds, insects, soils and crops, while also demonstrate skills in solving complex problems related to crop production

**Cotton** **Judging**

* Team members evaluate 50 cotton samples and class each sample as to color grade and leaf grade

**Farm** **Business** **Mgmt**.

* Helps students learn business skills and apply economic principles to agricultural businesses

**Floriculture**

* Requires students to identify plants, judge flower arrangements and solve problems, while also demonstrate skills in flower arranging, propagation and the preparation of floral and foliage products for sale

**Horse** **Judging**

* Students evaluate and rank horses based on breed characteristics, conformation and performance, and as a team, students cooperatively solve problems related to equine selection, management, nutrition and production