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Chapter 1. General

§101. Introduction

A. The Educational Framework for Louisiana's Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA Program is an effort to restructure this program for the 21st century. This framework is based on the conviction that all students deserve and must have more productive and fulfilling lives through the application of agricultural, scientific, mathematical, language arts, FFA leadership activities, knowledge, ideas and processes. This conviction is a vision of great hope and optimism for the future of our graduates, one that can act as a powerful unifying force.

B. Setting goals and developing state standards to meet them are key strategies in the agriscience/agribusiness/FFA program. Support for educational frameworks in Louisiana originated in the 1980s when the National Governors Association sanctioned national education goals. Other events of key importance that laid the groundwork for these standards include:

1. A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform (1983)¹;
2. Understanding Agriculture: New Directions for Education (1988)²;
3. Agricultural Education for the Year 2020 (1996-98)³;
4. several projects that developed innovative agriscience curricula during the past decade;
5. ongoing legislation and restructuring projects, such as the Southern Region Education Board's High Schools that Work Project and the School to Career legislation, mandate that curricular change in vocational, science, mathematics and other educational areas must occur.

C. These events have led to a strong conviction on the part of the agriscience/agribusiness/FFA community that continued reevaluation of the program and appropriate changes based on this reevaluation are required. A critical aspect of this reevaluation includes an assessment of the extent to which the agriscience/agribusiness instructional program and FFA career development events have implemented the changes called for in national educational reform efforts as shown in Table 1.

1. Table 1. Changes Called for by National Education Reform Efforts

Less Emphasis On	More Emphasis On
Learning about agriculture by lecture and reading	Learning agriculture and science through investigation and inquiry including laboratory and site-based learning
Separation of agricultural and science disciplines	Integration of agriculture and science disciplines
Separation of theory and practice	Integration of theory and practice
Individual learning	Collaborative learning
Fragmented, one-shot planning	Long-term, objectives-based planning
Teacher as expert	Teacher as intellectual, reflective facilitator of learning
Teacher as consumer of knowledge about teaching	Teacher as producer of knowledge about teaching
Teacher as follower in curriculum development	Teacher as primary curriculum developer
Teacher as an individual based in an agriscience program	Teacher as a member of a collaborative, professional education community
Teacher as target of change	Teacher as source and facilitator of change
Content/skills and learning are the responsibility of the teacher	Content/skills and learning are the collaborative responsibility of the teacher and students

D. Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA educators have traditionally been strong proponents of the approach described in the right column. This project has allowed these educators to reevaluate how well they have implemented these concepts and to identify those course adjustments that are needed.

E. Regardless of our occupation, agricultural production, processing, and distribution are critical to the very existence of the American standard of living as we know it. All Americans should be equipped with a basic understanding of the American and global agricultural systems. This foundation is critical as they become involved in citizenship responsibilities such as voting and policy development, especially in a time of expanding environmental and biotechnological concerns.

F. Approximately 20 percent of all graduates will pursue careers in agriculturally related occupations and two percent of high school graduates will be directly involved in the production of agricultural products. For these students, it is imperative that they study in a high school curriculum that makes them aware of and prepares them for careers in these agricultural occupations. High school agriscience education curricula must equip students with fundamental and advanced agricultural knowledge and skills, including technology, leadership, and career development.

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²Published by the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, Board on Agriculture

³Project currently underway

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§103. Louisiana Content Standards Foundation Skills

A. The Louisiana Content Standards Task Force has developed the following foundation skills, which should apply to all students in all disciplines.

1. Communication—a process by which information is exchanged and a concept of "meaning" is created and shared between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior. Students should be able to communicate clearly, fluently, strategically, technologically, critically, and creatively in society and in a variety of workplaces. This process can best be accomplished through use of the following skills: reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and visually representing.

2. Problem Solving—the identifying of an obstacle or challenge and the application of knowledge and thinking processes which include reasoning, decision making, and inquiry in order to reach a solution using multiple pathways, even when no routine path is apparent.

3. Resource Access and Utilization—the process of identifying, locating, selecting, and using resource tools to help in analyzing, synthesizing, and communicating information. The identification and employment of appropriate tools, techniques, and technologies are essential in all learning processes. These resource tools include pen, pencil, and paper; audio/video material; word processors; computers; interactive devices; telecommunication; and other emerging technologies.

4. Linking and Generating Knowledge: The effective use of cognitive processes to generate and link knowledge across the disciplines and in a variety of contexts. In order to engage in the principle of continued improvement, students must be able to transfer and elaborate on these processes. *Transfer* refers to the ability to apply a strategy or content knowledge effectively in a setting or context other than that in which it was originally learned. *Elaboration* refers to monitoring, adjusting, and expanding strategies into other contexts.

5. Citizenship—the application of the understanding of the ideals, rights, and responsibilities of active participation in a democratic republic that includes working respectfully and productively together for the benefit of the individual and the community; being accountable for one's choices and actions and understanding their impact on oneself and others; knowing one's civil, constitutional, and statutory rights; and mentoring others to be productive citizens and lifelong learners.

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§105. Information Literacy Model for Lifelong Learning

A. Students must become competent and independent users of information to be productive citizens of the 21st century. They must be prepared to live in an information-rich and changing global society. Due to the rapid growth of technology, the amount of information available is accelerating so quickly that teachers are no longer able to impart a complete knowledge base in a subject area. In addition, students entering the workforce must know how to access information, solve problems, make decisions, and work as a part of a team. Therefore, information literacy, the ability to recognize an information need, and then locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information, is a basic skill essential to the 21st century workplace and home. Information literate students are self-directed learners who, individually or collaboratively, use information responsibly to create quality products and to be productive citizens. Information literacy skills must not be taught in isolation; they must be integrated across all content areas, utilizing fully the resources of the classroom, the school library media center, and the community. The Information Literacy Model for Lifelong Learning is a framework that teachers at all levels can apply to help students become independent lifelong learners.

1. Defining/Focusing—the first task is to recognize that an information need exists. Students make preliminary decisions about the type of information needed based on prior knowledge.

2. Selecting Tools and Resources—after students decide what information is needed, they then develop search strategies for locating and accessing appropriate, relevant sources in the school library media center, community libraries and agencies, resource people, and others as appropriate.

3. Extracting and Recording—students examine the resources for readability, currency, usefulness, and bias. This task involves skimming or listening for key words, "chunking" reading, finding main ideas, and taking notes.

4. Processing Information—after recording information, students must examine and evaluate the data in order to utilize the information retrieved. Students must interact with the information by categorizing, analyzing, evaluating, and comparing for bias, inadequacies, omissions, errors, and value judgments. Based on their findings, they either move on to the next step or do additional research.

5. Organizing Information—students effectively sort, manipulate, and organize the information that was retrieved. They make decisions on how to use and communicate their findings.

6. Presenting Findings—students apply and communicate what they have learned (e.g., research report, project, illustration, dramatization, portfolio, book, book report, map, oral/audiovisual presentation, game, bibliography, hyper stack).

7. Evaluating Efforts—throughout the information problem-solving process, students evaluate their efforts. This process assists students in determining the effectiveness of the research process. The final product may be evaluated by the teacher and also other qualified or interested resource persons.

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§107. Mission Statement for Agriscience /Agribusiness/FFA

A. The Mission of the Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA Program Education is to prepare and support individuals for careers; build awareness of and develop leadership for the food, fiber and natural resource systems; and to sustain the viability of earth and people through education in agriculture. We value and desire to achieve this mission by:

1. providing instruction in and about agriscience, food and natural resource systems;
2. serving all populations;
3. developing the whole person;
4. responding to the needs of the economic and educational marketplace;
5. advocating free enterprise and entrepreneurship education;
6. functioning as a part of the total educational system;
7. connecting classroom and laboratory instruction with real-world life and career experiences; and
8. utilizing a proven educational process which includes:
 - a. formal instruction in classrooms and laboratories;
 - b. site-based, experiential learning in supervised agricultural experience programs; and
 - c. leadership and personal development thru the FFA.

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§109. Agricultural Education Commission

A. Functions. The function of an advisory council is to advise the board, directly or through its committees, in the discharge of policymaking, supervisory control, and

budgetary duties and responsibilities. Specific functions of an advisory council are determined by the establishing statute or policy. Advisory councils deal exclusively with matters referred by the board or the LDE. Matters referred to advisory councils include external input regarding funding decisions, policy matters reviewed for local impact, bulletin revisions containing policies or supervisory controls, and matters particular to a council for which it was created. The LDE staff provides the board with a statewide and nationwide perspective on certain issues, while advisory councils respond from a local or community perspective.

B. Composition. Unless otherwise provided by state or federal law, each advisory council of the board is created by board policy. The policy determines the size of the council membership; the appointing authority; the persons, organizations, affiliations, or interest groups to be represented on a council; and the length of term.

