

2011-2012 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. Pre-registration with payment by due dates is required. Applications, registrations and announcements outlined in this calendar can be accessed through the State Activity Guide on the NJ Agricultural Education website. All registrations should be sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us.

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| September 1
Thursday | September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001) |
| September 12
Monday | State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 3 rd Floor, DD Conference Room, 4:00 pm |
| September 14
Wednesday | Pre-registration for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due
Chapter Officer Leadership Training and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b) |
| September 16-18
Fri. - Sun. | Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events
Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA. |
| September 23
Friday | Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due |
| September 26
Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| September 30
Friday | Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference , Rutgers Eco Complex
1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (following Ag Ed Conference) |
| September 30
Friday | Program Affiliation Contracts Due |
| September 30
Friday | Star State Award Applications Due
(Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b) |
| October 1
Saturday | October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)

Chapter Officer List due (1.004a)
CHAPTER OFFICER NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS due in the state office
(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER) |
| October 3
Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm

Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15)
http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls |

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October 7-8 Fri. – Sat.	Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training and State Greenhand Conference Camp Bernie, Port Murray, NJ
October 11 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 12 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 14 Friday	Pre-registration for Fall Career Development Events due (7.000b)
October 19-22 Wed. - Sat.	84th National FFA Convention and National FFA Career Development Events Indianapolis, IN
November Tuesday	New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting TBA
November 1 Tuesday	Membership Roster Due Using Ag Career Network
November 1 Tuesday	November Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
November 1 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Location TBA, 5:00 pm
November 7 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
November 15-19 Tuesday - Saturday	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention St. Louis, MO – Hyatt Regency
November 17 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 19 Saturday	New Jersey FFA Alumni Turkey Trot 5K Veterans Park (Kuser Road Entrance), Hamilton, NJ 9:30 am
November 21 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
December 1 Thursday	December Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Program of Activities due (1.004b) CHAPTER PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES DUE IN THE STATE OFFICE (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
December 5 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
December 14 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
December 19 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

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January 1 Sunday	January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
January 9 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15) http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls
January 10 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
January 11 Wednesday	Pre-registration for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)
January 17-19 Mon. – Wed.	NJ State Agriculture Convention Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ
January 18 Tuesday	New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Location TBA, 2:00 pm
January 20 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 6:00 pm
January 23 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
January 24 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Location TBA, 5:00 pm
January 28 Saturday	State Officer Candidates' School , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (<i>Snow date: February 4</i>)
February 1 Wednesday	February Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Pre-registration 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 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
February 8 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
February 15 Wednesday	Pre-registration for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION)
February 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
February 18-25 Sat. – Sat.	National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA
February 23 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ (Snow date: TBA)

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March 1 Thursday	<p>March Member of the Month application due (5.001)</p> <p>Pre-registration for Online Farm Business Management, Forestry, Meat Evaluation and Agronomy CDEs due (FBM – 10.003a, Forestry – 12.013b, Meat Evaluation – 12.018a and Agronomy – 12.019a)</p>
March 1 Thursday	<p>Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office</p>
March 5 Monday	<p>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm</p>
March 15 Thursday	<p>Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004)</p>
March 15 Thursday	<p>State and American Degree Applications are due (State Degree – 14.007)</p> <p>Proficiency Award Applications Due – available on www.ffa.org</p>
March 16 Friday	<p>Floral Design Career Development Event, TBA</p>
March 16-18 Fri. - Sun.	<p>NJ FFA Horticultural Expo, TBA</p>
March 19 Monday	<p>State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm</p>
March 20 Tuesday	<p>New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Location TBA, 5:00 pm</p>
March 21 Wednesday	<p>Farm Business Management, Forestry, Meat Evaluation and Agronomy CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com)</p>
March 23 Friday	<p>Pre-registration for Spring Career Development Events due (13.001a)</p>
March 27 Tuesday	<p>Proficiency and American & State Degree Selection Committee NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm</p>
March 28 Wednesday	<p>Agriscience Fair Registration, Application, and Abstracts Due (16.001a) (Please note – 5 copies of the abstract are due with the application) Only National Agriscience fair registrations, application and abstracts will be accepted!</p>
April 1 Sunday	<p>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</p> <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)

