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**AUGUST 27-29, 2019  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS**

## **NEWS RELEASE** *for Illinois FFA Chapters*

### **Soil Judging Contest at 2019 Farm Progress Show**

The 2019 Farm Progress Show will host a competitive soil judging contest at its show site near Decatur, IL. The contest will be held Tuesday, August 27. The dates of the show are August 27, 28 and 29.

There is no entry fee in return for the chapter advisor to help facilitate the contest. Standard admission is required, \$20 for adults, and \$10 for ages 13-17. The contest will be educational in preparation for other soils contests, later in the fall.

Farm Credit Mid-America and Farm Credit Illinois are the major sponsors of the contest and provide the following monetary awards:

First Place Individual .....	\$200	First Place Team .....	\$400
Second Place Individual.....	\$100	Second Place Team .....	\$100
Third Place Individual.....	\$100	Third Place Team .....	\$100

Farm Progress will dig one practice pit and four ag land competition pits; all pits will be evaluated as agriculture sites. Contest officials include staff from University of Illinois Soil Science Department, University of Illinois Extension, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and NRCS. **The contest will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 27 and conclude by mid-day. Teams go through the pits at their own pace.** We will use the new format and new scorecard which will be used at Illinois 4-H and FFA soil judging events this fall; this is the first time the new format will be used in a contest. ***Take advantage of this opportunity to have your students use the new format.***

Awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. All official judges' decisions are final. The contest pits will be available for practice purposes during the show on Wednesday and Thursday, August 28 and 29. Official results from Tuesday's contest will be posted.

Send the attached registration via mail or e-mail to:

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Only the first 25 FFA teams that **respond to this invitation by August 14, 2019** will compete. Only one team per chapter may register and each team may have no more than four participating students. However, schools will be allowed a second team only after all interested schools have registered. The next 10 FFA teams responding in order after the cut-off will be considered alternates and be called due to a cancellation. More details on the contest will follow later, including directions to the show site, location of the contest registration area and when to arrive.

**With thanks to these  
contest supporters:**

