Suggested Project Timeline- NJAS Central Region

Fair Date: March 3, 2026

Phase 1: Getting Started (October 2025)

- October 5- Brainstorm project ideas (Science and Engineering). Consider FFA Agriscience projects for dual competition.
- October 5-15; Choose a topic and compete background research.
- October 15-Oct 31: Write a research question/problem statement and hypothesis/design plan
- Paperwork: Begin ISEF forms- Form 1(Checklist for Adult Sponsor). Form 1A (Student list) Form 1B (Approval Form) Be sure to complete the **Research Plan Form.** Complete other forms if working with human participants, animals, or hazardous materials.

Phase 2: Planning & Approvals (November 2025)

- November 1- Nov-15: Write your detailed research plan (methods, materials, safety.
- November 15-Nov 30; Submit forms and obtain necessary approvals (teacher, SRC/IRB if required.

Phase 3: Experimentation & Data Collection (December 2025-Jan 2026

- December 1-Jan 15: Collect data through experimentation: surveys, or engineering design testing. Record results in your project journal.
- January 15- Jan 31: Complete additional trials, refine procedure, and finalize data collection

Phase 4: Analysis & Conclusions (February 2026)

- Create project display board (Intro, methods, data, results, conclusion) Prepare visuals and photos.
- Register for the NJAS Central Regional Fair.
- Practice your oral presentation. Have teachers, classmates or family listen and ask questions.
- **March 3, 2026,** NJAS Central Regional Fair-UNK Ponderosa Room.