

2017-2018 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events



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In Cooperation with New Jersey Department of Education

Details on events are made available to every teacher of agriculture at least one month before the event on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board: <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm>. Due dates for applications are absolute. Applications must be postmarked by the date indicated or they will not be accepted. Participant List with payment by due dates is required. Applications, participant lists and announcements outlined in this calendar can be accessed through the State Activity Guide on the NJ Agricultural Education website. All participant lists should be sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. *If a deadline falls on the weekend or a state holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day. Member of the Month applications must be submitted online by 2:00 pm on the day of the state meeting (except January which must be submitted by 7:30 am the day of the meeting).

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| September 1
Friday | September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001) |
| September 11
Monday | State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| September 15
Friday | Participant List for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due
Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b) |
| September 15-17
Fri. - Sun. | Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events
Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA |
| September 22
Friday | Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due |
| September 25
Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| September 29
Friday | Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference
Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 |
| September 29
Friday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (following Ag Ed Conference) |
| September 30
Saturday* | Star State Award Applications Due
(Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b) |
| September 30
Saturday* | Program Affiliation Contracts Due |
| October 1
Sunday* | October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)

Chapter Officer List due (1.004a)
CHAPTER OFFICER NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER) |
| October 2
Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |

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October 6 - 7 Fri. – Sat.	Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference & State Greenhand Conference, Location: The Hotel ML, 915 Route 73, Mt. Laurel, NJ 8054
October 11 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 15 Sunday*	Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
October 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Board Room, 4:00 pm
October 17 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 6:00 pm
Oct. 25 - 28 Wed. - Sat.	90th National FFA Convention & Expo and National FFA Career Development Events Indianapolis, IN
November 1 Wednesday	Membership Roster Due (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
November 1 Wednesday	November Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
November 1 Wednesday	Participant Lists for 212° Conference due (9.003a)
November 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm
November 14 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
November 16 Thursday	Fall Career Development Events , School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm 1. Land Judging 2. Milk Quality and Products 3. Turf Management 4. Fruits and Vegetables Identification
November 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
December 1 Friday	December Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Program of Activities due (1.004b) (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
December 4 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
December 6-9 Wed. - Sat.	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention/ACTE Convention Nashville, TN
December 9 Saturday	212° Conference Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center 8:30 am – 7:30 pm
December 13 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

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December 18 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
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January 1 Monday*	January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
January 8 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00am
January 9 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
January 15 Monday*	Participant Lists for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)
January 16 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
January 19 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
January 22 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
January 27 Saturday	State Officer Candidates' School , Location: TBA 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (<i>Snow date: February 3</i>)
February 1 Thursday	February Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Participant List for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a) Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018)
February 5 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
February 6 - 8 Tuesday – Thur.	New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ
February 7 Wednesday	New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm
February 12 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
February 14 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
February 15 Thursday	Participant List for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PARTICIPANT LISTS)
February 15-18 Thurs. – Sat.	State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning North Wildwood, NJ
February 17-24 Sat. – Sat.	National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA

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February 22 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618
March 1 Thursday	March Member of the Month application due (5.001) Participant List for Online Farm Business Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation CDEs due (www.judgingcard.com) Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office
March 2 Friday	New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
March 5 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
March 9 Friday	Floral Design Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am
March 9-10 Fri. - Sat.	NJ FFA Horticultural Expo Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
March 13 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
March 15 Thursday	Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004) State and American Degree Applications are due (State Degree – 14.007) Proficiency Award Applications Due – available on www.ffa.org Participant List for Spring Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
March 19 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Webinar
March 20 Tuesday	Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
March 21 Wednesday	Farm Business Management, Forestry & Meat Evaluation CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com)
April 1 Sunday*	Applications are due for the following awards presented at the convention: The following applications can also be found on the New Jersey FFA Website at <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State FFA Scholarship Applications (14.008) 2. Advisor of the Year Application (14.009) 3. National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II available on www.ffa.org 4. Superior Chapter Application (National Chapter Award Form I) 5. Most Improved Chapter Application (15.014) 6. Member of the Year Application (5.001) 7. FFA Week Application (15.013) 8. Essay Event (14.024) Four typewritten copies of essay need to be submitted. 9. WLC Scholarship Application (14.022)

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10. **Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application** (14.010)
11. **Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award** (14.025)
12. **8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Service Project Award** (14.026)
13. **National Convention Scholarship Application Due** (14.021)
14. **State Talent Application** (14.027)
15. **Hall of States** (14.030)
16. **Chapter Challenge** (14.028)

April 1
Sunday*

Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office

Participant List for Dairy Evaluation CDE due (12.007b & 12.008b)

April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

Agriscience Fair Participant List, Application, and Written Report due (16.001b)

(Please note – 3 copies of the written report are due with the application) Only National Agriscience Fair participant list, application and report will be accepted!

