

**National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event
Team Problem Solving
Horse Management Scenario**

Student Information Sheet

Directions: Your team has 10 minutes to read the problem statement, solve the problem, and decide how the team will respond to the judge. Your team will then have 5 minutes to respond orally to the judge. You may make and take notes.

This scenario, your responses and evidence of team work are worth 40 points.

Scenario: The U.S. House of Representatives is considering a bill that will make it illegal to transport horses to slaughter in or outside of the United States. Drivers will be subject to a class B Felony charge and have to pay fines and the horses will be confiscated and taken to a nearby humane / rescue center. In 2005 the U.S. Congress passed into law the prohibition of using USDA inspectors at the U.S. plants that slaughter and process horses for human consumption. Now in 2009 there are no USDA horse slaughter facilities in the U.S. and horses are being transported to Mexico and Canada for slaughter. The horse industry is very undecided on how to respond to these legislative actions.

Your job is to develop a plan for dealing with the future consequences of the passage of legislative actions.

Team response called for (orally to the judge):

- If you were a manager of a humane society/rescue center, how will this legislation affect your business and quality of care for the horses?
- If you were a ranch manager and have many older or unsound horses, how will you manage the horses and how will this legislation affect your business?
- How do you believe that this legislation will affect the average backyard horse owner with a few pleasure/trail horses that are getting older and the kids are going off to college?

National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event
Team Problem Solving
Horse Management Scenario Rubric

Team _____

Team response called for (orally to the judge): Circle appropriate score for each

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| ○ If you were a manager of a humane society/rescue center, how will this legislation affect your business and the quality of care for the horses? (10 points) | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| ○ If you were a ranch manager and have many older or unsound horses, how will you manage the horses and how will this legislation affect your business? (10 points) | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| ○ How do you believe that this legislation will affect the average backyard horse owner with a few pleasure/trail horses that are getting older and the kids are going off to college? (10 points) | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| ○ Presentation and Evidence of teamwork/collective decision-making (10 points) | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

Total Team Scenario Score _____
(40 points possible)