

Agricultural Science (2018)

Concepts of Agriculture

- 1 Describe basic needs of humans. 1
- 2 Research agricultural commodities in the United States. 2
- 3 Investigate agricultural career opportunities. 3
- 4 Identify opportunities in FFA to meet career interests. 4

Communicating in Agriscience

- 1 Demonstrate verbal and nonverbal forms of communication. 1
- 2 Identify and demonstrate characteristics of effective public speaking. 2
- 3 Create an informative agricultural speech. 3
- 4 Identify and demonstrate principles of parliamentary procedure. 4
- 5 Identify important skills for teamwork 5

Principles of Science in Agriculture

- 1 Explain and demonstrate common uses of laboratory equipment. 1
- 2 Demonstrate safety rules in a laboratory setting. 2
- 3 Collect and analyze data in an experiment. 3
- 4 Conduct laboratory experiments to determine distance, volume, mass, temperature, and density. 4
- 5 Explain the characteristics of physical objects. 5

Natural Resources and Environmental Systems

- 1 Identify characteristics of soil including particle size, porosity, texture, permeability and color 1
- 2 Explain soil formation and soil horizons. 2
- 3 Perform water quality test. 3
- 4 Identify and explain pollution from point and nonpoint sources. 4
- 5 Explain the water cycle. 5
- 6 Describe the flow of energy in an ecosystem 6

7 Apply identification techniques to determine the species of wildlife or insect. Explain the interactions of all natural resources in an ecosystem. 7

Plant and Animal Systems

1 Demonstrate the correct use of a microscope. 1

2 Identify the parts and functions of plant and animal cells. 2

3 Identify and describe the basic functions of plant and flower parts. 3

4 Define and calculate germination rates. Collect data of respiration and photosynthesis of plant leaves. 4

5 Describe plant macronutrients and deficiency symptoms. 5

6 Categorize animals by gender and species. 6

7. Identify basic internal and external anatomical parts of animals 7

8 Explain priority decisions when selecting animals. 8

Food Science

1 Explain the process of food items from production to processing. 1

2 Conduct an experiment to determine bacteria levels in food products. 2

3 Identify food safety procedures. 3

4 Research food borne illnesses. 4

5 Analyze factors that affect quality and yield grades of food products. 5

Biotechnology in Agriculture

1 Investigate and explain emerging applications of biotechnology in agriculture. 1

2 Explore ethical, legal, and social issues associated with biotechnology.

3 Compare and contrast natural organisms and genetically engineered organisms 3

Agriculture Technology

1 Identify and explain the impact of agriculture on energy sources. 1

2 Measure electrical power. 2

3 Compare characteristics of common fuels. 3

4 Use GPS to find longitude and latitude coordinates. 4

5 Explain processes used to survey land. 5

6 Use English and metric systems to measure objects. 6

Your future in Agriculture

1 Create personal SMART goals. 1

2 Develop a personal vision statement. 2

3 Describe issues with world population.

4 Explain how agriculture can address future challenges to feed the world. 4