

**2009 National Collegiate Agricultural Education  
Quiz Bowl  
Rules and Guidelines  
Sponsored by ATA**

1. Any university with an agricultural education program may enter, whether or not they have an Alpha Tau Alpha chapter.
2. A team is to be composed of no more than four individuals.
3. All team members must be undergraduates.
4. There will be three categories of questions in the contest;
  1. Technical Agriculture: Questions in this category will cover the technical content agriculture teachers are expected to teach such as animal and poultry science, horticulture, agricultural mechanics, agricultural economics, forestry, agronomy, soil, food science, etc. Care should be taken to avoid questions of regional nature (i.e., range management, tobacco production). The National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will select one area of concentration (i.e., agricultural mechanics, renewable energy).
  2. Professional Education: Content taught in education, educational psychology and agricultural education courses are included in this category. Appropriate questions might focus on SAE, foundations of agricultural education, instructional technology, adult education, curriculum development, teaching methodology, special needs learners, the FFA as an instructional program, educational psychology, current educational trends and issues, and social foundations of education.
  3. Agricultural Education Organizations: Questions about the NAAE, ACTE, the Council, FFA Alumni, PAS, NYFEA, Alpha Tau Alpha, NFA and FFA are found in this category. Both current and historical questions are acceptable. The National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will select one area of concentration (i.e., FFA Alumni).
5. Each round of the contest will consist of 18 toss-up questions and 18 bonus questions. There will be six-toss up questions from each of the three categories and six bonus questions from each of the three categories.
6. Each toss-up question will be multiple choice with four possible choices. An example:

**Agricultural Education  
Toss Up Question**

The Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 required all students in vocational agriculture to have a supervised experience program for \_\_\_\_\_ months per year.

- A. 3
- B. 6\*\*\*
- C. 9
- D. 12

7. Each toss-up question is worth two (2) points. If a team attempts the toss-up question and misses there is one (1) point penalty.

8. The team that correctly answers the toss-up question will get a bonus question. Each bonus question will be an open-ended question with four responses. The open-ended responses could be list, identify, give examples, define, etc. An example:

List four major categories of SAE Programs.

Each bonus question will count up to four (4) points. One point will be awarded for each correct response to the four-part question. Only the team that answered the toss-up question can answer the bonus question. The team will have 10 seconds to confer before answering the bonus question. There is no penalty for incorrect answers. The bonus question should be generally related to the toss-up question.

9. If there is a tie at the end of a round, a toss-up question will be used to break the tie. Only the teams who are tied can answer the question.
10. The winning team from each round will advance to the final playoff round. There will be 3-4 teams per round. The number of teams will depend upon the total number of teams who enter the competition and the amount of time available.
11. The advisor (university teacher educator) of each team **MUST** email 9 toss-up questions (follow format in #6 above) and 9 bonus questions (follow format in #8 above) by **October 7, 2008** to the contest coordinator (lwestrom@umn.edu). Specifically send:
  - 3 technical agriculture toss-up questions (must be multiple choice with four responses)
  - 3 technical agriculture bonus questions (must contain 4 parts [see rule 8 above])
  - 3 professional education toss-up question (must be multiple choice with four responses)
  - 3 professional education bonus questions (must contain 4 parts [see rule 8 above])
  - 3 agricultural education organization toss-up questions (must be multiple choice with four responses)
  - 3 agricultural education bonus questions (must contain 4 parts [see rule 8 above])

**Remember:** Each bonus question should be generally related to the toss-up question.

These questions are to be in MS Word with no numbering. **These questions are not to be shared with students.** The questions will then be sealed in envelopes and will not be opened until the Quiz Bowl starts. **A TEAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IF THE ADVISOR DOES NOT PROVIDE QUESTIONS.**

12. The Second Vice-President of Alpha Tau Alpha will coordinate the contest.
13. The first place team will receive a plaque. The first and second place teams will receive checks for \$100.00 and \$50.00 respectively.