Participant List for State FFA Food Science & Technology, Agronomy, Livestock Evaluation & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events (www.judgingcard.com)

April 2
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

April 9
Monday

Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 89th State FFA Convention. Advisor Assurance Forms are due with Convention Participant List. Participant List for the events listed below are due and included on the participant list form.

1. **3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003)**
Uploaded Manuscript due April 9th
2. **Demonstration (Ten copies of outline Due April 7th) (14.006)**
Uploaded Outline due April 9th
3. **Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest**
4. **Creed**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit (14.005)**
7. **Employment Skills (14.017)**
Uploaded Resume/Cover Letter due April 9th
8. **Agricultural Issues Forum**
Uploaded Portfolio due April 9th
9. **Official Ceremonies (15.015)**
10. **FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)**
11. **Artwork Competition (15.018)**
12. **Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)**
Uploaded Lesson Plan due April 9th
13. **Marketing Plan CDE (12.022)**
Uploaded Portfolio due April 9th

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April 11 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop , NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 5:00 pm
April 12 Thursday	Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee , NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 1 st floor, Board Room. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
April 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm
April 17 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
April 19 Thursday	Spring Career Development Events Rutgers University, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems 2. Floriculture 3. Nursery/Landscape 4. Ag Sales 5. Environmental and Natural Resources 6. Veterinary Science
April TBA Sunday	State Horse Evaluation Career Development Event Location TBA
April 25 Wednesday	Agriscience Fair , Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
April/May-TBA Saturday	State FFA Dairy Career Development Event Location TBA
May 1 Tuesday	State FFA Food Science & Technology, Agronomy, Livestock Evaluation & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events Eastern PA FFA Day, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
May 1 Tuesday	May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)
May 1 Tuesday	State Officer Applications Due (15.001)
May 7 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
May 14 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
May 21-23 Mon. – Wed.	State officer set up and practice for state convention
May 23 Wednesday	New Jersey Ag Ed Council Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm
May 23 Wednesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm
May 23-25 Wed. – Fri.	89th State FFA Convention Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ *Dates Subject to Change Participant List required. <i>Events to be held:</i>

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1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003)
(Participant List and 10 copies of speech Due April 7th)
2. Demonstration (14.006) (Participant List and five copies of outline Due April 7th)
3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Participant List Due April 7th)
4. Creed (15.006) (Participant List Due April 7th)
5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Participant List Due April 7th)
6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 7th)
7. Job Interview (14.017) (Participant List and 10 copies of materials Due April 7th)
8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 7th)
9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Participant List Due April 7th)
10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Participant List and Safety Assurance Due April 7th)
11. Landscape Design (13.004) (Participant List due March 1st)
12. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)
13. Art Competition (15.018)
14. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)
15. Hall of States Exhibit Event (14.030)
16. Marketing Plan (12.022) (Participant List and 10 copies of materials Due April 7th)

June 1
Friday

Participant List for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b)

Horse Judging, Dairy Handlers & Tractor Driving

National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due

June 1
Friday

June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

June 4
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. Of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

June 9-10
Sat. - Sun.

State Officer Leadership Training Conference, sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni
Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

June 13
Wednesday

State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

June 18
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

June 26
Tuesday
(*Tentative*)

17th Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament

Gambler Ridge Golf Course, 121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514, 1:00PM

June 27-29
Wed. - Fri.
(*Tentative*)

Kick-Off Conference for State Officers

Lamb House, Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, NJ

July 9
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, NJ, 1st floor Auditorium, 9 am

July 16
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

July 17
Tuesday

State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

July 17
Tuesday
(*tentative*)

Tractor Driving Event

Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds

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July 21 Saturday (tentative)	Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 23-27 Mon – Fri (Tentative)	The D.C. Experience for State Officers , Washington, D.C.
August 1 Wednesday	National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conducts Due to State Office
August 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, NJ, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am
August 7-10 Tue - Fri (Tentative)	In-State Electives for State Officers #1 , TBA
August 15 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
August 15 Wednesday	Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 15 Wednesday	Big E CDE & Star Participant List, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

Future National FFA Convention Dates:



Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 24-27, 2018
Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2019
Oct. 29 – Oct. 31, 2020

FFA Mission Statement

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.

Definition of Agricultural Education for New Jersey

"Agricultural Education prepares people for careers and professional leadership in production, processing, marketing, and distribution of agricultural products, and for related careers in plant and animal technology (including aquatic life), economics, education, mechanics and engineering, natural resources and environmental technology, politics and sociology, and international relations and trade."

Definition of Supervised Agricultural Experience - SAE

"Planned, documented, practical activities conducted outside of the *classroom/laboratory instruction* time in which students develop and apply agricultural knowledge and skills." These experiences (Exploratory, Research/Experimentation and Analysis, Placement, and Ownership/Entrepreneurship) are individualized to meet the needs of a diverse student clientele, and they are supervised by teachers, employers, parents/guardians, and/or other adults who assist students in achieving their objectives.

"The New Jersey FFA

Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies."