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High fives!

Members of the Tipton High School FFA chapter took a turn at High Fives Fridays, welcoming elementary students to school with a high five and word of encouragement.

Tipton FFA observes national week

National FFA Week always runs from Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. Feb. 15 and culminates on Saturday, Feb. 22

agriculture is more than plant- tion. ing and harvesting - it inmore.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,027,200 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.





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The National FFA Organization is a school-based national This year, the week kicks off on youth leadership development tion builds partnerships with in-1,027,200 student members as The National FFA Board of part of 9,235 local FFA chap- als to secure financial resources Directors designated the week- ters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico that recognize FFA member long tradition, which began in and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The achievements, develop student 1948, recognizing Washing- FFA mission is to make a posi- leaders and support the future ton's legacy as an agriculturist tive difference in the lives of and farmer. A group of young students by developing their po-separately registered nonprofit farmers founded FFA in 1928, tential for premier leadership, organization, the foundation is and the organization has been personal growth and career sucinfluencing generations that cess through agricultural education that includes the national FFA

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Vo ag students share FFA memories, experiences Tipton High School vocational ing something with them.

agriculture students shared their plans for SAE projects, memories and experiences as mem-Jason and Amanda Twenter.

My SAE is cattle, I like doing this because it's what I grew up

able to have a home grown heart. product, and I know that this is an important issue for a lot of people.

My SAE is growing flowers peers. to sell bouquets. I chose this SAE because I thought that it would be really cool to learn more about flowers and be able to make some money off of do-

bers of the Tipton FFA chapter. agriculture this semester is go-Their teachers and advisers are ing in to the plant culture be- ing my registered cows and cause I want a garden so I can selling their offspring strictly sell flowers and also make bouquet and boutonnière to rise money. -Kadince Jeffers

My SAE is Tech/Coding and on. My dad has his own farm the reason I've chosen this as where he raises cows. I have al- my SAE is because I've always ways loved raising animals, so I liked things on computers and hope to continue this love with coding. Like the code.org web-- Andy Moon site, I've always had my heart going to have a garden to sell set to technology type things. My SAE is growing popcorn I've chosen tech as my SAE beand selling it. I enjoy this be- cause tech jobs pay the most cause it is important to me to be and tech is near and dear to my -McKinna Stokes

> My favorite part of ag is be-- Jordan Ehlers ing involved in all the activities and having a great time with my - Addy Lutz

> > My favorite section in ag is the plant sections - Madie Cline

I have two SAEs. The first is

Jeff Petree,

merchandiser/partnér

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- Breanna Long community and to food pantries. My second is raising The thing I'm excited for and selling Simmental seedstock cattle. I do this by breedfor seedstock use.

- Benton Hentges

I plan to work with Alice Bestgen on a garden and gain experience in gardening.
- Paityn Whisler

For my SAE, Paityn and I are - Alice Bestgen vegetables.

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FFA members share favorite activities of organization

My SAE is going to be rais- go to state and place 4th. ing a bottle calf because I have past experience and land for it. Raising bottle calves help gain responsibility and pride in one's - Deklon Knipp

I am doing either forging or a potato farm of sorts. Each would be a test of skill and because it seems fun

- Logan Koechner

I'm going to do my drone photography business. I want to rials and a great drone.

- Tristan Drake

and it was a good experience to experience you will never for-

- Mahayla Rambo

was doing Conduct of Chapter tion last year. I enjoyed walking meetings because it taught me around the University of Misleadership skills, my team was souri campus and being in the successful and made it to state.

was going to the Washington campus all day and getting ice I didn't want to go, but then I decided I would go. So I went to use my drone to make videos it which was the best experifor farmers. I have all the mate- ence in my life. We got to see so many people and ride the metro FFA Convention with seas of My favorite FFA experience rooms with other people who mosphere. After my experiwas doing Conduct of Chapter became my best friends and I ence, I connected more with Meetings because I was able to had a great time there. Every- FFA and have a passion for the Classroom readers be on a team with my friends one should go to WLC. It is an organization.

- Konner Oldham

My favorite FFA experience My favorite FFA experience was attending the state convenbasketball arena with all the - Camdyn Garber other FFA members. Getting to spend the entire day with my My favorite FFA experience friends while walking around Leadership Conference. At first cream is my favorite memory from FFA.

- Emilyn Kuttenkuler

My favorite FFA experience many monuments and meet so was walking into the National train. We also got to stay in blue coats, and an electric at-



The Tipton FFA chapter regularly reads ag-related books to kindergarteners. Breanna Long is - Kaylie Kohler shown reading to Everleigh Smith.

According to a 2014 study pub-

The link between agriculture and food security Did you know? Consumers familiar with the dispar- Health notes that antioxidant-rich

The world faces many unique challenges in the decades to come, including a rapidly expanding global population. The United Nations estimates that the global population will reach 9.71 billion in 2050. That's an increase of more than 1.7 billion people between 2023 and

Food security is among the more significant challenges the world will face as the popula-tion increases. The United States Agency for International Development notes that food security means all individuals, regardless of their physical or economic circumstances, have access to sufficient food to meet the dietary needs for a productive, healthy life.