C. Agricultural Education Commission (AEC) Established

1. Authority per R.S. 17:185.4 and BESE policy.

2. Function and Responsibilities:

a. Program Evaluation. Assist the state superintendent of education in the ongoing evaluation of agricultural education programs in elementary and secondary schools.

b. State Plan Review. Review the state action plan for agricultural education and provide recommendations to BESE regarding revisions to policy or curricula necessary for state agricultural education programs and initiatives to remain responsive to the needs of students and the agricultural community.

c. Delivery System. Continually review the state agricultural education delivery system to provide guidance and recommendations to the LDE regarding content standards, curricula, agriculture focused IBCs, educator professional development, and strategies to promote agricultural literacy and student awareness of educational and career opportunities in agricultural fields.

d. Facilitate the development of partnerships and collaboration with agriculture-based industries and stakeholders.

e. Provide guidance and support toward the development and establishment of agriculture immersion programs in elementary and secondary schools that allow students to master an understanding of the importance of agriculture, related fields, and occupations to the state, nation, and world.

3. The membership of the AEC shall consist of 17 ex-officio representatives from K-12 and postsecondary education, state agencies, and organizations related to agriculture, and agriculture education, or a designee, as follows:

- a. state superintendent of education.
- b. commissioner of higher education.

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- c. Louisiana Community and Technical College System, president.
- d. LSU College of Agriculture, vice-president.
- e. Southern University Agricultural Center, chancellor.
- f. Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, director.
- g. Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, commissioner.
- h. Louisiana Agriscience Teachers Association, president.
- i. Louisiana FFA, president.
- j. Louisiana FFA, state executive director.
- k. Louisiana 4-H Foundation, chairman of the board of trustees.
- l. Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, president.
- m. Louisiana Department of Economic Development, secretary.
- n. Louisiana Workforce Commission, secretary.
- o. Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, president.
- p. Louisiana Association of Educators, president.
- q. Louisiana Federation of Teachers, president.

D. General Membership Information

1. Terms. Unless otherwise provided by state or federal law, persons appointed to the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the recommending authority. A commission member may be removed without cause by the appointing authority at any time. Appointees must maintain employment and qualifications appropriate to the organizational category represented. Upon retirement, employment in a different capacity, or otherwise failure to maintain eligibility requirements, the member shall become ineligible to continue to serve and shall be replaced.

2. Vacancies. A vacancy in an appointed position shall occur if an appointee, for any reason, is unable to serve the full extent the appointed term. Appointments to fill temporary vacancies shall be considered interim appointments. Interim appointments may be made by the superintendent of education or the BESE president.

3. Expenses. Members shall not be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses.

4. Proxy. Any person serving on an advisory council who cannot attend a scheduled meeting may designate a person to attend as the member proxy, contingent upon the consent of the appointing authority, and the council chair shall be notified.

5. Quorum. Unless otherwise provided, a quorum is a simple majority of the total membership. In the absence of a

quorum, the advisory council may take unofficial action, but minutes shall indicate that the recommendations are being presented without the required quorum. When known prior to an agenda being posted that a quorum is unlikely, the council chair shall be so notified and the meeting may be canceled.

6. Action/Quorum. Official commission action requires that matters submitted by motion are duly seconded. The chair states the motion and calls for discussion and public comment. All official actions of the group shall require the favorable vote of a simple majority of the members present. Proxies are not included for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

7. Voting. All voting shall be by voice vote, except when taken by roll call vote or when a member requests that his/her vote be recorded in the official record. A roll call vote shall be taken on any motion if requested by the chair. Roll call votes shall be taken alphabetically, except that the presiding officer or chair shall have the option of voting last or may exercise the right to refrain from voting. Proxies do not retain voting privileges.

8. Attendance Policy

a. Appointed members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of an advisory body. Unless otherwise provided, if a member is unable to attend a meeting, a request for an excused absence should be submitted to the council chair or the LDE staff liaison one week prior to the meeting. A proxy may be named by the appointed member to serve for a total of three meetings. A commission member shall be removed and the seat declared vacant if the member is no longer a legal resident of Louisiana, fails to remain active in or is no longer employed by the appointing organization or agency represented, or misses more than two meetings, unless excused prior to the meeting by the commission chair.

b. The appointing authority for each member shall be notified immediately following each scheduled meeting indicating the unexcused absence of the appointee. The notification should include:

- i. name of commission member and commission on which serving;
- ii. date of the meeting; and
- iii. board policy on attendance.

E. Chair

1. The AEC shall have one chairperson and one vice-chair annually nominated and voted upon by the membership at the first convening meeting of the fiscal year.

2. The appointed chair shall preside at all meetings of the AEC, shall perform such duties as may be required by the commission and shall be a voting member. The vice-chair shall serve in the absence of the chair.

F. Meetings

1. Advisory councils shall meet as scheduled in order to consider referrals from the board or the LDE. Special meetings shall be by direction of the board and emergency meetings may be called at the discretion of the executive director and LDE.

2. Regular meeting dates shall be scheduled to convene one year in advance and shall be determined by the executive director, LDE, or a designee of either. The commission shall schedule meetings upon the call of the chairperson, but not less than once quarterly.

3. Agendas of regularly scheduled commission meetings shall be distributed to the members by the LDE staff at least 7 calendar days in advance of a meeting. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Louisiana open meetings law R.S. 42:11 et seq. In the event that no items have been referred to an advisory council for consideration, there are no items pending on an advisory council agenda, and the LDE has no items to bring forward to the advisory council at least 10 days prior to a scheduled meeting, the meeting shall be cancelled, and the members shall be notified of the cancellation.

4. In accordance with R.S. 42:19, the agenda may be amended upon unanimous approval of the members present and subject to other provisions of the statute.

5. Except where listed herein, the business in advisory councils shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

6. Motions passed by an advisory council shall be made as a main motion and must be duly seconded. All motions must be voted upon and roll call votes may be requested by any of the membership in attendance at a meeting.

7. Requests from advisory councils for data or reports must be made in the form of a motion, requesting that the board direct the LDE or BESE staff to provide such information to the council making the request.

8. All meetings of advisory councils shall be considered official functions of the board to assist in the execution of board responsibilities and duties.

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Chapter 3. Components/Structure

The Teaching and Learning of Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA

§301. Nature of the Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA Program: What Is Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA

A. The mission stated above is accomplished by using a combination of experiential and inquiry-based learning in the classroom, laboratory, and community. All students in agriscience/agribusiness/FFA benefit from the emphasis on lifelong skills such as leadership and personal development, critical thinking, communications, teamwork, career

decision making, and citizenship. The Louisiana Content Standards Foundation Skills on page 3 and the Information Literacy Model on page 4 have been adopted by the Louisiana agriscience/agribusiness/FFA profession and have been incorporated into the teaching philosophy and processes used in Louisiana.

NOTE: From this point to the end of this document, "AgEd/FFA" will be used to denote the Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA Program.

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§303. Unifying Concepts and Processes

A. Students are taught decision-making skills and provided opportunities to take responsibility for significant events and projects in the AgEd/FFA program. These opportunities require hands-on, applied activities that address the student's individual development in several areas: career development, leadership skills, workplace readiness, safety awareness, business management and marketing, and group and organizational skills. These skills are based on concepts taught in academic subjects and students are taught to apply these concepts to life in the real world. Since agriculture is the application of science, providing science credit for AgEd/FFA serves the student's educational needs while also incorporating current trends in science education. AgEd/FFA also incorporates the applications approach for mathematics, language arts and communications, and other academic areas.

B. In addition to the integration with academic subjects, there is a broad spectrum of careers in agriculturally related fields. AgEd/FFA serves as a career path for those students who choose to enter agricultural occupations. AgEd/FFA courses, in tandem with appropriate academic and elective courses, prepare students to enter college, pursue post-secondary education, or enter the workforce upon graduation.

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§305. Instructional Issues

A. AgEd/FFA is not a classroom only subject. It is based on a constantly expanding knowledge base, evolving technology and other scientific advances, and emerging ethical issues both in the instructional environment and in agriculture. The AgEd/FFA program must meet student and community needs, and state leadership must provide for a wide range of local adaptation. It must be taught as an integral part of high school curricula, rather than as an isolated or stand-alone program.

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§307. Classroom/Laboratory/Site-Based Learning

A. AgEd/FFA is unique among educational programs in that its laboratory and site-based experiences are highly interrelated. For example, after classroom instruction on metal or wood construction techniques, materials, etc., students may perform metal or wood construction in a laboratory located at the school or they may perform the same task in a site-based experience. After classroom instruction on parliamentary law motions and procedures, students actually utilize these motions and procedures to conduct mock meetings using the classroom as a laboratory; then, students use parliamentary law to conduct the business of the school's FFA chapter. In both cases, depth of knowledge and skills is developed through a combination of classroom, laboratory, site-based experiences.

