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Agricultural Communications Style & Editing Exercise

Ohio FFA Career Development Event — Dec. 6, 2003

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