



## 2020 Michigan FFA Crop Management Contest

### What is the FFA Crop Management Challenge?

The Crop Management Challenge is a competition for FFA chapters designed to develop their member's agronomy skills, compete with other chapters, and make sound agronomic, marketing and environmental decisions in a demonstration plot of corn or soybeans.

### What is the process for entering the CMC?

1. Submit a request of interest to participate by November 20th.
2. Accepted requests will be notified by December 1<sup>st</sup> of acceptance.

### What are the FFA Chapter responsibilities?

1. Team will attend Contest Orientation on December 11<sup>th</sup> at AgriLiquid.
2. The FFA chapter will determine which AgriLiquid products used, rate, placement and timing, seed population, yield goal and along with tillage practices to be use on the contest plot.
3. The FFA chapter will be expected to attend the AgriExpo and occupy a tent/pop up by their plot area, explaining Challenge plot decisions and results to a panel of judges as well as those attending the show on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:00 am to 4 pm
4. Complete a final report based on yield data provided after harvest.

### **What will be provided?**

1. The North Central Research Station will provide fertilizer and soil test results.
  - a. The same seed variety will be planted in all plots.
  - b. The same fungicide and herbicide program will be applied on all plots.
  - c. The plots will be 15' x 300'.
  - d. Irrigation will be applied to guarantee at least 1" of water per week if needed during the growing season.
  - e. The North Central Research Station will be responsible for tillage, planting, herbicide and fungicide applications and harvest.
  - f. Product information for all AgroLiquid products are available for use.

### **How will they be judged?**

35% Yield

35% Economics

30% Presentation/Response to Judges Questions

### **Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> place in each crop category will receive a plaque, traveling trophy and \$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> place in each crop category will receive a plaque and \$500.00

3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category will receive a plaque and \$250.00

The awards will be presented at the Great Lakes Crop Summit in January.