B. The program must allow the teacher to facilitate learning while continuing to integrate science, mathematics, and communication skills into the total program. Instruction should be coordinated with all high school courses and taught as an integral part of the total instructional experience for the student, rather than as an isolated program.

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§309. Technology, Materials, and Equipment

A. AgEd/FFA programs demand modern equipment, facilities, materials, and other technology that simulate the current environment in the workplace. The program must emphasize knowledge construction to solve problems via the problem-solving method traditionally used in AgEd/FFA, a method that has become popular in many other fields during the past few years. The problems used in this method must be realistic in nature and must require learners to determine the method of solving the problem as well as the actual application of the final solution. The instructional process must incorporate hands-on teaching, an approach that requires equipment, technology and materials similar to those used in the real-work world. Consumable supplies must be provided on a reliable, consistent basis.

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§311. FFA

A. The FFA is recognized as the finest student organization in the world. It is a co-curricular student organization that serves as an essential teaching tool in the AgEd/FFA program. FFA activities provide motivational, application-oriented opportunities for students to develop skills and demonstrate learning. Students are given the responsibility for running an FFA chapter. They learn critical

thinking skills, leadership, teamwork, communications, competition, ethics, and other critical-life skills through this process. FFA activities connect classroom learning with career-related, real-world experiences. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through AgEd/FFA.

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§313. Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP)

A. A very unique component of AgEd/FFA is the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP). This component is in addition to the classroom, laboratory and site-based experiences described above. Each student enrolled in AgEd/FFA is required to plan and conduct a SAEP. SAEP is a coordinated set of supervised individual experiences in an agricultural career area. Examples of SAEPs include employment in a farm, ranch, or agribusiness setting; individual production of livestock or crops; volunteer work with community organizations using agricultural skills; or developing entrepreneurial opportunities.

B. The SAEP allows the student to apply the knowledge and individualized skills learned in school-sponsored classroom, laboratory and site-based activities in their own situation. These experiences allow students to explore career areas, to develop career skills further, to develop self-confidence and a sense of responsibility and pride, to hone their personal decision-making skills, and to receive recognition for their achievements.

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§315. Depth of Knowledge/Skills

A. Many critics of American education point to the Japanese, German and other systems of education as being superior primarily because of the depth of learning that is common to those systems. AgEd/FFA has traditionally emphasized depth of knowledge and skills. For example, instead of just learning measurement, students use measurement skills in conjunction with other skills to construct realistic agricultural projects or facilities. Instead of just studying chemicals and their effects on plants, students select appropriate chemicals for specific problems or situations, calibrate equipment, and apply the chemical according to manufacturers' specifications. Instead of just learning business principles, students are involved in entrepreneurial SAEPs, develop a business plan, maintain records, and evaluate business success. These examples demonstrate the depth that exists in the AgEd/FFA program.

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Chapter 5. Assessment

§501. Purpose of Assessment

A. Assessment is the "process of collecting, synthesizing and interpreting information to aid in decision making" (Airasian, 1991)⁴. It is an important tool used to make decisions about educational quality and improvement. It is a key tool used by Louisiana Department of Education staff, members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and other stakeholders to make decisions about education policy and to ensure accountability. Assessment must guide the enhancement and improvement of AgEd/FFA and FFA.

⁴Airasian, P. (1991). *Classroom assessment*. New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 29:2643 (December 2003).

§503. Objectives Oriented Approach

A. One major error made by some professionals and stakeholders in the field of education is that they often fail to base assessment on valid, measurable instructional objectives. If everyone has not agreed what a program is supposed to produce from an instructional quantity and quality standpoint, then any assessment is futile. In the case of the AgEd/FFA strands described in this publication, assessment design becomes even more critical because each local program of AgEd/FFA must be based on student and local community needs rather than a state-wide mandated curriculum. As such, assessment of AgEd/FFA programs should be conducted based on local objectives.

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§505. Alternative Assessment

A. One initiative in education reform is the promotion of the use of alternative assessment in all areas of education. "Alternative assessment includes any type of assessment in which students create a response to a question rather than choose a response from a given list (e.g., multiple-choice, true-false, or matching). Alternative assessment can include short answer questions, essays, performances, oral presentations, demonstration, exhibitions, and portfolios."

⁵Regional Educational Laboratory Network Program on Science and Mathematics Alternative Assessment. (1994). A toolkit for professional developers: Alternative assessment, page 7.

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§507. Effective AgEd/FFA Program Assessment

A. The alternative assessment examples identified above match the instructional needs of AgEd/FFA programs and will continue to be used. However, a comprehensive, valid assessment of AgEd/FFA must include an assessment of all components of the program: classroom/laboratory/site-based instruction, supervised agriscience experience program, and FFA activities. This program cannot and should not be evaluated solely on written examinations or standardized test scores. However, AgEd/FFA students have consistently scored higher on all five portions of the Louisiana Assessment of Education Process (LEAP) tests than the general student population.⁶ Alternative methods such as portfolios, exhibitions, and skill performances, and career development events must be used. The Annual Report/Plan Louisiana Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA is one tool that should be used in assessing AgEd/FFA programs.

⁶Based on 1994-1996 data.

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§509. Need and Context for Restructuring AgEd/FFA

A. The world of agriculture and AgEd/FFA continues to grow more complex. We develop, disseminate and interpret more information in less time than ever before. Our curriculum development, teacher education, state supervision/coordination of AgEd/FFA activities, and local delivery systems must stretch to keep the pace. AgEd/FFA educators must keep pace as scientists add more information to the knowledge base, budgets grow tighter, and the use of technology increases the speed of business.

B. These rapid changes require new ways of thinking, working and interacting. Just as newer, more powerful software applications can overwhelm today's computer systems, the ever-accelerating rate of change can overwhelm our system of AgEd/FFA. From curriculum development and dissemination to teacher preparation and state supervision/coordination of AgEd/FFA activities, our people are overloaded. It is time to take a fresh look at these systems to meet current and future needs more effectively.

C. Tremendous change is occurring in our nation's schools and particularly in Louisiana. Alternative scheduling is one initiative that is dramatically affecting AgEd/FFA. AgEd/FFA programs need the flexibility to function within 4x4 blocks and other forms of alternative scheduling. The use of this Framework in developing local curricula provides this flexibility.

D. The Frameworks project was launched in an effort to address these fundamental issues. This project is a visioning

and planning initiative to develop a framework for 21st century education/FFA programs. This project, in collaboration with AgEd/FFA across the nation, is the first step in a multi-year effort to reinvent AgEd/FFA in the United States.

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Chapter 7. Purpose/Goals of the AgEd/FFA Framework Project

§701. Purpose/Goals

A. The purpose and goals of this project are to develop:

1. a master plan for developing the agricultural literacy and advanced career skills of Louisiana students as they progress through K-12 AgEd/FFA;

2. a master plan for AgEd/FFA based on Louisiana's needs;

3. a visionary document that will enable teachers, students, parents, administrators, and other stakeholders to envision the nature, purpose and role of AgEd/FFA in Louisiana schools;

4. a master plan that:

- a. provides substantial depth of content and skills;
- b. provides increased collaboration between teachers and students in instructional design;
- c. utilizes alternative assessment methodology (other than primarily written objective tests);
- d. describes the scope for AgEd/FFA;
- e. provides flexibility to teachers in selecting course content and activities based on local needs;
- f. prepares students for the 21st century;
- g. truly empowers teachers as leaders in the profession;
- h. reemphasizes science, mathematics, and communications content of AgEd/FFA curricula;
- i. emphasizes foundation skills developed by the Louisiana Content Foundation Skills Standards Task Force and by the Louisiana AgEd/FFA Framework Project Task Force:
 - i. communication;
 - ii. problem solving;
 - iii. resource access and utilization;
 - iv. linking and generating knowledge;
 - v. citizenship;
 - vi. leadership;

- vii. career development;
- viii. agricultural/occupational experience.

5. a master plan that recognizes that each AgEd/FFA program must be based on the needs of the students and local community. As such, not all AgEd/FFA programs will teach all benchmarks and identified benchmark components. Each AgEd/FFA educator must identify those benchmarks and benchmark components that are appropriate for their students and community.

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§703. Intended Audience

A. The Louisiana AgEd/FFA Framework is intended for a broad audience: AgEd/FFA teachers, K-12 teachers, parents, school and district administrators, school board members, policy makers, Louisiana Department of Education staff, college/university faculty/administrators, business/industry leaders, and government agency staff.

