



**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 22  
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# NEWS RELEASE for Illinois FFA Chapters

## Soil Judging Contest at 2011 Farm Progress Show

The 2011 Farm Progress Show will host a competitive soil judging contest at its show site near Decatur, IL. The contest will be held Tuesday, August 30. The dates of the show are August 30, 31 and September 1.

There is no entry fee in return for the chapter advisor to help facilitate the contest. Standard admission is required, \$12 for adults, and \$8 for ages 13-17. The contest will be educational in preparation for other soils contests, later in the fall.

Farm Credit Services is the major sponsor 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 three competition pits. 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 30 and conclude by mid-day. Awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. All official judges' decisions are final. Teams will be assigned a time slot, based on distance traveled to the show site.

The contest pits will be available for practice purposes during the show on Wednesday and Thursday, August 31 and September 1. Official results from Tuesday's contest will be posted.

Send the attached registration via fax or mail (e-mail) to:

**\*PLEASE RE-SEND YOUR REGISTRATION IF YOU SENT IT TO THE OLD FAX OR EMAIL ADDRESS**

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**Entry  
Deadline  
Extended to:  
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Only the first 50 FFA teams that respond to this invitation by July 22, 2011 will compete. \*Late registration **extended to August 22, 2011**, if space is available. 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:

