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2025

# NATIONAL FFA WEEK

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FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.

### What do the letters FFA stand for?

The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization.

The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change. But FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

The National FFA Week is an annual holiday that occurs for a week in February starting from the Saturday before the last Saturday of the month, from February 15 to 22 this year. The holiday was initiated by the National Future Farmers of America Organization; a youth leadership development organization with more than 760,000 student members in 8,700 local F.F.A. chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, with the mission to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding the growing population of the United States. Fun fact: the National F.F.A. Week was specifically initiated to fall on George Washington's birth week to highlight his legacy as a leader and a foremost farmer.

### History of National FFA Week

National F.F.A. Week was initiated by the National Future Farmers of America Organization — a youth leadership organization, and one of the largest in the U.S., to make a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education.

First founded by a group of young farmers in 1928, the F.F.A. mission, during National F.F.A. Week, is to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding the growing population of the United States by teaching members various topics relating to agricultural technology, science, and business, i.e., Ag Business, Ag Mechanics, Ag Sales, Dairy cattle evaluation, and Agronomy, Food Science & Technology, and Dairy Food, etc.

Initially, the holiday was observed on a single day. In 1948, to recognize George Washington's example and legacy as a leader and farmer, the National F.F.A. Board of Directors initiated a weeklong tradition.

Each year, all 700,000 F.F.A. members spend the weeklong holiday developing their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education in creative and innovative ways in their various local F.F.A. chapters. During the week, F.F.A. members will take part in agricultural, leadership, and service-based activities across the country.

The organization hosts Career Development Events or Courses contests in which student members compete to test the skills they learned through agricultural education instruction from the program.

### FFA Vision

*Growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world.*

### FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*

### To accomplish its mission, FFA:

- Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.

- Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
- Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Encourages excellence in scholarship.

### FFA Motto

The FFA motto gives members 12 short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization.

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

### FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. FFA members pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Adopted by the Delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention. Revised by the Delegates at the 1995 National FFA Convention.





# Why are more and more young women pursuing careers in ag?

**F**uture Farmers of America (FFA) Week takes place from February 15 to 22, 2025.

This event provides a great opportunity to explore the increasing trend of young people, particularly young women, entering the agricultural sector. Here are some compelling reasons why women are increasingly drawn to careers in agriculture.

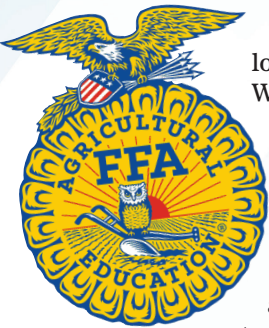
## 1. Shifting cultural norms

The traditional perception of agriculture as a male-dominated field is changing. Society is increasingly recognizing that women play vital roles in the industry, not just as workers but also

as leaders and innovators. Increased encouragement for women to pursue careers in farming is dismantling outdated stereotypes and opening doors to a wider range of opportunities.

## 2. Diverse career options

Agriculture is no longer limited to traditional farming. The field has expanded dramatically, offering a wide range of career options, including agribusiness, biotechnology, food science, environmental science, and agronomy. This diversity appeals to women with various interests and skill sets.



## 3. Desire to help feed the world

Many young women are motivated by the desire to make a meaningful impact, both locally and globally. With pressing issues such as hunger, food waste and equitable food access becoming more prominent, the agricultural sector serves as a vital arena for creating positive change.

## 4. Supportive organizations and programs

Organizations like the Future Farmers of America (FFA) play a crucial role in



nurturing the next generation of agricultural leaders. By providing mentorship, resources, scholarships and a supportive community, FFA empowers young women to carve their own paths in the industry. Through work-

shops, networking events and leadership training, the FFA equips women with essential skills and confidence. One thing is certain: the next generation of women in agriculture is poised to make a powerful impact!

We proudly support the area FFA Chapters for another successful year! We salute the National FFA Organization for continuing to make a positive impact in the lives of our students by developing their leadership skills through agricultural education.



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BOTTOM ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Lexi Johnson, Nella Forney, Annalee Crawford, Heather Lowry, Kyla Trublood, Kyla Trublood, Zach Sisco, Serenity Benoit, Marvin Sims, Evan Sims. MIDDLE ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Ms. Woods, Elizabeth Hernandez, Dailyn Raynor, Yahir Huesca, Dalton Lair, Jaxon Jenkins, Noah Hudson, Hunter Wheeler. BACK ROW: Rylee LaFollette, Daylawna Davidson, Lily Carlson, Ali Carlson, Kaidon Stewart, Zachary Young, Ike Harris.



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Annalee Crawford accepts an award for having the top bucking bull at the 48th AFR (American finals rodeo).