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§705. Intended Use

A. This Framework serves as a guide for curriculum and instruction and as a general reference to the basic principles of AgEd/FFA in Louisiana. It should be noted that the benchmarks and benchmark components taught should be based on the needs of the students and the community where the AgEd/FFA program is located. The intended uses of this Framework include the following:

1. for AgEd/FFA teachers to use in planning curriculum, instruction and assessment;
2. for K-12 teachers to use in identifying ways they can incorporate AgEd/FFA emphasis in their curricula;
3. for parents to use as a means of assessing the effectiveness of their children's AgEd/FFA;
4. for school and district administrators and school board members to use as a vision for AgEd/FFA and a basis for planning resource allocations, material purchases, local curriculum development, teachers' professional development, and facility construction;
5. for policy makers and state education staff as a basis for developing laws, policies, professional development activities/materials, assessment strategies, and funding priorities to support local program development;
6. for college/university faculty and administrators as a basis for the content and design of pre-service teacher education and in-service teacher development programs; and
7. for business/industry leaders and government agency staff as a basis for developing effective partnerships

for supporting AgEd/FFA programs and professional development.

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§707. Selected Terminology

Benchmark—broad labels that denote the process and content used as a reference to develop curriculum and assess student progress.

Benchmark Component—descriptions of the components of each benchmark.

Connecting Activities—activities that connect schools and workplaces. These "connecting activities" include:

1. coordinating classroom instruction and workplace experience so that the instructional program in school reinforces student’s work experiences and vice-versa;
2. providing regular communication, planning, and consultation between the student’s employer and the school;
3. forming permanent two-way links with the business and the school, communicating their expectations of what students should learn and be able to do, and then working as partners to help students achieve; and
4. creating links to the full range of post-secondary options, including college.

Classroom Learning—a combination of AgEd/FFA information and experiences provided in classrooms, laboratories, or community.

SAEP—supervised Agricultural Experience Program: an individualized student program of planned agricultural activities and occupational experiences that are supervised by the AgEd/FFA teacher. The SAEP may include placement, entrepreneurship or volunteerism experiences.

School to Work—joint business-educator-labor partnerships whereby local teams design a focused system that links a rigorous and challenging curriculum with serious work-based learning experiences for career-bound youth.

Strand—major division of instructional content.

Standard—umbrella goal for each strand.

Work-Based Experiences—the occupation specific component of SAEP. Includes those experiences resulting from enrollment in the Cooperative Agricultural Education (CAE), an out-of-school placement program; mentoring; or job shadowing components of the AgEd/FFA program.

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§709. How Individual Teachers Should Use these Rules

A. The Frameworks will serve AgEd/FFA policy makers and stakeholders and individual teachers as the foundation for the functional restructuring of AgEd/FFA curricula in Louisiana. The Framework outlines the content appropriate to be taught in Louisiana AgEd/FFA programs; local needs will determine what should be taught in local AgEd/FFA programs. Although teachers will be able to use this Framework to guide them in the restructuring of their curricula, this document does not contain specific performance criteria that are essential in AgEd/FFA. These specific assessment criteria must be developed on the local level.

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§711. Content Strands

A. Goal. The student will be able to communicate clearly and effectively, use knowledge and information efficiently, solve problems, demonstrate positive leadership, be creative and original, determine quality, work cooperatively with others, be prepared to make career choices and learn effectively throughout life through agricultural education. This goal will be accomplished by implementing the content strands and standards listed below.

Code	Content Strand	Standard
AL	Agricultural Literacy - K-12 ALL students will become aware of the characteristics and components of the food and fiber systems.	
PD	Personal Development	AgEd/FFA students will develop the necessary interpersonal and communication skills to obtain a job and work effectively and safely in an interactive work environment.
AB	Agribusiness	AgEd/FFA students will understand the concept of agricultural marketing, management, finance, and entrepreneurship.
BT	Biotechnology	AgEd/FFA students will be able to discuss basic concepts of biotechnology and be able to apply these concepts in written and laboratory activities.
AS	Animal Systems	AgEd/FFA students will understand the concepts and principles of animal science.
PS	Plant Systems	AgEd/FFA students will understand the concepts and principles of plant science.
EM	Environmental Management	AgEd/FFA students will develop an understanding of the interrelationship between people, agriculture and the environment.
AP	Agricultural Processing	AgEd/FFA students will understand processing and packaging of agricultural products.

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Code	Content Strand	Standard
AT	Agriscience Technology	AgEd/FFA students will demonstrate technical skills that reflect successful business and industry practices.

Special Note: The codes shown in the mathematics, science, and English language arts columns in the tables on the following pages were taken from the mathematics, science, and English language arts frameworks developed by the Louisiana Department of Education.

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§713. Agricultural Literacy K-12

A. Standard. All students will become aware of the characteristics and components of the food and fiber systems.

B. Focus. Agriculture is an important part of our state's economy from both product and employment perspectives. We depend on the agricultural system for survival and nourishment. Our citizens, both young and old, must be educated about the system that produces our abundant food supply. AgEd/FFA students will learn how food gets to their plates and the numerous biotechnological, economic, environmental, and monetary issues related to the global agricultural system.

C. AL - Agricultural Literacy Cross Reference

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Agricultural Awareness grades k-4	1. Discussing the history and industry of agriculture	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9 A1/2/3 M1/2/3/4/5 G1/5/6 D1/2/3 P1/2/3	PS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4, C3/4/6/7 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5/6 LS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4 ESS-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5/6 SE-A1/2/3/4/5	1-E1/2/5/6 2-E2/4/5 3-E3 4-E1/2/3/4/5/6/7 5-E1/2/3/4 6-E2 7-E1/2/4
		2. Exploring the animal kingdom as it relates to food and fiber	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9 A1/2/3 G1/5/6 D1/2/3 P1/2/3	PS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4, C3/4/6/7 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5/6 LS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4 ESS-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5/6 SE-A1/2/3/4/5	1-E1/2/5/6 2-E2/4/5 3-E3 4-E1/2/3/4/5/6/7 5-E1/2/3/4 6-E2 7-E1/2/4
		3. Exploring the plant kingdom as it relates to food and fiber	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9 A1/2/3/4 G1/5/6 D1/2/3 P1/2/3	PS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4, C3/4/6/7 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5/6 LS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4 ESS-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5/6 SE-A1/2/3/4/5	1-E1/2/5/6 2-E2/4/5 3-E3 4-E1/2/3/4/5/6/7 5-E1/2/3/4 6-E2 7-E1/2/4
		4. Exploring the food and fiber system of our everyday lives	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9 A1/2/3/4 G1/5/6 D1/2/3 P1/2/3	PS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4, C3/4/6/7 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5/6 LS-A1/2/3/4/5, B1/2/3/4 ESS-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5/6 SE-A1/2/3/4/5	1-E1/2/5/6 2-E2/4/5 3-E3 4-E1/2/3/4/5/6/7 5-E1/2/3/4 6-E2 7-E1/2/4
	B. Agricultural literacy grades 5-8	1. Explaining and analyzing the components of agriculture and the manner in which the industry affects our daily lives	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3/4/5 M1/2/3/4/6 G1/6/7 D1/2/3/6 P1/2/3/4	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, B1/2/3/4/5/6/7 PS-A1/5/6/8/9, B1/2/3/4/5, C1/2/3/5/6/7/8 LS-A1/2/3/4/5/7, B1/2/3, C1/2/3/4, D1/2 ESS-A4/5/8/10/11/12, B2/3 SE-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10	1-M1/2/3/4/5 2-M1/4/5 3-M3 4-M1/2/4/5/6 5-M1/2/6 6-M1/2 7-M1/2/4