Food security is a more significant issue than people may recognize, even in first world, fully developed countries. For example, the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service indicates that slightly more than 10 percent of U.S. households were food insecure at some point during 2021.

In fact, estimates suggest more than 800 million people across the globe go to bed hungry every night, which underscores the seriousness of the isAgriculture and food security

Food security and the agricultural industry are inextricably linked. The USAID indicates that most of the people who go to bed hungry at night are smallholder farmers who depend on agriculture to make a living and feed themselves and their families. Supporting efforts to strengthen the agricultural industry can help to combat food security, as the USAID reports that growth within that sector has been found to be at least twice as effective at reducing poverty as growth in other sectors. Much of that can be Meeting food needs traced to the disproportionate percentage of poor people who live in rural rather than urban areas. For example, the USAID live in rural areas.

Community Survey indicates try's cities. the poverty rate in rural areas was 15.4 percent in 2019 compared to 11.9 percent in urban areas. Though recent data regarding rural poverty rates in Canada is unavailable, a 2013 discussion paper on the topic the Government



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reports that 75 percent of poor Canada noted that the country's lack of access to healthy foods people in developing nations rural residents earned less and is preventable. Individuals in But the poverty rate is higher than residents in urban areas, can voice their support for efin rural areas than urban areas suggesting that poverty is likely in the United States as well. more prevalent in the Canadian tural sector. A thriving agricul-Data from the 2019 American countryside than in the countrural sector can ensure fewer

What can be done

significant global challenge, poverty.

had lower levels of education rural and urban communities forts to strengthen the agriculpeople go to bed hungry each night and bolster the economies of rural communities that are Though food security poses a disproportionately affected by

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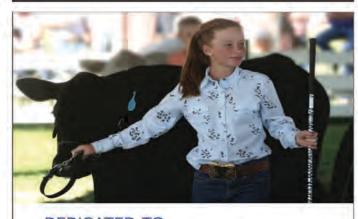




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Whereas, agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady supply of young professional to meet the growing needs in the science, business and technology of agriculture; and

Whereas, the FFA motto - "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve"- gives direction and purpose to these students who

take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and Whereas, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and

Therefore, I do hereby designate the week of Feb.15-22, 2025 as National FFA Week



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Bouquets for cancer

The Tipton High School floriculture classes donated floral bouquets to JCMG's breast cancer pa tients. From the left are: Front row, Anna Crane, Addison McQuaide, Larrah Petree and Emilyn Kuttenkuler; back, Mahayla Rambo, Kaylie Kohler, Konner Oldham, Amanda Garcia, Camdyn Garber, Kyndall Turley and Kaylee Kuschel.

What vo ag students like best about their FFA chapter

My favorite experience in FFA towards common goals for acwas attending the National tivities like fundraisers, leader-Convention last year. I loved ship conferences, and commuseeing so many students in- nity service activities. This has volved in FFA and how we all taught me essential personal had something in common. We skills such as organization, perwere able to talk to many differ-ent people in the agribusiness I have also established essential and it was really neat seeing values and career goals through what all goes on under the name the lessons learned when colof agriculture.

- Kaylee Kuschel

My favorite FFA experience Chapter meetings team my with my teammates and learn a meet lifelong friends. I also lot. Being on this team was so love all of the diversity that is in fun and we made it to state!

getting to collaborate with my versity has made FFA seem like fellow chapter and area officers my second family.

laborating with others.

- Carsyn Petree

was being on the Conduct of of the new people that members city of Washington, D.C. get to meet. Each of the activifreshman year! I got to bond ties through FFA allows you to FFA. No matter if you aren't - Addison McQuaide into animals, there are still contests that you can participate in. President and being in FFA in My favorite part of FFA is All of the connections and di-

- Raylyn Wilfong

My favorite part of FFA is the bonds I make with people through all the fun activities. - Clara Williams

My favorite part of FFA has been WLC. Washington Leadership Conference was a great experience that allowed me to make friends, create a community service project, and see My favorite part of FFA is all unimaginable things within the

- Madilynn Edwards

FFA has created so many memories, toßo many to pick from. I wouldn't be where I am without being an FFA Vice Walker Cary general.

Career opportunities in the agricultural sector

Individuals approach their careers in various ways. Some may aspire to climb the corporate ladder, while others may pursue a career that affords them ample personal time to spend how they see fit. Many individuals look for careers that afford them ample opportunities to work in the great outdoors, which could make the agricultural sector an appealing industry.

Talented individuals with an array of diverse skills dot the agricultural sector landscape, and the following are just a few of the many careers to consider within this vital industry

• Equipment technician: Data from the career experts at Inindicates agricultural equipment technicians earn an average salary around \$65,000 per year. Agricultural equipment technicians maintain and repair existing machines and install new ones, among their many responsibilities.

cultural purchasing agent buys array of agricultural products. house The national average salary for \$52,000 per year. agricultural purchasing agents

is around \$51,000 annually.



