



Participation in Leadership Events Hit Record High

Participation in Texas FFA Leadership Career Development Events surged to record levels in 2015. This year 904 of the state's 1,043 local chapters had at least one entry at the district level. The 86.67% statewide participation rate is a high mark for the organization since it began tracking participation data in 2000.

Eleven of the state's 57 FFA districts, nearly one-fifth, reported that 100% of their chapters fielded at least one entry. Area I reported the highest rate of chapter participation with 93.55% of its chapters engaging in fall leadership competitions.

Top Districts Participation %		
Rank	Area-District	% Part.
1	Area I-Littlefield	100.00
1	Area II-Double Mountain	100.00
1	Area II-El Rancho	100.00
1	Area II-Lone Wolf	100.00
1	Area III-District 5	100.00
1	Area III-District 7	100.00
1	Area IV-Big Country	100.00
1	Area IV-Wichita	100.00
1	Area VII-Cen-Tex	100.00
1	Area VII-Guadalupe	100.00
1	Area VII-Hill	100.00

Percent Participation-Area Rank				
Area	2015	2014	+/- %	Rank
Area I*	93.55	93.41	0.14	1
Area II*	88.89	84.15	4.74	4
Area III*	85.45	84.34	1.12	7
Area IV*	92.00	92.00	0.00	2
Area V*	91.97	87.02	4.95	3
Area VI*	83.70	85.87	-2.17	9
Area VII*	86.79	83.02	3.77	6
Area VIII*	87.50	81.55	5.95	5
Area IX*	83.91	84.09	-0.18	8
Area X	73.79	75.96	-2.18	10

* Meets state goal of 80%

Six thousand and seventeen entries were fielded statewide, an all-time record. Nine of 13 events recorded all-time high marks: Greenhand FFA Quiz, Greenhand Agricultural Skills Demonstration, Senior Agricultural Quiz, Senior Agricultural Skills Demonstration, Senior Chapter Conducting, Job Interview, FFA Broadcasting, Public Relations and Agricultural Advocacy all hit all-time record participation.

Annual Statewide Events							
Contest	2015	2014	"=/- %	10yr avg	" +/- avg	High	Year
Greenhand Creed	686	664	3.31	626.7	59.27	703	2013
Greenhand Quiz	613	585	4.79	528.3	84.73	613	2015
GH Chapter Cond.	261	250	4.40	246.8	14.18	270	2004
Greenhand Skills	268	250	7.20	223.3	44.73	268	2015
Senior Creed	760	733	3.68	690.5	69.45	791	2013
Senior Quiz	725	669	8.37	589.5	135.55	725	2015
Sr. Chapter Cond.	272	260	4.62	243.5	28.45	272	2015
Senior Skills	360	334	7.78	312.2	47.82	360	2015
Agri. Issues Forum	167	173	-3.47	157.9	9.09	181	2011
Public Relations	403	343	17.49	299.2	103.82	403	2015
Job Interview	551	496	11.09	447.8	103.18	551	2015
FFA Broadcasting	685	647	5.87	610.5	74.55	685	2015
Ag Advocacy	266	233	14.16	0.0	266.00	266	2015
Total Entries	6017	5637	6.74	5056.5	19.00	6017	2015

Results of the State Leadership Career Development Events hosted by Sam Houston State University are posted on judgingcard.com. There you will find the final results along with heat results.

Congratulations to all who remained committed to excellence in leadership skill development and fielded teams this fall. As always, Thank you to the faculty and students at Sam Houston State University for the fine work that they do and have done continuously since these types of events were first hosted in Huntsville in 1931, with the exception of a break from 1942-47 created by World War II. Also, thank you to all who volunteered to judge these events.

State Leadership Development Events Historical Data

Texas FFA began tracking statewide participation in 2000. The table below provides a snapshot of the last ten years. While Leadership Development Events do not provide the hands-on laboratory of a local program of activities, they do provide opportunity to build vital communication, parliamentary and teamwork skills which have historically been a hallmark of the program.

Contest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10 YR AVG	10-YR HIGH
GH Creed	573	565	595	603	636	612	611	646	703	664	686	626.7	703
GH Quiz	467	468	480	510	507	530	525	533	593	585	613	528.3	613
GH Chapter Cond.	243	235	233	233	261	242	236	251	270	250	261	246.8	270
GH Skills	186	182	201	194	219	232	241	231	252	250	268	223.3	268
Sr. Creed	634	628	640	659	694	700	679	678	791	733	760	690.5	791
Sr. Quiz	477	508	515	547	556	588	608	605	686	669	725	589.5	725
Sr. Chapter Cond.	231	229	226	232	231	242	249	247	260	260	272	243.5	272
Sr. Skills	270	264	260	261	297	340	345	345	358	334	360	312.2	360
Ag Issues Forum	154	154	147	139	129	157	181	176	160	173	167	157.9	181
Public Relations	273	242	230	249	265	330	326	316	314	343	403	299.2	403
Job Interview	358	370	394	436	428	447	465	454	527	496	551	447.8	551
Radio Broadcast	544	545	574	591	626	621	611	596	675	647	685	610.5	685
Ag Advocacy								75	216	233	266	197.5	266
Total Entries	4410	4390	4495	4654	4849	5041	5077	5078	5805	5805	6017	5056.5	6017
% Participation	77.26	80.10	77.23	81.07	84.07	85.04	84.94	84.18	85.44	85.44	86.67	82.9	86.67

LDE Survey and 2016 Revision

A large group of dedicated individuals from across the state are working to address the current revision of Texas FFA Leadership Development Events. The revision for LDE events have been taking place this fall, and will continue as we finish the 2015-2016 school year. These changes will take effect for the 2016-2017 school year in Texas. The new rules will go into effect on the national level at the 2017 National FFA Convention and Expo. The goal of this revision is to allow teachers statewide to remain engaged, and offer valued feedback as we progress through this integral committee work. To achieve this, we will be posting minutes, initial revisions, and drafts online for public view throughout this process.

Please look for updates to come via email blast regarding your much needed input in the near future. To comment on the 2015 LDE season, please visit: <http://goo.gl/forms/yQH3QE2d9H> to complete the survey. This survey will help us understand more about overall experiences in this year's competition. Responses this year will be especially valuable when considering the current competitive events revision cycle. If you have questions about the survey or want to share more about your experience, email me at kaleigh@texasffa.org.