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
		2. Understanding how science relates to agriculture	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3/4/5 M1/2/3/4/6 G1/6/7 D1/2/3/6 P1/2/3/4	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, B1/2/3/4/5/6/7 PS-A1/5/6/8/9, B1/2/3/4/5, C1/2/3/5/6/7/8 LS-A1/2/3/4/5/7, B1/2/3, C1/2/3/4, D1/2 ESS-A4/5/8/10/11/12, B2/3 SE-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10	1-M1/2/3/4/5 2-M1/4/5 3-M3 4-M1/2/4/5/6 5-M1/2/6 6-M1/2 7-M1/2/4
		3. Exploring animal and plant systems	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3/4/5 M1/2/3/4/6 G1/6/7 D1/2/3/6 P1/2/3/4	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, B1/2/3/4/5/6/7 PS-A1/5/6/8/9, B1/2/3/4/5, C1/2/3/5/6/7/8 LS-A1/2/3/4/5/7, B1/2/3, C1/2/3/4, D1/2 ESS-A4/5/8/10/11/12, B2/3 SE-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10	1-M1/2/3/4/5 2-M1/4/5 3-M3 4-M1/2/4/5/6 5-M1/2/6 6-M1/2 7-M1/2/4
		4. Exploring vocational skills of the agricultural industry as they relate to agricultural occupations	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3/4/5 M1/2/3/4/6 G1/6/7 D1/2/3/6 P1/2/3/4	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, B1/2/3/4/5/6/7 PS-A1/5/6/8/9, B1/2/3/4/5, C1/2/3/5/6/7/8 LS-A1/2/3/4/5/7, B1/2/3, C1/2/3/4, D1/2 ESS-A4/5/8/10/11/12, B2/3 SE-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10	1-M1/2/3/4/5 2-M1/4/5 3-M3 4-M1/2/4/5/6 5-M1/2/6 6-M1/2 7-M1/2/4
		5. Exploring career opportunities in the agricultural industry	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3/4/5 M1/2/3/4/6 G1/6/7 D1/2/3/6 P1/2/3/4	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, B1/2/3/4/5/6/7 PS-A1/5/6/8/9, B1/2/3/4/5, C1/2/3/5/6/7/8 LS-A1/2/3/4/5/7, B1/2/3, C1/2/3/4, D1/2 ESS-A4/5/8/10/11/12, B2/3 SE-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10	1-M1/2/3/4/5 2-M1/4/5 3-M3 4-M1/2/4/5/6 5-M1/2/6 6-M1/2 7-M1/2/4
	C. Agricultural literacy grades 9-12	1. Exploring the food, fiber, and natural resource systems	N1/2/6/7 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1/2/7/8/9 P1/2/3/4/5/6	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5 PSA1/2, B1, C1/2/3/4, D1/2/3/4/6, E1/2/4, F1/2, G4 LS-A1/2/3, B1/2/3/4, C4/5/6/7, D1/2/3/4, E1/2/3, F1/3/4, G1/2/3/4/5 SE-B1/2/3/4/5/6, C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Discussing why agriculture is important in our lives	N1/2/6/7 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5 PS-A2, B1, C1/2/3/4, D1/2/3/4/6/7, E1/2/4, F1/2, G4 LS-A1/2/3/4, B1/2/3/4, C4-/5/6/7, D1/2/3/4, E1/2/3, F1/3, G1/2/3 SE-B1/2/3/4/5/6, C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
		3. Recognizing areas of science that are a part of agriculture (physics, chemistry, geology, meteorology, biology)	N1/2/5/7 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G1/3/6 D1/2/7/8/9 P1/2/3/4/5	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5 PS-A1/2, B1, C1/2/3/4, D1/2/3/4/6, E1/2/4, F1/2, G4 LS-A1/2/3, B1/2/3/4, C4/5/6/7, D1/2/3/4, E1/2/3, F1/3, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		4. Understanding the relationship between plants and animals	N1/2/6/7 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1/2/7/8/9	P1/2/3/4/5 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5 PS-A1/2, B1, C1/2/3/4, D1/2/3/4/6, E1/2/4, F1/2, G4 LS-A1/2/3, B1/2/3/4, C4/5/6/7, D1/2/3/4, E1/2/3, F1/3, G1/2/3 SE- A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/3/4/5/6,C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		5. Discussing jobs involved in agriculture	N1/2/5/6/7 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G1/3/6 D1/2/7/8/9 P1/2/3/4/5	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6, B1/2/3/4/5 PS-A1/2, B1, C1/2/3/4, D1/2/3/4/6, E1/2/4, F1/2, G4 LS-A1/2/3, B1/2/3/4, 4/5/6/7 D1/2/3/4, E1/2/3, F1/3, G1/2/3 SE- A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/3/4/5/6,C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		6. Understanding how agriculture was and is necessary for the development of civilization	N1/2/7 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G1/3/6 D1/2/7/8/9 P1/2/3/4/5		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4

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§715. Personal Development

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will develop the necessary interpersonal and communication skills to obtain a

job and work effectively and safely in an interactive work environment.

B. Focus. AgEd/FFA students will develop and demonstrate knowledge and skills in agricultural communications, teamwork, citizenship and agriculturally related careers needed in becoming productive citizens.

C. PD—Personal Development Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

Local plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Agricultural communication	1. Identifying FFA leadership activities	A1 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/6	SI-A1/2/3/4/6, B2/4/5 LS-D4 SE-A2/7/8/10/11, B1/5, C5/C7, D2/4/9	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Developing agricultural related speeches	A1 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/6	SI-A1/2/3/4/6, B2/4/5 LS-D4 SE-A2/7/10/11, B1/5, C5, D2/4	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		3. Participating in leadership skills career activities	AI M1/4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/6	SI-A1/2/3/4/6, B2/4/5 LS-D4 SE-A2/7/8/10/11, B1/5, C5, D2/4	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H/2/5, 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
	B. Team work in agriculture	1. Participating in agricultural career event activities	A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SI-A/2/3/4/6, B2/4/5 LS-D4 SE-A2/7/8/10/11, B1/5, C5 D2/4	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H/2/5, 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Developing chapter recruitment activities			1-H1/3/4/5 2-H/2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		3. Developing student and community related financial activities	A1/2/3/4 M4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/5/6/7		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H/2/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
	C. Citizenship in agriculture	1. Developing community related economic activities	A1/2/3/4 M1/4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/5/6/7		1-H1/3/4/5 2 H/2/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Conducting local agricultural and environmental awareness activities	A1 M1/4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9	SI-A1/3/6 PS-G4, H2 LSI-D4 ESS-A12, B1/4 SE-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/10/11, B1/2/3/4/5/6/, C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H/2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		3. Conducting community related citizenship and human resource development activities	A1 M1/4 G6 D1/7/8/9	SI-A1/3/6 LS-D4 ESS-A1/2, C3/4/5 SE-A1/2/6/17/10/11, B1/2/3/4/5/6/7, C2/4/5/6/7, D2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H/2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
	D. Careers in agriculture	1. Exploring agricultural related occupations	A1 M1/4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/5/6/7	SI-A1, B1 PS-A1, D1, E1/2 LS-G5 SE-C5, D3/9 ESS-A1/2, C3/4/5	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Developing agriculture work experiences	A1 M1/4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9	SI-A1, B1 PS-A1, D1, E1/2, H1/3 LS-G5 SE-C5, D3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4

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Local plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
		3. Participating in agricultural career events	A1 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SI-A3/6, B1 PS-D2, G3/4, H1/3 LS-D4, G5 ESS-B1 SE-A2/4, D3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/5 3-H1/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/6 7-H1/2/4
		4. Developing job seeking and keeping skills	A1 M4 G6 D1/5/7/8/9 N1/2/5/6/7	SI-A6, B1 PS-HI LS-G5 SE- D3	1 -H1/3/4/5 2-H/2/5, 3-H 1 /3 4-H 1 /2/3/4/5/6 5-H 1 /2/3/4/6

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§717. Agribusiness

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will understand the concept of agricultural marketing, management, finance, and entrepreneurship.

C. AB—Agribusiness Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

B. Focus. This strand focuses on the study of sound business practices and the effect of supply and demand in the marketplace. Strong emphasis is placed on the development of individual business plans.

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Production systems	1. Identifying various production practices of the world	N1/2/3/5/7 A1/3/4 M2/4 G6 D9	SI-A1/2/4/5/6, B1/3 LS-B1/3 SE-A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/6 7-H4
		2. Determining the factors that affect the development of production practices	N1/2/3/5/7 A1/3/4 M2/4 G6 D9	SI-A1/2/4/5/6, B1/3 LS-B1/3 SE-A2/6/10, D3/4/5/9	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/6 7-H4
		3. Understanding human diversity and its affect on world markets	N1/2/3/5/7 A1/3/4 M2/4 G6 D6/7/9	SI-A1/2/4/5/6, B1/3 LS-B1/3 SE-A2/6/10, D3/4/5/9	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/6 7-H4
		4. Discussing problems affecting agricultural production worldwide	N1/2/3/5/7 A1/3/4 M2/4 G6 D9	SI-A1/2/4/5/6, B1/3 LS-B1/3 SE-A2/6/10, D3/4/5/9	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/3/4/5 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
	B. Selections from various choices	1. Identifying occupational preferences	G6 D1/5/9	SE-C3, D1	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		2. Explaining the reasons for and effects of unemployment	G6 D1/5/6/7/9	SE-D1 1-H1/3/4/5	2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
	C. Factors that make employees successful	1. Explaining the roles of customers and salespersons	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1 SI-A1, B1/3 LS-F3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5 7-H1/2

