



GENERAL RULES FOR THE AGRIBEE™

Classroom, school level, and County Level Agribees™ as needed, will be held to identify two winners from each participating school, using the Word Lists and Definitions provided. Two winners from each participating school will be eligible to participate in the Agribee hosted by the Butte County Farm Bureau on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the historic Patrick Ranch in Durham, California.

Standard spelling bee rules apply to the spelling of words in the Agribee. The one unique difference is that the participant must also provide the agricultural definition of the word.

Once the speller has started, the order of letters named may not be changed although the speller may start over the spelling of the word. Any altering of the order previously given will disqualify the speller.

The speller must indicate the following where appropriate:

- Use of a hyphen
- Use of an apostrophe
- Use of a capital letter

The speller may ask the Word Caller to say the word and/or sentence again.

The definition given by the speller does not have to be the same wording as that provided with the distributed words/definitions lists. However, the definition he/she gives must demonstrate an understanding of the word's meaning. The Judges will be called upon as needed to make a decision to accept or reject a speller's definition.

Local Agribee contests should follow the same rules and procedures as will be used at the final contest.



FINAL CONTEST PROCEDURES

To assure impartiality, we have randomly selected the order of participation, and the order in which words will be given has been pre-determined for the Word Caller.

Practice Round:

An initial round will be a practice round. Each contestant will have the opportunity to spell and define a word, but will not be eliminated if he/she is unable to spell or define the word.

Round One:

The contestant is to **spell and/or define** the word. If he/she is able to spell and define the word, two points are awarded. If student is able to spell and **not** define the word, the contestant stays in the contest and receives just one point. If student is able to define and **not** spell the word, the contestant stays in the contest and receives just one point. (Points are awarded and tracked and used in the case of a tie.)

~The word caller will say the word, uses it in a sentence, and repeats the word.

~The student says the word, spells it, then gives the definition provided. (This must be the definition provided, but need not be in the exact same words as long as the meaning is clearly the same as the definition provided.)

~The judge/scorekeeper records points earned: one for correct spelling and one for correct definition. If the contestant can neither spell nor define the word given, he/she is eliminated.

Round Two and all subsequent rounds:

At the end of Round One, after each student has had one opportunity to spell and/or define a word, the pattern changes. **The remaining students in the Agribee must spell and define each word given. If unable to do both, they are eliminated.**

~The judge/scorekeeper continues to record points.

Final Round:

When just two contestants remain, the rules change. **Each contestant must both spell and define the word correctly to remain in the contest.** If one contestant misses a spelling or a definition, the other remaining contestant must provide the correct response for that word, and then spell and define the next given word correctly to win the Agribee. If he/she is unable to do so, the other contestant returns to the contest, and this procedure continues until a winner is determined.

~The judge/scorekeeper continues to record points.

In the event that both of the final two contestants are able to correctly spell and define all of the words, the Word Caller will move to a list of words which were not distributed to the contestants prior to the Final Agribee. Using this list, and the procedure described above, the Agribee will continue until a winner is determined.

In the event that a tie-breaker should be needed, the Scorekeeper will total the scores for each of the two final contestants. The one with the highest points will be First Place Winner and the other will be Second Place.