

FFA Agricultural Communications  
 Career Development Event  
 Editing Exercise

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**Instructions:** Twenty-five words or phrases are underlined in the news release below. Some are correct, and others contain errors. Indicate in the spaces to the right if the words or phrases are correct (C) or incorrect (I). If they are incorrect, write them correctly in the area to the right and use standard editing marks or other clear marks indicating your edits. You may find errors related to grammar, punctuation, word usages, spelling or other Associated Press Stylebook issues.

**National Council for Agricultural Education will collaborate with Project Lead the Way Inc. to develop new agricultural education curriculum**

The National Council for Agricultural Education (The Council) announces a new collaborative effort with (PLTW) Project Lead the Way Inc. to develop national student curriculum and teacher training coarse materials in agricultural science education. The program of study will include a series of two foundation courses, 4 specialization courses and one capstone course, each comprising a full academic year.

The project commences on September 1, 2007, and expires on June 30, 2013. The Council will contract with PLTW for curriculum and teacher training developmentation.

“The agricultural science curriculum that we are developing will carrie us forward with new technological dimensions and will prepare our students to be the scientific workforce needed for tomorrow,” said Allan Sulser, chairman of the National Council.

“Agricultural education has a Golden opportunity to shape the future, and this new curriculum will contribute to our strategic goal of having ten-thousand quality agricultural education programs in operation in this country by the year 2015,” he said.

“We are pleased to contribute the PLTW curriculum model to the process”, stated Richard Blais, chief executive officer of Project Lead the Way Inc. “We hope to develop a

1.(I) Project Lead the Way Inc. (PLTW)

2. (I) training course materials

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synergistic relationship, each contributing our, unique insights and strengths to the project,” he said.

The Council and PLTW collaborate to develops new curriculum. A Project Lead the Way senior curriculum designer will serve as a consultant in the process and mentor The Council staff. The courses will parallell the PLTW model and also include the three circle agricultural education delivery of rigorous and relevant classroom curriculum, supervised agricultural experience programs (SAE), and FFA membership for all students in the program. FFA LifeKnowledge curriculum will also be embedded in to the instructional design, and the program of study will in-corporate academic alignment with the Curriculum of Agricultural Sciences Education (CASE) model and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum modules. Each course will include a professional development program for the instructor.

The Council and PLTW will work together to develop funding support; a course guidebook, marketing and public relations materials to be distributed to schools and Universities. The new curriculum will help meet the need for well trained, qualified employees in the area of agricultural science and is part of an over-all 10x15 strategic initiative.

The Agricultural Education Mission Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources systems.

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# Ohio Agricultural Communications Career Development Event

## Editing Exercise

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Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write the **letter “C” for “correct”** in the blank if the word or phrase is correct.

If the word or phrase is **“incorrect,”** write the **letter “I”** in the blank **AND correct** the word or phrase using standard editing marks or other clear marks indicating your edits. You may find errors related to grammar, punctuation, word usage, spelling or other *Associated Press Stylebook* issues.

### PESKY LADYBUG INVASION TYPICAL THIS TIME OF YEAR IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, OH - Those little orange bugs getting into homes, clothing & food this fall are ladybugs looking for a place to spend the winter, according to the ODNR(Ohio Department of Natural Resources) Division of Wildlife.

These ladybugs (actually Asian Lady Beetles) were introduced in the late 1970s and early 1980s by researchers with the U.S. Department of Aquaculture as a natural predator of agricultural pests, primarily wheat-aphids. Introductions of ladybugs occurred in a number of states including Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Washington. Their population has grown dramatically in Ohio in the last 5 years, especially in southern portions of the states.

This ladybug species is oval in shape and measures about 1/4-inch long.

The bugs often have small spots on their wingcovers and are generally pale yellow-orange to dark orange-red in color. Asian Lady Beetles feed on

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aphids and other harmfull plant pests during the warm season. They also  
 become unwanted guests in homes, buildings and at outdoor events. As cool  
weather approaches; ladybugs are attracted to rock outcroppings, farm  
 buildings and homes as they look for protected places to spend the Winter.  
 These movements generally occur October through mid-November. While  
 completely harmless and safe, larger numbers of ladybugs that become  
 concentrated in certain areas can become a nuisance.

They can not breed or reproduce indoors. Those beetles that cannot find  
winter protection will eventually die as winter arrives. Surviving ladybugs  
 will re-emerge each spring and move outdoors to gardens and crop fields.

The simplest way to remove ladybugs from a dwelling is to use a vacuum  
 cleaner. Sealing any cracks or space openings; such as window frames,  
 window screens, places where pipes and cables enter a building, doors, siding,  
 facia boards, and attic vents is effective in helping prevent ladybugs from  
 entering a residence or building.

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4. I, U.S. Department of Agriculture

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## 2006 Ag. Communications Editing Key

### Instructions:

Edit the following sentences and the paragraph below using AP style to correct errors in capitalization, spelling, punctuation, abbreviation and sentence structure. Mark your corrections neatly in the space above each line. Remember to use correct proofreader's marks. You are NOT allowed to use a dictionary or style manual during this exercise. There is more than one error in each sentence, but no more than three per sentence.

1. The farm safety seminar will be held **Nov. 14, 2006** at Buckeye Auditorium located at **420 S. Brutus St.**
2. Chuck Gamble, manager of the Farm Science Review, said, "**Secretary** Mike Johanns will be holding a series of farm bill listening sessions and is expected to stop in **Ohio.**"
3. Meteorologists say the **Midwest** could face an exceptionally dry **spring** season this year.
4. The meeting will take place in **Room** 200 and is open to all members, according to Joe Cornely, **spokesperson** for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.
5. A recent survey showed that less than **one-fourth** of Japanese consumers who were **surveyed** believe allowing beef imports from other countries is a good idea.
6. The farm tour will include stops in Tulsa, **Okla.**; Houston, **Texas** and Little Rock, **Ark.**
7. The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association is sponsoring a series of clipping demonstrations to be held Sept. **3**, Oct **4** and Nov. **10**.
8. A **four-year** study revealed that over **sixty percent** of farmers now carry cellular phones.

### Correct the six mistakes in the following paragraph.

This year's drought caused significant **yield** reductions, which resulted in a **\$1** increase in corn prices. Some farmers reported yields as low as 20 **bushels** per acre. "**It's** going to get much worse," said Meteorologist Cameron Thomas. **Thomas** anticipates that it could be weeks before any precipitation **occurs** in Ohio.