

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Currently Oregon FFA uses the Oregon ENVIRONTHON event as the qualifier for the state winning environmental and natural resources Career Development Event. Event is usually held annually in April or May.

You must register both with the Oregon FFA state office and the Oregon Environthon.

The Environmental and National Resources Career Development Event (CDE) provides competing students an opportunity gain awareness and demonstrate knowledge in areas that affect our air, soil and water. Competitors interpret data, use measuring devices in the field and work through real-life scenarios involving environmental threats in pursuit of scoring the highest as a team and individual.

Each team of FFA members competes in all types of weather conditions – just like professionals working the environmental and natural resource industry – in pursuit of recognition for demonstrating skills relevant to GPS navigation, soil science, water management and wildlife conservation. The competitors produce written statements and an oral presentation, and must exhibit competency via writing and identification activities.

Through these challenges, students develop interest and knowledge in sustainable management of our environment and will become the future stewards of resources critical to the future of agriculture.