

January 20, 2010

Dear Agriscience Teachers and FFA Advisors:

**Greetings from the Crop & Soil Sciences Department
at Michigan State University!**

On Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. we will be hosting the 28th Annual 4-H and FFA Crop-O-Rama. Middle school and High school students from across the state participate in Crop-O-Rama. The Crop & Soil Sciences Department hosts five events of which the students may participate in one or all:

- Agronomic Quiz Bowl
- Soils Judging and Land Use
- Crop and Weed Identification
- Heroes in Agriculture
- Science in Agriculture Exhibits

Crop-O-Rama is a great way for students to gain exposure in these areas of agronomy as well as meet other students from FFA and 4-H programs in Michigan. *Pizza will be served during the presentation of awards.*

Enclosed you will find contest information and a registration form. The answers to all or most of the questions for Crop-O-Rama quiz bowl can be found in bulletins which have been saved as pdf files on the following website: <<http://www.css.msu.edu/cor/>>. This website is an excellent resource for the participating teams who want to do well. Registration deadline is March 4th, or have your name entered in the Early Bird Registration Raffle if you register by February 19th.

You may contact Deb Misiak via email at: <misiak@msu.edu> or via phone (517)-355-0271 ext. 1112 to verify your registration form(s) have been received. If you have any questions regarding the contest, please call Dr. Karen Renner (ext. 1233) or Dr. Kurt Thelen (ext. 1232). We urge you to bring your students to MSU for the 2010 Crop-O-Rama and look forward to your participation! Registrations can be submitted via email at <misiak@msu.edu> or via fax 517-353-3599.

Sincerely,

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Crop-O-Rama Raffle Drawings

***Early Bird Registration Deadline – February 19, 2010**

All registrations received on or before February 20th will have their names included in the raffle to win a prize.

***Sponsor a New Teacher Raffle**

Sponsor a new teacher and get your name entered for two raffle drawings for a CSS sweatshirt from the MSU Agronomy Club! Encourage a new teacher to come with 4 new students and participate in the fun activities and competitions of Crop-O-Rama!! (be sure to inform the registration desk if you qualify for this raffle).

28th Annual 4-H and FFA Crop-O-Rama
Agriculture and Natural Resources Week
Michigan State University

1. The Contests:

Agronomic Quiz Bowl
Soils Judging and Land Use
Crop and Weed Identification
Heroes in Agriculture
Science in Agriculture Exhibits

2. Who

1. Junior and Senior High students can participate (Grades 6-12).
2. Team composition: Agronomic Quiz Bowl 4 members
 Soils Judging 4 members
 Crop and Weed Identification 4 members

Grades 6-8 students can compete as individuals in all events EXCEPT Quiz Bowl.
Grades 9-12 students can compete as individuals in all events and as a team in all events.
Individuals who are not members of a team may compete in any contest EXCEPT the Quiz Bowl finals.

Students CAN compete in one or all of the contests.

- 3. When and Where:** Wednesday, March 10, 2010
 7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Plant & Soil Sciences Building
 MSU Campus

REGISTRATION will be in the East-West hallway, first floor of the Plant and Soil Sciences Building (North end of the building).

The schedule:

Registration	7:45 -8:30 a.m.
Crop and Weed Identification	8:15 -10:45 a.m.
Soils Judging and Land Use	8:15-10:45 a.m.
Heroes in Agriculture - speeches and skits	8:15-10:45 a.m.
Science in Agriculture Educational Exhibits	8:15 -10:00 a.m.
Quiz Bowl	8:15 -9:00 a.m. Grades 6-8 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Grades 9-12

Pizza/Pop Lunch & Award Presentations 11:15-12:30 p.m.

4. Rules

1. Contestants may enter more than one contest by budgeting their time between different contests which will be going on simultaneously between 8:15 a.m. – 11:30. Late arrivals please keep in mind that **competitions will not be started after 11:00 a.m.**, so plan accordingly.
2. The members of a team choose the contests in which they wish to compete. All members of the team must participate in the same contest except the Heroes in Agriculture contest and the Science in Agriculture exhibits where 1, 2 or 3 individuals can participate. Individual scores will be added together for a team score. Prizes will be given to the top three teams and the top three individuals in each contest in each of the two divisions.
3. In the event of a tie in any of the contests, a tiebreaker question will be asked.
4. All teams must register. Entry forms must be signed by County Extension personnel or a Vo-Ag Advisor and mailed or faxed to the address on the entry form by **March 4, 2010**.

Deadline for **CHANGES OR SUBSTITUTIONS** of team member(s) due to illness, etc. should be phoned in, emailed, or faxed **ON or BEFORE Monday, March 8th to: <msiak@msu.edu>, Fax#517- 353-5174, or leave voicemail message at Ph#517-355-0271 ext. 1112.**

5. There is no limit on the number of teams or individuals competing from each county or FFA chapter, except for the Quiz Bowl. Only one team per division from each county and one from each FFA chapter may compete in the Quiz Bowl Finals.
6. The Crop and Soils Committee's decision will be the final word on questions or areas not covered in these guidelines.

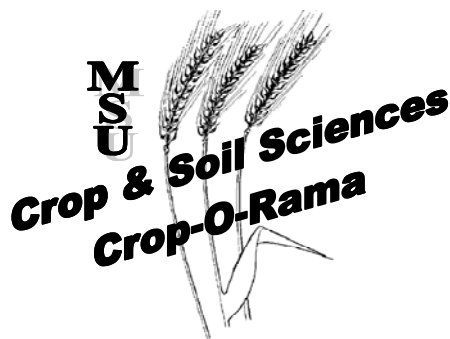
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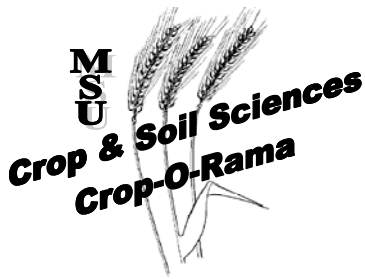
Questions about the rules or Crop-O-Rama itself can be addressed to:

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TEAM COMPETITORS
must be identified on entry form.
 Use lines or skip a row and number.
IF TEAMS ARE NOT NOTED, WE WILL
SELECT TEAMS by list order
 (i.e. #1-#4 are a team).
 List individual competitors at the end.

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February 19, 2010

2010 ENTRY FORM
 Individual and Team Participants
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

County or FFA Chapter: _____
 Advisor/Coach Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

<i>Teams based on Grades 6-8 and 9-12 (Please check all that apply)</i>		Agronomic Quiz Bowl	Soil Judging & Land Use	Crop & Weed ID	Heroes in Agriculture Speech & Essay Contest	Science in Agriculture Educational Exhibits <i>Please check box below. If more than 1 person per exhibit list name of other(s).</i>		
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 SIGNATURE (AUTHORIZING AGENT/VO-AG ADVISOR)

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