160-4-3-.07 YOUNG FARMER AGRIBUSINESS (YFA) PROGRAM.

(1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) **Agribusiness** - a business that provides goods and services for the production, harvesting, processing, marketing and distribution of agricultural products.

(b) **Agriculture** - the science and art of producing, harvesting, processing, and marketing plants and animals useful to man.

(c) **Young Farmer** - an individual who is out of school and whose career objective is to become established and/or more proficient in agricultural production, agricultural management or an agribusiness occupation.

(d) **Young Farmer Agribusiness Program** - a program that provides educational instruction and opportunities to individuals interested or engaged in agriculture. The program seeks to increase the individual's proficiency in agricultural production, management, agribusiness, and leadership and seeks to meet the mission statement, goals and objectives of the program.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Local boards of education implementing a full-time Young Farmer Agribusiness Program shall:

1. Submit to the department by May 1 an initial application for a full-time Young Farmer Agribusiness Program. The application shall include the names of at least 75 individuals who are engaged in farming or an agribusiness occupation and who have interest in the program.

2. Budget for and request funds for the Young Farmer Program in the Local Plan/Application for Technology/Career Preparatory Educational Programs.

3. Receive, contingent upon funding by the Georgia General Assembly, funds for salary, benefits and travel to support the Young Farmer Program and provide a minimum of 20 percent of the funds required for program operation.

4. Make available facilities and equipment.

(b) Operation of the program, reporting and accountability shall be according to the requirements in the *Agricultural Education Standards and Policies Manual,* available from the department.

Authority O.C.G.A § 20-2-307.

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