

# RICE FFA CDE TEAMS

## Ag Communications:

### ABOUT:

Teams consisting of four members participate in a simulated news conference, then use the information collected to complete practical problems including writing a news story and press release; preparing a radio broadcast; creating a three-page web site and developing a page layout. Participants also complete a written communications quiz and an editing exercise.

## Cotton:

### ABOUT:

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

## Dairy Cattle Evaluation:

### ABOUT:

Team members complete a written exam, evaluate dairy cattle on physical characteristics, and analyze cows based on pedigree and herd record. Teams consist of three or four members and the top three scores are compiled for team results.

## Farm Business Management:

### ABOUT:

Management skills and economic principles are applied to agriculture and agribusiness situations as team members complete a written exam and solve farm analysis problems.

## **Horse Evaluation:**

### **ABOUT:**

Team members observe and evaluate in order to rank horses based on breed characteristics and conformation. Performance classes are evaluated within various equestrian styles. American Quarter Horse standards are used in performance classes. Three or four member teams with the top three scores counting toward team score.

## **Livestock Evaluation:**

### **ABOUT:**

Beef cattle, sheep, and swine are evaluated for market values and desirable physical traits. Team members also rank livestock for breeding purposes, using observed physical characteristics and performance data.

## **Nursery/Landscape:**

### **ABOUT:**

This CDE encourages members to apply their landscaping, marketing, and service skills as they complete a written exam, identify various landscaping plant materials, and evaluate plant materials and landscape plans.