

SASES Agronomic Issues Contest Participant Guidelines

Presentations will be judged based on the following criteria:

Introduction/Agronomic Issue Overview (20 points):

- What is the issue? Who does it impact (scope/location)?
- Why is this a concern?
 - o Can you give any data to help support the need to find a solution to the problem?

Addressing the Issue (30 points):

- What other solutions have been proposed to solve this issue?
- What is your solution?
 - o Give both a short-term and long-term solution, and how this may impact the agricultural industry
- What are the potential benefits of this solution?
- What might prevent the solution from being successful? Potential pitfalls?

Conclusion (15 points):

- Restate the need for a solution to the issue & provide a strong summary and closing statement.
- The goal for the conclusion is to leave a lasting impact on the judges. They should be able to remember your issue and recognize the impact of your solution.

Questions (15 points):

- Judges may ask clarifying questions to gain perspective on the quality of work, effort, and research performed on the issue.
- Judges will give a score based on how effectively questions were answered and apparent effort to find a solution.

Delivery (10 points):

- Does each member contribute to the presentation?
- Is the delivery effective? Is it persuasive? Is it conversational?
- Has the presentation been properly prepared? (No notes or flash cards used)

References (10 points):

- References included at the end of presentation that clearly show where data was obtained from.
- Any figures, pictures, charts, graphs, etc. use in the presentation should be cited as well.

Presentations may be up to, but no longer, than 5-7 minutes with an additional 3-5 minutes for questions. A 30-second grace period is permitted, and 1 point per second will be deducted for presentations under 4 minutes 30 seconds or over 7 minutes 30 seconds.