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
		2. Exploring various buying decisions	A1/3/4 N2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1 SI-A1, B1/3	1-H1/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		3. Describing the types of customers	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1 SI-A1, B1/3 LS-F3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		4. Describing the desirable characteristics of a good salesperson	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1 SI-A1, B1/3	2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
	D. Agricultural marketing sales and services	1. Explaining the laws of supply and demand	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2 2-H2/4/5	3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		2. Understanding the agricultural market, sales and services systems	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2 3-H1/2/3	4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		3. Discussing marketing costs and margins	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D6/7/9	SE-D1, A2 2-H2/4/5	3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		4. Discussing the impact of the customer on markets, sales, and services	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D6/7/9	SE-D1, A2 2-H2/4/5	3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
	E. Economics of production	1. Understanding how the factors of production are organized and how they differ between systems	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SI-A1/2/4/5/6, B1/3 3-H1/2/3	4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
	F. Develop a business plan	1. Explaining the importance of budgeting and understanding the types of costs	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D6/7/9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		2. Explaining credit and its uses in a business	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D6/7/9	SE-D1, A2/6/10 1-H1/3/4/5	2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		3. Explaining the various types of business organizations	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		4. Understanding the meaning of assets and liabilities	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		5. Developing a cash flow projection for a business	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/6 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2

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		6. Explaining variable versus fixed costs	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		7. Understanding the legal aspects of a business	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		8. Demonstrating the concept of capital investment	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2
		9. Explaining the purposes and types of Insurance in agriculture	A1/3/4 N1/2/3/5/7 M2/4 G6 D9	SE-D1, A2/6/10	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2

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§719. Biotechnology in Agriculture

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will understand the concepts and principles of biotechnology and the

relationships biotechnology has with the agricultural environment.

B. Focus. This strand focuses on the study of interrelationships of science and technology and the impact of this technology on agriculture and agricultural products. This strand includes a focus on research and career opportunities.

C. BT—Biotechnology Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Basic concepts and applications of biotechnology	1. Defining biotechnology and the history of its development	N2/3/4/5/6	SI-A2/5/6 B1/2/3/4/5 LS-A1/2/3 B1/2/3/4	1-H4/5 2-H2/4/5 3-H1/2/3
		2. Applying the steps of the scientific method and developing record-keeping methods	M1/3/4 D1/3/5/7 N1/2/5/7	SI-A1/2/3/4/5 B1/2/3/4/5	2-H6 3-H1/2/3 5-H6 7-H4
		3. Analyzing the model of DNA model	G1 D1/3/5/7 N1/2/3/4/5/6	LS-B1	4-H2 5-H6
		4. Distinguishing between types of cell structure		PS-A1/2/3 B1	5-H2 7-H2
		5. Understanding the processes involved in the transfer of genetic information	G1 D1/3/5/7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	LS-B1/2/3/4	1-H4/5 7-H2/4
		6. Demonstrating the applications of biotechnology in agriculture	D3/5/7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	LS-D1/4	1-H4/5 5-H3
	B. Impacts and public issues of biotechnology	1. Understanding the benefits and concerns in biotechnology		LS-D1/4 G1/5	1-H3/4/5 4-H1
		2. Exploring ethical issues in biotechnology		SE-D1/2/6/9 SI-B1/2/3/4/5	1-H4/5 2-H1 3-H3 5-H1/2
		3. Distinguishing among types of companies and jobs available in the biotechnology industry			5-H1/2
	C. Processes and applications affecting the plant systems	1. Understanding the purposes for plant biotechnology		SE-B1/2/3/4 PS-D2	1-H4/5

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
		2. Distinguishing between plant breeding systems and genetic engineering of plants	D1/3/5/7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	LS-A1/2/3 B1/2/3/4 F1 PS-D2	1-H4/5 5-H1 7-H2/4
		3. Analyzing agriculture applications of plant and tissue culture	D1/3/5/7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	LS-A1/2/3 B1/2/3/4 PS-D2	1-H4/5 7-H1/2
	D. Processes and applications affecting animal systems	1. Understanding the purposes for animal biotechnology		LS-B1/3/4	1-H4
		2. Distinguishing between traditional animal breeding and genetic engineering of animals	D1/3/5/7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	LS-B1/3/4 1-H4/5	5-H1 7-H4/5
		3. Selecting ways to use biotechnology for making changes in animals an animal products		LS-B1/3/4	1-H4/5
	E. Microbial biotechnology in agriculture	1. Understanding microorganisms and relationships to food processing and the environment	D1/3/5/7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SE-A8/9/10/11 C2 PS-D1 SE-A3/8/9/10	1-H4/5 5-H3
		2. Applying the types of fermentation systems	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	PS-D1	7-H1/2
		3. Distinguishing the products of fermentation and their benefits	N1/2/6/7	PS-D1 SE-A3/8/9/10	1-H4/5 5-H1 7-H2

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§721. Animal Systems

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will understand the concepts and principles of animal science.

B. Focus. AgEd/FFA students will demonstrate necessary skills to obtain a job and to work effectively in the area of animal science. ("Other animals" referenced in the benchmarks below include fish, wildlife, equine, small animals, etc.)

C. AS—Animal Systems Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Selection of livestock, poultry, and other animals	1. Identifying and using systems for selecting and breeding livestock, poultry, and other animals	N1/3/4/5/6 G1/4 M1/2/3/4 D1/3/9	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6 PS-B1 SE-A6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	B. Anatomy and physiology of livestock, poultry, and other animals	1. Describing and understanding the anatomy and physiology of livestock, poultry, and other animals	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 G1/6 M1/2/3/4 D1/2/3/4/5/6/7/ 8/9	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7 LS-A1/2/3 B1/2/3/4 C1/2/3/4/5/6/7 F1/2/3	2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	C. Reproduction of livestock, poultry, and other animals	1. Understanding reproduction of livestock, poultry, and other animals	N1/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3 M1/2/3/4 D1/2/3/4/5/6/7/ 8/9	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7 LS-A1/2/3 B1/2/3/4	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	D. Nutrition of livestock, poultry, other animals	1. Determining nutritional needs of livestock, poultry, and other animals	N1/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3 M1/2/3/4 D1/2/3/4/5/6/7/ 8/9	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	E. Environmental factors affecting livestock, poultry, and other animal systems	1. Identifying environmental factors affecting livestock, poultry, and other animal production systems	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3 M1/2/3/4 D1/2/3/4/5/6/7/ 8/9 P1	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5 LS-B3/4, C6, D1/2/3/4, F3, G1/3/4 PS-A1/2, C1/2/4/5/6, D1/2/4 ESS-A1/2, B1, C3/4/5 SE- A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/3/4/5/6, C2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	F. Diseases and parasites of livestock, poultry and other animals	1. Describing and identifying diseases and parasites of livestock, poultry, and other animals	N1/2/5/6/7 M1/3/4 D1/2/3/4/5/6/7/ 8/9 P1	S-A3/6 LS-G1/2/3/4/5	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	G Ethical issues related to livestock, poultry, and other animal systems	1. Discussing ethical issues related to livestock, poultry, and other animals		LS-G1/3/4 SE-C1/2/3/4/5 D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4

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§723. Plant Systems

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will understand the concepts and principles of plant science.

B. Focus. This strand focuses on the study of the processes and environmental variables related to the successful growth and production of plants for food and fiber. This strand includes a focus on relating life, environmental and earth science concepts to real-life problems in plant production through the use of modern technology.

C. PS—Plant Systems Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Internal processes affecting plant growth and reproduction	1. Describing plant structures and functions		LS-A1/2, B1/2/3/4	2-H1/2
		2. Exploring growth processes		LS-A1/2, B1/2/3/4	2-H1/2
		3. Explaining asexual and sexual reproduction processes		LS-A1/2, B1/2/3/4	
		4. Developing and implementing genetic improvement systems	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1/2/3/4 D1/2/3/4/5/6	LS-A1/2, B1/2/3/4 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5	
	B. External environmental factors affecting plant growth and reproduction	1. Understanding relationships among moisture, temperature, air, and plant growth	N1/2/3/5/6/7 M1/2/3/4 A1	ESS-C6 LS-D1/4 SE-A3/7/11, B3/4/5, C8, D1/9	
		2. Planning and implementing integrated pest management	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	ESS-C6 LS-D1/4 SE-A3/7/11, B3/4/5, C8, D1/9 PS-D7	
		3. Applying sustainable production concepts and practices	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 M4	ESS-C6 LS-D1/4 SE-A3/7/11, B3/4/5, C8, D1/9 PS-D2/7	