Nella Forney was selected 3rd Overall Market Barrow at Arkansas Youth Expo.



Alyssa Woods was selected the Supreme Champion Gilt at Arkansas Youth Expo.

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A great group Competing at our subarea leadership events today.



Parliamentary procedure team 1st place.



The Bergman Trap Team came in second today at the Meeks Contractor Sporting Clays Shoot at Ozarks Shooters.



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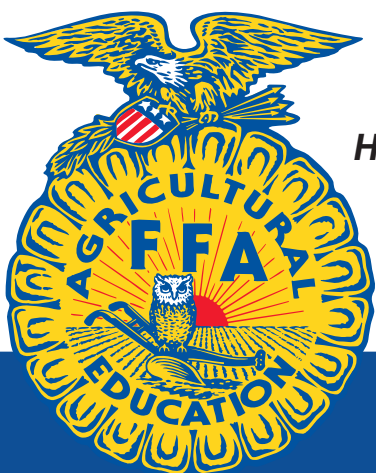
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*"We believe in the future of agriculture and we speak fluent farmer."*

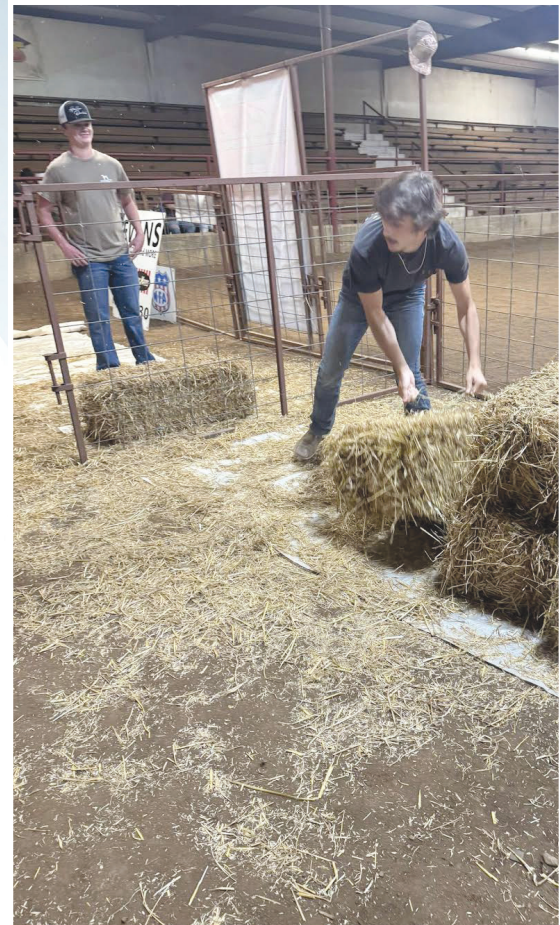


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# HARRISON



JACKET PARTY



Students preparing to begin the Harrison FFA Donkey Basketball game against Mountain Home FFA. Students from left to right: Jaden Martin, Trey Horner, Landon Remkus, Kole Jacobs, Devon Byers, and Jaiden Hicks (front).



Food Products and Processing students focused on making their own frozen yogurt dipping dots. Students: Jacob Simon (left) and Logan Widner (right).



Students harvest lettuce from hydroponics grow systems to take to the cafeteria for lettuce for school lunches. Students from left to right include: Miranda Watters, David Compton, Averi Robichaux, Landon Sims, Wyatt Mahoney, Brennan Stienmen, Beck Nelson, Destiny Compton, Ava Thomason, and Peyton Smith.

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JASPER



Jasper FFA members competing at the Lincoln Subarea Leadership Competition. Lyla Raulston, Maggie Thomas, Raye Stokes, Natalie Watts, Brook Shepherd, Laney Daniels, Hayden Hudson, Parker Williams, Chloe Hodge, Madelyn Martin, Bayler Phillips, Kylee Eddings, Abby Daniels, McKinzey Salazar, Kinley Stephen's, Kenley Morgan, Kaitlynn Martin, Tatum Keller and Ella Edgmon.



Jasper FFA members receiving their FFA Jackets. Bayler Phillips, Ben Mann, Tristen Edgmon, Kenley Morgan, KyntLea Brown, McKinzey Salazar, Kinley Morgan, Abby Daniels, Kaitlynn Martin, Ella Edgmon and Tatum Keller.



