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Welcome back! The start of the school year is a great time to set and focus on personal, professional and program goals. We hope we can assist you in accomplishing your goals. The Office of Agricultural Education wishes you a successful year!

It is our hope that this letter will serve as a resource to get your year started on the right foot. Please review as there are many important updates/reminders included in this letter. As a reminder all registrations/forms should be sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. All current information can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board (which is a quick link on the left hand side of the Ag Ed homepage: http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/). All other documents (event summaries, applications, etc.) can be found in the State Activity Guide: http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/activity/. Monthly reminders will be emailed and archived on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board (along with this letter).

Chapter Charter Requirements

The following list contains items that must be completed in order for your FFA chapter to remain in good standing with the association. Visit:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/chapter/ for hotlinks to these documents and for more information.

[Officer List](#) – Due October 1

[Program of Activities](#) – Due December 1

Dues/Roster – Due January 29 (visit:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/chapter/DuesMemo.pdf for more information)

Participate in 5 State/National Activities

Send 2 delegates to the State FFA Convention

Calendar of Events

The 2009-2010 Calendar of Events is available online:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/calendar/. You have the option of printing out a PDF document or view the online version with hot links to registrations/announcements and applications.

Directory Update Form

In order to keep up with address changes, administration changes, etc., we ask that you complete this form. Please submit this form to us by September 17. This form can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/. An Online Directory of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education Programs and Related Organizations is available on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board (direct link is:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/ageddirectory.html)

Printed copies are no longer available.

Fall Ag Teachers Conference – September 25

This year's Ag Teacher's Conference will focus on "Quality Agricultural Education Programs." We are excited to have Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, NJDOE share with us "Preparing Our Students for 21st Century Skills." Other highlights include Quality Program Standards roll out, Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education update, a New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators (NJAAE) Update and a special NJ Farm Bureau/NJ FFA membership program. Registration is due September 18. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/

Leadership Experience and Development Conference – October 9-10, 2009

You asked for it... LEAD is back at a camp; Camp Mason in Hardwick, NJ to be exact! This year's Chapter Officer Leadership Training "Surviving the Shipwreck" will focus on Teamwork, Communication, Leadership, Program of Activities and so much more! State Greenhand Conference "Tropical Island" will give first year members a basic understanding of FFA and all it has to offer. Registration is due September 16. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/. Please note: ALL participants must complete a Camp Mason waiver which is available on our website. Also, the event end time has been extended slightly.

National FFA Convention – October 21-24, 2009

If you haven't already, please send in your student code of conducts. These documents were due August 3. An updated convention memo can be found:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/Septemberconvteachmemo.pdf.

Fall Career Development Events – November 12, 2009

ALL Fall CDEs will be scored using scan-tron. Scan-tron cards are available on the State Activity Guide for you to review with your students. Event sections will not change, only contest materials will change slightly to adhere to the scan-tron sheets. A separate update will be sent out shortly. Registration is due October 16. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/.

Landscape Design CDE – March 1, 2010

Materials are available on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board for this event:

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/. Use the event guidelines as a class project or end of semester project. All of the hard work is done for you!

Member of the Month – Due the 1st of every month

Don't forget to submit member of the month applications by the 1st of September – June.

New Jersey Ag Ed List Serve

Do you have something you want to share with the other agricultural educators in the state? Visit

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/home/maillinglist.html to send a message using the NJ Ag Ed List Serve.

The Office of Agricultural Education is available to support you as you conduct quality agricultural education programs. We look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,



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