
Pollution Limits Regarding Florida's Waters

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Overview

A United States District Court Judge recently ruled that state and federal authorities could move ahead with an agreement that allows the State of Florida to determine rules that regulate the amount of nutrients in the state's lakes, rivers and estuaries. What role does agriculture play in the protection of Florida's waterways from nutrient pollutants?

Objectives

- Develop a concise written document that gives a brief overview of the subject, discussing both the benefits and drawbacks of water conservation in Florida, as it relates to agriculture.
- Develop a presentation based on your research of this topic and be prepared to present both the pros and cons of the issue.

Written Document Guidelines

1. Your written document should be concise, no more than three (3) single spaced, single sided pages. There is no minimum length.
2. You should site any material and/or websites used to develop your written document.
3. You will turn your document in at the start of the event.
4. You should include your FFA chapter name and the names of the individual team members on the cover page.
5. The style and format of the document is up to the team, as MLA or APA is not specified.
6. Paper should be printed on regular white paper and stapled in the top left corner.

Oral Presentation Guidelines

1. Teams will be given 5-8 minutes for oral presentation related to topic.
2. Judges will have up to 2 minutes to ask questions based on presentation.
3. Visual aids are acceptable (excluding video). Examples of visual aids include PowerPoint, posters, photos, handouts, brochures, websites, etc.
4. A computer and projector will be provided. Those using PowerPoint should bring presentation loaded on portable drive.

Presentation Materials

- Laptop computer provided
- LCD projector provided

Resources

Valuable resources may include, but are not limited to:

- www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com
- www.floridafarmbureau.org
- <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>
- <http://www.freshfromflorida.com>
- <http://www.dep.state.fl.us>