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## FOREWORD

The State Agriculture/FFA Leadership Career Development Events are planned and conducted to motivate students to learn more about the industry of agriculture. Each state event is designed to assess student knowledge and skills in a particular subject area and to recognize students who demonstrate superior achievement.

Each of the state Career Development Events is intended to reflect a portion of the curricula that is taught in secondary agriculture courses throughout the state. Therefore, Career Development Events may be used as a motivational approach to encourage student learning.

This Career Development Events Handbook has been produced to assist teachers in preparing students to participate in the State Agriculture/FFA Leadership Career Development Events. Please review the guidelines and materials carefully.

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