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	C. Soil fertility	1. Understanding differences between soil and soil-less mixtures		ESS-A4, B2/4, C8 SE-B4	
		2. Understanding basic soil-plant relationships	ESS-A1/2/6, B1, C3/4/5/8 PS-D2/7 SE-B4		
		3. Determining liming and soil acidity relationships	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1	ESS-A1/2/6, B1, C3/4/5 PS-D2/7 SE-B4	
		4. Exploring the importance of soil fertility and soil management	N1/2/3/5/6	ESS-A1/2/6, B1, C3/4/5 PS-D2/3/7 SE-B4	2-H1/2
		5. Selecting and applying fertilizers	N1/3/4/5/6/7 M1/2/3/4 D7/8/9 P1/2/3/4/5 A1	ESS-A1/2/6, B1, C3/4/5 PS-D2/7 SE-B4	
	D. Plant production	1. Learning to identify the uses of plants		LS-B2, C1/2 SE-A4 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5	
		2. Exploring the way plants grow and the environmental factors required	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	LS-B2, C1/2 SE-A4 PS-D7	7-H1/2
		3. Understanding and implementing proper crop management	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	LS-B3	
	E. Landscaping and Floriculture	1. Learning to properly identify and classify plants for landscape and floral design use		LS-B3	
		2. Evaluating the plant data for selection and placement (size, growth, habitat, pests, and cultivar)	N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 D1/2/5/7/8/9 M2/4	LS-B3	
		3. Developing landscaping plans and floral designs	A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G1/2/3/4/5/6	LS-B3	
	F. Crops of Louisiana	1. Understanding the role of modern-day crop production			2-H1/2/3/4/5/6 3-H1/2/3/4/5
		2. Understanding the differences among the various crops			1-H1/5 7-H1/2/4
		3. Understanding the concepts of conservation tillage and crop rotation	N1 SI-A1/2/3/5/6 ESS-A1/2/6, C3/4/5 SE-B1/2/3/4/5/6, C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6		1-H1/3/4/5
	G. Horticultural crops of Louisiana	1. Understanding the role of modern-day horticultural crop production			1-H1/3/4/5 2H1/2/3/4/5
		2. Understanding the differences among the various crops			1H1/3/4/5 2H1/2/3/4/5
	H. Agribusiness relating to crop production	1. Exploring the different career opportunities			1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 4-H4/5/6
		2. Learning the basic record keeping practices	N3/4/5/7 A1/2/3/4 D1/2/5/6/7		1-H4/5 2-H2/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6
		3. Understanding the concepts and skills related to successful employment			2-H1/2/3/4/5/6 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6

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§725. Environmental Management

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will develop an understanding of the interrelationship between people, agriculture and the environment.

B. Focus: This strand focuses on utilization and conservation of environmental resources for multiple purposes through a study of maintaining, protecting, and harvesting these resources.

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C. EM - Environmental Management Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Universal impact of forestry	1. Identifying the major species of trees that are important to the forestry industry		LS-C1/4 SE-A10	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Exploring the multiple-use concept of forest management and forest products		SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5 PS-A1/2, B1/2/3, C3/4/7, D1/2/3/4/5/6/7, E1/2/3/4/5, F1/2 LS-A1/2/3,B1/2/3/4, C1/2/3/4/5/6/7	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		3. Investigating the impact of insects, diseases, fire, and laws that affect the forest industry		SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5 PS-D7, E1	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		4. Describing common methods used to reforest timber areas	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SI-A1 LS-B4, D4 SE-A1/2/6/7/8/70, B2/4, C5, D3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		5. Describing the harvesting and marketing of forest products	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1, D4	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		6. Determining land and timber volumes	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7 A1 G1/2/3/6	SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5 PS-D2 SE-A1/2/6/4/8/10, B1/2/3, C4/5, D3/4/5	-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	B. Wildlife management and conservation	1. Understanding wildlife production requirements, habitat analysis and valuation, and wildlife damage control	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SE-A2/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/4/5/6, C4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Describing an ecosystem		LS-C5 SE-A2/4/6/7/10, C2	
		3. Explaining the policies, laws, funding and administration, and regulatory agencies of wildlife management, recreation, and conservation	N1/3/4	SE-B4/5/6, C4/5, D2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	C. Environmental Quality	1. Understanding relationships among agriculture, water quality, and air quality	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SE-A2/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/4/5/6, C4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B15	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
		2. Applying principles of soil, water, and air conservation	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7	SE-A2/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/4/5/6, C4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6 SI-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7, B1/2/3/4/5	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		3. Understanding issues related to wetlands conservation and coastal erosion		SE-A2/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/4/5/6, C4, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4

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§727. Agricultural Processing

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will develop an understanding of the processes of distributing, grading,

inspecting, processing, mixing, packaging, and storing of food and non-food products.

B. Focus. This strand focuses on the various processing steps and methods involved with the different agricultural products using modern technology.

C. AP - Agricultural Processing Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Agricultural meat processing	1. Understanding and complying to federal and state standards	N1/3/6 A1/2 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1 P1/5	SI-A2/3 PS-A1,F1 LS-G2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
		2. Explaining and analyzing the process of slaughtering, packaging and distributing	N1/3/6 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1 P1/2/3/4/5	SI-A2/3 PS-A1, D2/7, F1 LS-G2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	B. Milk and dairy product processing	1. Explaining the handling, processing, and distributing of fresh milk and milk products	N1/2/3/6 A1/2/3/4 M1/3/4 G6 D1 P1/5	SI-A1/2/3 PS-A1, D2/7, F1 LS-G2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6
	C. Fruits and vegetable processing	1. Explaining the handling, manufacturing, and transporting of fresh, frozen, and canned fruits and vegetables	N1/3/4/5/6 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1 P1/5	SI-A1/2/3 PS-A1, D2/7, F1 LS-G2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6
	D. Grain crop processing	1. Understanding USDA regulatory programs	N1/3/6 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1 P1/5	SI-A1/2/3 PS-A1, F1 LS-G2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6
		2. Explaining the handling, processing, and distributing of grain crop products	N1/3/6 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 G6 D1 P1/5	SI-A1/2/3 PS-A1, F1 LS-G2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	E. Career awareness	1. Describing the various careers associated with agricultural processing and the occupational outlook	N1/3/6 A1/2/3/4 M1/2/3/4 D1	SI-A1/2/3 PS-A1, F1 LS-G2	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6

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§729. Agriscience Technology

A. Standard. AgEd/FFA students will demonstrate technical skills that reflect successful business and industry practices.

B. Focus. This strand focuses on the study and use of agricultural power and energy, energy sources in agriculture, mathematics in agricultural welding technology, and agricultural structures and facilities.

C. AT - Agricultural Technology Cross Reference

(from grade 9 - 12 benchmarks, unless noted otherwise)

Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	A. Agriculture power and energy	1. Explaining the principles of electricity; terms, service entrances, meters, and circuits	N4/5/7 M1/2/3/4	PS-B3,E4,G2/4 ESS-A1	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-1/2/3/4
		2. Understanding the applications for lighting, heating, and selecting electric motors	M1/4 A1/3 G6	PS-E1/2, F1, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-1/2/3/4
		3. Working safely with electrical energy		PS-G4	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-1/2/3/4 5-H6
		4. Developing skills in planning, estimating, selecting of materials, installing, testing and troubleshooting	N1/3/4/5/7 M1/4 G6	SI-A3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-1/2/3/4 5-H6
		5. Describing the principles of the internal combustion engine, including both two-stroke, four-stroke and diesel engines	N4/5	PS-E2/3, F1, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-1/2/3/4 5-H6
		6. Exploring the fundamentals of hydraulic power		PS-A1, E2/3, F1, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 4-H1/2/3/4
		7. Explaining and analyzing pneumatic power		PS-E2/3, F1, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4
		8. Servicing trouble shooting, repairing, and overhauling of small engines	M1/3/4 N3/4/5/6	SI-A3 PS-E2/3, F1, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 5-H6
		9. Explaining and demonstrating maintenance, operation and safety of tractor and lawn equipment	N3/4/5 M1/2/3/4	SE-D1/2/3/4 PS-E1/2/3, F1/2, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H6

