CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

Contest:	Agronomy
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Issue: (Describe the reason/rationale for the proposed change.)

The rationale is to adjust and adapt the California Agronomy contest to fit the state approved scantron and better prepare students for the National contest. This current confusion with the code we feel has added to the decline in participants as well.
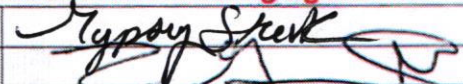
The current contest does not fit the scantron, while the scantron was adopted into this contest, the contest was never adjusted to fit the scantron. The last opening was to discuss the scantrons not the contest.

The National contest has also elimintated one section of the contest. It would be logical to make all these changes at one time perhaps add something into the place of this area which would fit the scantron.

Please answer yes or no to ALL the questions below.

This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation.	YES
The change will affect General Rules.	No
The change will affect the awards needed.	No
The proposed change will affect tabulations/scorecards.	No
The proposed change will affect contest forms.	Perhaps
The proposed change will affect contest hosting site. (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)	Yes, clear up scoring

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signatures:

CATA Approved Contest Advisor's Signature	*[signature]*
CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature	*[signature]*

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain.

* Contest out of rotation opening to clear up Code confusion, number of contest participants continue to be weak as a result.
* Should not change the form but may add some additional resource forms included in code.
* Should make hosting much more straight forward, bring all the contest into a closer alignment.

*It is recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.

Description: (Describe what is changing.)

The purpose of this meeting will be to address four critical areas that because of the implementation of the scantron that do not align with CATA Code from 2022. The subsequent meeting was to develop a new score card that was a waste of time as it never happened. We need to align for clarity these four areas affect by the scantron change: Judging, Grain Grading, Reasons, and ID. Each area needs to be discussed and a recommendation needs to be made to make those areas fit the scantron. State Finals the last two years has made the scantron work and feel they have been legit contest, but code had to be adjusted to make each part work. Basically in order to get one part of code to work you had to adjust another part. Additional forms have been generated that are not code approved to collect contest results and then add points to the scantron.

The biggest problem the last two years is that most contests offered during that time by other sites did not even come close to following code. Every contest was different except MJC and Cal Poly State Finals. So we have to change these 4 sections to make it clear how to use the scantron.

Proposed CATA Code Change: (Only include the section that the proposed change pertains to – do not include the entire contest. Reference numbered section. If editing text show new text with old text in parenthesis. For large changes set track changes in the Word document and attach the file, with edits, to this document when submitting.)

There are four critical parts that need to be addressed in CATA Code and as a result this could create a significant point total drop in this contest. There may be a need to look at the national contest and add back into this contest an area not previously addressed. This contest needs to be flexible to the different host sites but also clear on the rules.

The four critical parts:

1. Judging Classes - only two classes are on scantron while there are four classes in CATA Code, there are some options to make the scantron work but it is not clearly stated in code.

2. USDA Grain Grading - it has been eliminated from National contest and is a challenge for host sites to develop.

3. Reasons Classes - to be adjusted with the final decision on judging classes

4. Identification (Plants) - only 50 ID are available on scantron, contest still says 60. Contest still identifies spelling as part of the points for this area. With a bubble in number avaialble it is impossible to score points for spelling. In addition it is not clear if students may have a list of ID for numeric bubble need purposes. Rules need to be adjusted to clearly state how plant ID will be conducted.

Proposed CATA Code Change: (continued)

*If unable to use the template, your proposed changes need to be submitted in the same format.