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# Students Compete at 2010 ExxonMobil Sponsored Texas FFA AgriScience Fair

- ExxonMobil is \$10,000 title sponsor for 4th year
- Held in conjunction with Texas FFA Annual Convention

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Students from throughout Texas will showcase scientific research projects and displays at the 2010 [ExxonMobil](#)-sponsored Texas FFA AgriScience Fair in Corpus Christi on July 14. The competition will be held at the American Bank Center in conjunction with the 82nd Annual Texas FFA Convention running from July 13-16. With 10,000 members and supporters expected to attend, the Texas FFA Convention is the largest state FFA convention in the nation and the largest youth-led convention in Texas.

"Competing in the Texas FFA AgriScience Fair encourages students to consider careers in biological, physical and engineering sciences," said Sara Tays, Southwest Government Relations Manager for Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM). "Whatever professional aspirations these young leaders have, we hope this experience will serve as a foundation for furthering their education in science and math. ExxonMobil recognizes the essential role that proficiency in [math and science](#) plays to address the challenges the world faces - not just in energy, but medicine, computing and many other important fields."

FFA students, grades 7 through 12, from all over the state will compete in five categories including biochemistry, microbiology and food science; environmental sciences; zoology; botany; and engineering. Results will be announced at an awards banquet at the conclusion of the competition. Winners in each category and division will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and will advance to the National FFA AgriScience Fair held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention in October in Indianapolis, Indiana.

ExxonMobil is the title sponsor of the Texas FFA AgriScience competition for the 4th year, with a contribution of \$10,000 each year. Over the past six years, the company has donated more than \$100,000 to Texas FFA for agriscience fairs, contests, environmental programs, and to rebuild FFA facilities destroyed by Hurricanes Rita and Ike. ExxonMobil supports math and science education through such programs as its National Math and Science Initiative, Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, the Bernard Harris summer camps, and a wide variety of other programs to support math and science education.

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In 2009, together with its employees and retirees, Exxon Mobil Corporation, its divisions and affiliates, and ExxonMobil Foundation provided \$235 million in contributions worldwide, of which more than \$112 million was dedicated to education. Additional information on ExxonMobil's community partnerships and contributions programs is available at [www.exxonmobil.com/community](http://www.exxonmobil.com/community).

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