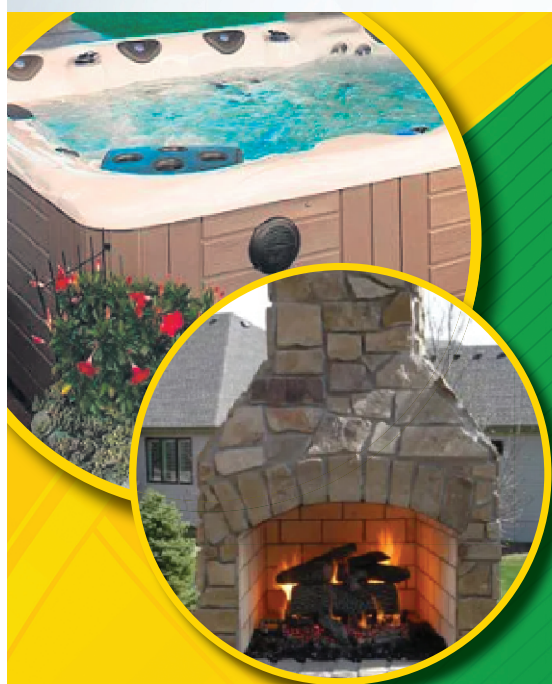
Jasper FFA Members at the Arkansas Youth Expo livestock show. Kyler Williams, Jackson Poole, Charlee Breedlove, Maggie Thomas, Lyla Raulston, KyntLea Brown, Jadeyn Middleton, Kylee Eddings, Rylea Martin, Madison Adams, Parker Williams, Kinley Stephens, Natalie Watts, Dale Moulder, Delaney Reddell, Kenley Morgan, Rylan Wright, Abby Daniels, Kylee Carlton, Elisabeth Murphy, Allye Davis, Kaitlynn Martin, Ella Edgmon and McKinzey Salazar.

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# KINGSTON



Marshall Jaquess at the Welding Expo in Little Rock.



Back row L to R: Trey Walker, Baylor Maddox, Lane Brandenburg, Marshall Jaquess, Dixie Smith. Middle row: Kash Hasty, Matthew Huber, Mason Bellinger. Seated: Evan Carlton - Students attended the Welding Expo in Little Rock using cutting edge new welding technology.



Paige Randall with her Champion lamb at the Arkansas Youth Expo.



Peyton Parker at the Madison County Fair.



Marshall Jaquess, Baylor Maddox, Tag Villines and Christina Rivera speak with Mr. Parker at NorthArk about auto repair.



Trey Walker at the Madison County Fair.



Dillon Randall at the Madison County Fair.



# How FFA prepares young people for careers in agriculture

**T**his year, Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters nationwide will proudly celebrate National FFA Week from February 15 to 22, 2025. The event is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the impact of FFA on youth leadership and agricultural advancement.

The mission of FFA is to equip future generations with the skills needed to tackle the challenges of sustainable farming and food production. With over 700,000 members, FFA plays a significant role in youth development through agricultural education. Its goals include:

- **Leadership development.**

FFA encourages members to organize and lead community service projects, instilling a sense of responsibility, civic engagement and resilience.

- **Agricultural education.** The organization offers hands-on experiences and training workshops in various areas of agriculture, including sustainable farming practices, agricultural technology, science, business

management and environmental conservation. These opportunities allow members to apply knowledge directly to real-world situations.

- **Career preparation.** FFA facilitates internships, job shadowing and career fairs, allowing members to gain firsthand insights into careers ranging from agribusiness and crop science to veterinary medicine and food technology. The organization also connects members with industry mentors to guide them along their professional journeys.

- **Networking opportunities.** FFA organizes various regional and national events where members can meet industry professionals, alumni and peers from diverse agricultural disciplines. FFA also organizes competitions in various agricultural disciplines, fostering teamwork and collaboration among peers.

By fostering these essential skills, FFA effectively prepares young individuals for successful careers in agriculture, ensuring they're equipped to face future challenges.



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# LEAD HILL



Anna Seaman and Kennedy Hudson both competed in Creed Speaking this year.



FFA Officers(L to R): Treasurer: Will Grozis; Secretary: Tesli Johnson; Historian: Morgan Breger; President: Anna Seaman; Reporter: Kennedy Hudson Sentinel: Coda Lemon; Vice President/Chaplain: Coda Lemon



FFA Officers and Members.



FFA members attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana where there was 73,000 FFA members from all 50 states and multiple territories present.

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(From L to R): Breann Samsel, Klair Humphrey, Masen McCutcheon, Layton Swafford, Blake Wyatt, Cobie Chaney, Payton Hunter, Paige Hunter, Maddie Lowery, Brooklynn Cunningham, Caleb Wheeler, Easton Smith







VALLEY SPRINGS



Students who participated in the Subaru Leadership Conference. Students and teams placing in the top two will move onto the District Leadership contest at Arkansas Tech.



Chapter members take part in Highway 65 trash pickup.



Chapter members in front of our new livestock trailer used for hauling show projects for students.



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