Taking skills into ag career

There are many careers to consider within the agriculture sector for those who with a list of di-• Purchasing agent: An agri- verse skills and looking for opportunities to work in the outdoors

products and raw materials at manage inventory. Warehouse them to identify customers as implement solutions that occur wholesale. Indeed notes that managers must know and ad- well as their needs and wants, on agricultural sites, helping to purchasing agents often must here to safety procedures and and promote their own products address issues such as unmeet specific purchasing quotas guidelines that dictate how ma- and services. An ability to fos- healthy for processors and work with terials and products are stored. ter strong and trusting interper- drainage and inefficiencies, various clients who supply an The average salary of a ware- sonal relationships is invaluable among other concerns. A career manager

• Sales: Like every industry, of about \$60,000 per year. the agricultural sector requires • Warehouse manager: The talented sales personnel. Agri- Environmental engineers play erage annual salary for this poreceiving, shipping and storage cultural sales reps sell materials pivotal roles within the indusof agricultural materials is over- and products and identify the try, and could become even \$77,000. seen by a warehouse manager. needs of potential customers. more vital in the decades ahead Indeed notes that these profes- Agricultural sales reps may as the effects of climate change reer paths individuals can consionals now routinely utilize ar- spend ample time on the road at become more apparent. Envi- sider as they explore the agritificial intelligence products to trade shows. Doing so allows ronmental engineers design and cultural sector.

Environmental engineer:

soil, insufficient for agricultural sales reps, who as an environmental engineer Indeed reports earn an average within the agricultural industry can be rewarding and lucrative, with Indeed noting that the avsition is a little more than

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Promoting ag

Tipton High School vocational agriculture students participate in Agriculture Education On the Move, a classroom-based program sponsored by Missouri Farmers Care. The program teaches elementary school children about where their food comes from, how farmers support their community, and much more. Shown are several of the high school students with an elementary class that they partner with in the program.

How to involve more young people in agriculture

ahead. Technology will con- agriculture. tinue to play a pivotal role in

will remain home to 3.1 billion years to come. people by 2050.

and the challenges climate Modern young people are change and population growth growing up with technology all tor will be in the coming ogy plays in the agricultural cultural sector. decades. That means there sector. Young people's ears

The agricultural industry will ties for young people to make terms like "robotics" technoloundergo exciting changes as it an impact, especially if more gies are now a big part of life on looks to overcome developing efforts are made to encourage the farm. Recognition of that challenges in the decades them to consider careers in may compel more young peo-

Encourage agriculture- ture. the agricultural sector, making based curriculum. After recogagriculture an evolving and ex- nizing that the majority of ahead and how agricultural prociting career path for young Kenyan students had no access fessionals can help overcome professionals.

Kenyan students had no access fessionals can help overcome to farming training and education. UN projections indicate Much has been made of pro- tion, the organization Farm the global population will grow jections that suggest the world Africa initiated a program to by more than two billion people population is increasingly look- make agriculture more accessiby 2050. Finding a way to feed ing to urban areas to call home. ble to students. Students who all of those people in the face of Though data from the United participated learned about ev- climate change will be no small Nations indicates urban areas erything from keeping live- task, but it's a task that will recould grow by 2.5 billion peo- stock to marketing produce for quire dedicated agricultural ple by 2050, more recent UN global markets. Similar pro-professionals. Educators and data indicates that 90 percent of grams can be encouraged in deparents can emphasize these that increase will take place in veloped countries where oppor- challenges when speaking to Asia and Africa. All told, esti-tunities in the field of agriculmates indicate that rural areas ture figure to increase in the the agricultural sector, noting

eople by 2050.

• Emphasize technological real opportunities to make a dif-A sizable rural population advancements in the field. ference. should be plenty of opportuni- may perk up upon hearing

ple to pursue careers in agricul-

• Highlight the challenges young people about a career in that such careers will present

Young people looking for rewarding careers in an exciting, will present underscores how around them, but few may be ever-evolving field can be enimportant the agricultural sec- aware of the vital role technol- couraged to consider the agri-



A good meal

Student workers shown at the annual FFA Barbecue are, from the left, Mason Carel, Konner Oldham, Audrey Gump, Kaitlyn Tuttle and Carsyn Petree.



Solve the code to discover words related to agriculture. Each number corresponds to a letter

10 13 18 1 7 9 16 Clue: Growing crops

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3. The market value of products sold in 2022 was \$170,351,000; crop sales were \$24,157,000 and livestock sales were \$146,194,000. The average value of products sold per farm was \$185,567.

4. Total income from farm-related sources: \$3,917,000 (382 farms) 5. Government payments: \$3,523,000 (379 farms)

6. Top crop items harvested are: Corn for grain, 1,287,887 bu., corn for silage or greenchop, 7,721 tons; wheat for grain (all), 198,342 bushels; winter wheat for grain, 198,342 bushels; oats for grain, 428 bushels; barley for grain, 3,874 bushels; sorghum for grain, 17,105 bushels.

7. Top Livestock sold: Broilers and other meat-type chickens (12,488,366); Cattle and calves (30,103); Hogs and pigs (7,945); (2022 Census of Agriculture, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service)

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