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
	B. Energy sources in agriculture	1. Describing primary nonrenewable sources of energy including coal, natural gas and petroleum		PS-E1/2/3, F12/3 ESS-A1/2/6, C3/4/5 SE-C3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3 5-H6
		2. Understanding other sources of energy (ethanol, solar, etc.)		SE-A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11, B1/2/3/4/5/6, C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6, ESS-A1/2/6, C3/4/5 PS-E1/2/3, F1, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3 5-H6
		3. Discussing issues related to federal and state regulation of energy sources		SE-C1/2/3/4/5, D1/2/3/4/5/6	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H1/2/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H1/2/3/4/5/6 7-H1/2/4
	C. Mathematics in agriscience technology	1. Explaining and applying whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages in standard and metric form	M1/2/3/4 N1/4/5/6		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3 5-H6
		2. Explaining and solving problems involving perimeter, area, volume, ratio, and proportion	M1/2/3/4 N1/4/5/6 D1/2 G1/2/6		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3 5-H6
		3. Using various measuring devices	M1/2/3/4 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7		1-H1/3/4/5 5-H6
	D. Agriscience welding technology	1. Identifying careers and appropriate work behavior in the welding industry			1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4/5/6 5-H6
		2. Identifying and applying skills in welding safety			1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3 5-H6
		3. Demonstrating basic competencies needed for applying welding skills	M1/2/3/4 G4/6 N3/4/5/6	PS-C3, D7, E1/2/3, F1/2, G1/2/3	
		4. Demonstrating shielded arc welding skills (stick)	G4/6 M1/3/4 N1/3/4/5/6	PS-C3, D7, E1/2/3, F1/2, G1/2/3	
		5. Describing and applying the different gas metal arc welding technology (wire feed welding), including short arc, flux core and inner shield	G4/6 M1/3/4 N1/3/4/5/6	PS-C3, D7, E1/2/3, F1/2, G1/2/3	2-H4/5 4-H1/2/3
		6. Explaining the concepts, process and purpose of tungsten inert gas welding (TIG)	N1/3/4/5/6	PS-C3, D7, E1/2/3, F1/2, G1/2/	3 1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4
		7. Explaining and demonstrating the concepts, process and purposes of plasma arc cutting	M1/3/4 N1/3/4/5/6	PS-C3, D7, E1/2/3, F1/2, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4
		8. Identifying and applying the safe set up, lighting, adjusting and usage of oxyfuel equipment	M1/3/4 N3/4/5/6	PS-C3, D7, E1/2/3, F1/2, G1/2/3	1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4 5-H6
	E. Agricultural structures and facilities	1. Planning, estimating and using building components in agricultural construction	M1/2/3/4 G1 D7 N1/3/4/5/6/7		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4 5-H6

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Local Plan	Benchmarks	Benchmark Component	Math	Science	English Language Arts
		2. Developing skills in estimating and applying paints	M1/2/3/4 G1 D7 N1/3/4/7		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4 5-H6
		3. Developing skills in selection and use of surveying equipment	M1/2/3/4 G1/6 D7 N1/3/4/5/7		1-H1/3/4/5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4 5-H6
		4. Developing skills in planning, estimating and installing agricultural plumbing and/or irrigation systems	M1/2/3/4 G1/6 D7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4 5-H6
		5. Developing skills in planning, estimating and placing concrete	M1/2/3/4 G1/6 D7 N1/2/3/4/5/6/7		1-H1/3/4/5 2-H5 3-H1/2/3 4-H1/2/3/4 5-H6

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§731. Annual Report/Plan for Louisiana Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA

A. To be completed and submitted to Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA Program Manager annually by July 1.

Date:	
To:	One copy submitted to AgEd/FFA State Office One copy submitted to school principal, local education authority supervisor Optional: copy to local superintendent, school board members, sponsors, parents, students, other interested individuals
From:	
School:	
Why:	Provide summary of year's activity, document program performance, highlight accomplishments, and present goals for next year

B. Mission Statement for Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA Program. The Mission of the Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA Program is to prepare and support individuals for careers; build awareness of and develop leadership for the food, fiber

and natural resource systems; and sustain the viability of earth and people through education in agriculture. We value and desire to achieve this mission by:

1. providing instruction in and about agriscience, agribusiness, food and natural resource systems;
2. serving all populations;
3. developing the whole person;
4. responding to the needs of the economic and educational marketplace;
5. advocating free enterprise and entrepreneurship education;
6. functioning as a part of the total educational system;
7. connecting classroom and laboratory instruction with real-world life and career experiences; and
8. utilizing a proven educational process that includes
 - a. formal instruction in classrooms and laboratories;
 - b. site-based, experiential learning in supervised agricultural experience programs; and
 - c. leadership and personal development through the FFA.

C. Certification of Authenticity

I/We hereby certify that the enclosed Annual State FFA Plan/Report and the information contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

Agriscience/Agribusiness/FFA			
Teacher Name(s) (Print or Type)	Ag. Certified (Yes or No)	Signature(s)	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Approved: _____	Principle	Approved: _____	LEA Supervisor

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§733. Program Activities

Performance past year	Activity	Next year's goals	Comments
1	Course Enrollment:		
2	Grade 6-8 Courses:		
3	Exploratory Agriscience		
4	1 Carnegie Unit Courses:		
5	Agriscience/Agribusiness I		
6	Agriscience/Agribusiness II		
7	Agriscience/Agribusiness III		
8	Agriscience/Agribusiness IV		
9	Agriscience Lab III		
10	Agriscience Lab IV		
11	2 Carnegie Unit Courses:		
12	Cooperative Agricultural Education (Note: must be taken with Agriscience III or IV)		
13	1/2 Carnegie Unit Courses:		
14	Agricultural Entrepreneurship		
15	Agricultural Construction		
16	Agricultural and Environmental Applications		
17	Animal Production		
18	Crop Production		
19	Equine Science		
20	Food and Fiber Systems		
21	Forestry		
22	Horticulture		
23	Introduction to Aquaculture		

Performance past year	Activity	Next year's goals	Comments
24	Introduction to Agribusiness		
25	Personal Development		
26	Small Engines		
27	Welding		
28	Approved Special Electives:		
29			
30			
31	Total enrollment (duplicated count)		
32	Total enrollment (unduplicated count):		
33	Grades 9-12		
34	Grades 7-8		
35	# of chartered FFA chapters in your school (Gold and Blue)		
36	# of FFA chapter meetings held		
37	# of dues paying FFA members:		
38	Grades 9-12		
39	Grades 7-8		
40	# of FFA members receiving the Greenhand Degree		
41	# of FFA members receiving the Chapter FFA Degree		
42	# of FFA members applying for the State FFA Degree		
43	# of FFA members nominated for American FFA Degree		
44	# of local FFA proficiency awards earned by students		
45	# of state FFA proficiency awards earned by students		
46	# of FFA members attending Louisiana FFA convention		

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	Performance past year	Activity	Next year's goals	Comments
47		# of FFA members attending National FFA Convention		
48		# of students engaged in a supervised agricultural experience program (SAEP): <----Enter totals from next 8 lines here.---->		
49		# who own/operate animal program		
50		# who own/operate plant program		
51		# who own/operate agriculture business		
52		# who work in an animal program		
53		# who work in a plant program		
54		# who work in an agribusiness		
55		# who work in the school labs		
56		# who have no SAEP		
57		# of students visited in conducting 12 month program		
58		# of students exhibiting livestock:		
59		Local show(s)		
60		District show		
61		State show		
62		# of students participating in Food for America Program		
63		# of students participating in PALS Program		
64		# of students participating in Area Camp		
65		# of students participating in Washington Leadership Conference		
66		# of students participating in Made for Excellence Program (MFE)		
67		# of students attending chapter banquet		
68		# of students applying for Superintendent's or Governor's Awards for livestock production		
69		# of students on the honor roll		
70		# of community members used in classes		
71		# of field trips conducted		

	Performance past year	Activity	Next year's goals	Comments
72	Public relations:			
73		# of elementary school programs conducted		
74		# of middle-school programs conducted		
75		# of activities conducted for other high school programs		
76		# of open houses or community days held		
77		# of AgEd/FFA program advisory council meetings conducted		
78		# of community improvement projects completed		
79		# of TV news stories aired about this program		
80		# of radio news programs aired about this program		
81		# of state/national newspaper stories printed about this program		
82		# of local newspaper stories printed about this program		
83		# of student speaking engagements about this program		
84		# of displays promoting this program		
85	yes no	Did your chapter apply for the AgEd/FFA Student Award?	yes no	
86	yes no	Did you apply for the AgEd/FFA Teacher Award?	yes no	
87	yes no	Did you apply for the Outstanding Young Teacher Award?	yes no	
88	yes no	Did your chapter apply for the Livestock Exhibition Award?	yes no	
89	yes no	Did you participate in the LVATA/SDE in-service for AgEd/FFA teachers?	yes no	
90	yes no	Did your FFA chapter apply for a National Chapter Award?	yes no	

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§735. Career Development Events

Indicate (/) your Chapter's HIGHEST level of participation in the following activities.

	Event	Local	Sub-district	District	Area	State	National
1	Contests:						
2	Dairy Cattle						
3	Dairy Products						
4	Electricity						
5	Farm Business Management						
6	Floriculture						
7	Forestry						
8	Horse Judging						
9	Livestock Judging						
10	Meats Judging						
11	Nursery/Landscape						
12	Poultry						
13	Small Engines						
14	Soils Judging						
15	Welding						
16	Leadership Events:						
17	Extemporaneous Speaking						
18	Prepared Public Speaking						
19	Gulf Of Mexico Prepared Public						
20	Speaking						
21	Parliamentary Law						
22	FFA Officer Candidate(s)						

List Your Five Major Accomplishments for This Year.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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