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Agricultural Communications Style & Editing Exercise

Ohio FFA Career Development Event — May 12, 2001

Instructions: Edit the following sentences and paragraph using AP style to correct errors in capitalization, spelling, punctuation, abbreviation, and sentence structure. Make your corrections neatly in the space above each line.

PART I

There are no more than two mistakes in each sentence.

1. The floodwall in Chicago Illinois is seven feet high, said Phil Jones.
2. Phil Smith, a weight lifter, bench pressed 500 lbs. "It was no sweat," Phil said.
3. There fund raiser attracted donations from two million people.
4. "The taem played well", said the coach.
5. Frank Smiths sheep placed in the top to at the Ohio State Fair.
6. Police in Pickaway county released the report on October 7, 2001.
7. Jill Thomas, physical Therapist, charges 30 dollars per visit.
8. Most people think its best to have the meeting at 3 P.M.
9. In the U.S., 60% of the people drink coffee on a daily basis.
10. There are two hundred students in her gradauting class.

PART II

Correct the five mistakes in the following paragraph.

The Ohio Grazing Conference is in September. Planning for the three day event has taken 5 years.

Mr. Bob Strawl, Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District grazing specialist, said the

event, in Bellefontaine Ohio, should be very beneficial for participants. For more information, visit

the Logan County SWCD website at <http://www.lcswcd.org>.

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1. There are **1,000** head of cattle on Bob Smith's **farm**.
2. In the **United States**, consumers pay only **12 percent** of their income on food each year.
3. **It's** not a great idea to start the meeting at **5 p.m.**
4. Joe Smith, swine **specialist**, said hog prices have dropped **\$2**.
5. The Fairfield **County** Ag Day was **Sept. 4, 2000**.
6. Erin **Miller's** lamb **won** grand champion at the Ohio State Fair.
7. "We like ice **cream**," said the student.
8. **There** are **5** million chickens on the farm.
9. Tom Jones harvested **2,000 bushels** of wheat. "It was a good harvest," **Jones** said.
10. Rivers in Moline, **Ill.**, are **6** feet above flood level, said Bob Green.

PART II

Correct the five mistakes in the following paragraph.

The **five-day** forecast calls for the best planting weather in **seven** years. Many farmers will be able to get into the fields in late April. **Frank Thomas**, John Deere planter dealer, says the new JD 7000 will cut planting hours drastically for farmers in his hometown of **Jackson**, Miss. For more information, visit the **Web site** at www.jdplanters.com.