

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERS
Northeast Agricultural/Biological Engineering Conference (NABEC)
RULES FOR NABEC STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION
AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING/ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

1. Eligibility: Contestant must be an undergraduate in Agricultural and Biological Engineering or related curriculum.
2. Content: Technical Agricultural and Biological Engineering Subject. This could be a class term project if well prepared.
3. Format: – All entries will be submitted **electronically**, preferably in pdf format. Other requirements:
 - a. Title Page: On the first page of the entry shall be stated the title of the paper, full name of the contestant, name of school, and name of the staff member who served as adviser for the paper. A signature block containing the scanned signature of the contestant, student branch faculty adviser (department head if no student branch exists) and the date of signing shall be included at the bottom of the title page.
 - b. Second Page: The second page of each paper shall be a statement of how the subject of the paper was chosen and whether the paper is a library research paper or a report of experimental work in which the author was involved. In the case of the latter, the extent to which the author contributed to the work shall be stated. Since the rules contemplate only individual entries, mention of any co-authors or co-workers should be made on this page.
 - c. Organization of Paper: Papers will not be required to follow any specific outline or be in any particular form. Presentation should follow a logical pattern and conform to good engineering paper or technical writing standards.
 - d. Grading System; Papers shall be graded according to the following schedule of points shown in the scoring sheet.
4. Awards: 1st Place \$150, 2nd Place \$ 100, 3rd Place \$ 75
The first place winner will be reimbursed to a maximum of \$370.00 for expenses to attend the annual meeting of ASABE-NABEC and present his/her paper. A team will be reimbursed up to \$700.00 for expenses.
5. Submission Date: 5:00 PM EDT, May 19, 2018
6. Entries, **complete with summer contact information and mailing addresses for all authors included in the email**, shall be submitted **electronically** by the submission date, preferably in pdf format to:

NABEC Student Paper Competition Committee Chair, **Dr. Satyanarayan Dev**

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NATIONAL COMPETITION

Papers are presented according to the above format may be entered by the author(s) in National Competition by submitting three paper copies to ASABE Headquarters before mid-April of the following year. To enter the National Competition, the student must be a student member of ASABE. Dates and rules should be verified on the ASABE website for the current year.

NABEC STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION SCORE SHEET

Evaluation Criteria	MAXIMUM POINTS
1. Importance of the subject to the field.	10
2. Proper use and/or interpretation of engineering information or principles relating to the subject.	15
3. Originality and/or thoroughness of study.	10
4. Validity and worth of conclusions.	10
5. Conformance to good engineering paper and technical writing standards:	
a. Clarity, simplicity and ease of reading	20
b. Style -organization, straight-forwardness, coherence, grammatical accuracy	20
c. Appearance and neatness, including quality of drawings, charts and photographs.	15
TOTAL	100