

2026 Practicum Areas – Horticultural Expo Career Development Events

2026 FLORICULTURE CDE AND PRACTICUM AREAS

- **Requires a four (4) member team.**
- **Attire** - Official Dress
- **Identification of Plant Materials and Equipment – 200 points**
 - 40 plant specimens to be identified from the Plant ID, Equipment, and Disorders lists in the current 2026 New Jersey FFA CDE Handbook
- **General Knowledge & Problem Solving Exam – 175 points**
 - 30 General knowledge questions plus 5 problem solving questions will be combined into one exam.
- **One Annual Practicum (worth 100 points)**
 - Growing Procedures
 - Retail Pricing
- **One Rotational Practicums from the following selection (each area is worth 75 points)**
 - Selling One-on-One
 - Make a Mixed Planter Combination
 - Greenhouse Maintenance and Management Practices
- **Team Activity – 200 points**
 - Each team will perform an assignment routinely performed in some phase of the floriculture industry that requires teamwork. The type of assignment that may be used in this phase of the event include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Create a floral product display.
 - Prepare floral products for an event.
 - Prepare and display plant material found in a garden center.
- **Notes**
 - Students need to bring the following materials with them for the event:
 - Non-programmable Calculator (cell phone calculators are not permitted)
 - Clipboard
 - Two No. 2 Pencils
 - Floral tools (wire cutters, floral cutters/clippers, ribbon shears, floral knife)
 - Students may also bring an apron, and/or a tool belt and towels.

Participants are not allowed to share or swap tools (calculators, scissors, wire cutters, etc.) with teammates or other participants.

2026 NURSERY LANDSCAPE CDE AND PRACTICUM AREAS

- **Requires a four (4) member team.**
- **Attire** – Travel Official Dress (see handbook for explanation)
- **Identification of Plants, Pests, Disorders, Beneficial Insects – 140 points**
 - 25 specimens to be identified from the identification lists in the current 2026 New Jersey FFA CDE Handbook
- **General Knowledge Exam – 150 points**
 - Fifty questions
- **Landscape Estimating – 100 points**
 - A landscape drawing will be provided and students will be asked to answer multiple choice questions relating to the design.
- **One Practicum – 50 points**

One of the following will be conducted

 - Verbal Customer Assistance
 - Nursery Propagation or Potting

- **Team Activity – 100 points**
 - Teams will complete three of the Team Skills Challenges listed in the current 2026 New Jersey FFA CDE Handbook.
- **Notes**
 - Components of the event will be outside rain or shine. Make sure students are prepared for the weather.
 - Students need to bring the following materials with them for the event:
 - Non-programmable Calculator (cell phone calculators are not permitted)
 - Clipboard
 - Two No. 2 Pencils
 - Scale (architect and engineer)
 - Hand trowel
 - Hand pruners

Participants are not allowed to share or swap tools (calculators, scale, hand pruners, etc.) with teammates or other participants.

PLEASE NOTE

All events will be using the updated 2026 New Jersey FFA Career Development Event rules, identification lists, score cards, etc. located on the State Activity Guide.

https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/activity/index.html

Visit the National FFA Website for the updated National FFA CDE Handbook.

<https://www.ffa.org/participate/cde-lde/>