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8. **National Agriscience Student & Teacher of the Year Applications** available on www.ffa.org
9. **Essay Event (14.024)** Four typewritten copies of essay need to be submitted.
10. **WLC Scholarship Application (14.022)**
11. **Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application**
12. **Agri-Entrepreneurship Award** available on www.ffa.org
13. **H.O. Sargent Award** available on www.ffa.org
14. **Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award (14.025)**
15. **8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Service Project Award (14.026)**
16. **National Convention Scholarship Application Due (14.021)**
17. **State Talent Application (14.027)**
18. **Video Public Relations Event (14.028)**

April 1
Sunday

Honorary American Degree For Teachers due to the State Office

Pre-registration for Livestock/Dairy Judging CDEs due (12.007b & 12.008b)

April 1
Sunday

April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

April 2
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 5:00 pm

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April 12
Thursday

Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee, Northeast
& South Teacher Representation, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 1st floor, Board Room.
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

April 10
Tuesday

Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 83rd State FFA Convention. Advisor Assurance Forms are due with Convention Registration. Registration for the events listed below are due and included on the registration form.

1. **3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Speeches due April 8th)**
Ten typewritten copies of speeches (**with cover page to include Title of Speech, Contestant, Chapter and State, and Name of Event**) due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their speech on time will not be registered to compete.*
2. **Demonstration (Ten copies of outline Due April 8th)**
3. **Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest**
4. **Creed**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit**
7. **Job Interview (14.017) (Job Interview materials due April 8th)**
Ten copies of resume, cover letter and 3 letters of reference are due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their materials on time will not be registered to compete.*

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8. **Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio due April 8th)**
Rules
 9. **Official Ceremonies**
 10. **Tractor Driving (15.002) (Safety Assurance Form due April 8th)**
(found on the convention registration form)
 11. **FFA Quiz Bowl (15.017)**
 12. **Artwork Competition (15.018)**
 13. **Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)**
- April-TBA
Saturday **State FFA Livestock & Dairy Career Development Events**
Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA, 8:15 am-3:00 pm
- April 10
Tuesday **State FFA Foundation Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
- April 11
Wednesday **State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop**, NJ Dept.
of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 5:00 pm
- April 19
Thursday **Spring Career Development Events**, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
9:30 am -1:30 pm
1. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
 2. Floriculture
 3. Nursery/Landscape
 4. Ag Sales
 5. Environmental and Natural Resources
 6. Veterinary Science
- April 16
Monday **State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 2nd floor, Conference Room 206, 4:00 pm
- April 25
Wednesday **Agriscience Fair**, Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
- May 1
Tuesday **May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)**
- State Officer Applications Due (15.001)**
- May 7
Monday **State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
- May 14
Monday **State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
- May 15
Tuesday **Ag Education Student Data Information Due**
- May 20-21
Sun. - Mon. State officer set up and practice for state convention
- May 22
Tuesday **New Jersey Ag Ed Council Meeting** (at State FFA Convention)
Hickman Hall, Rutgers University, 2:00 pm
- May 22
Tuesday **New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting** (at State FFA Convention)
Hickman Hall, Rutgers University, 6:00 pm
- May 22-24
Tues. - Thur. **83rd State FFA Convention**
School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University
Pre-registration required. *Events to be held:*

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1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003)
(Registration and 10 copies of speech Due April 8th)
2. Demonstration (14.006) (Registration and five copies of outline Due April 8th)
3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Registration Due April 8th)
4. Creed (15.006) (Registration Due April 8th)
5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Registration Due April 8th)
6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 8th)
7. Job Interview (14.017) (Registration and 10 copies of materials Due April 8th)
8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 8th)
9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Registration Due April 8th)
10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Registration and Safety Assurance Due April 8th)
11. Landscape Design (13.004) (Registration due March 1st)
12. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.017)
13. Art Competition (15.018)
14. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)

June
(Tentative)

Poultry Career Development Event in Delaware
(Details to follow)

June 1
Friday

Pre-registration for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b)
Horse Judging and Dairy Handlers (To be held at Delaware State Fair)

National Convention State Block Rooms Needed 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 Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, State Board Room, 4:00 pm

June 9-10
Sat. - Sun.

State Officer Leadership Training Conference, sponsored by New Jersey FFA
Alumni

June 13
Wednesday

State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, 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 Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

June 19
Tuesday
(Tentative)

New Jersey FFA Golf Tournament
TBA

June 27-29
Wed. - Fri.

BLAST Off - State Officer Training Conference

July 2
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1st floor Auditorium, 9 am

July 10
Tuesday

State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

July 16
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

July 23
Monday

Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event at Delaware State Fair
(Tentative) (Details to follow)

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July 24-27 Tues. – Fri.	State Presidents' Conference , Washington, D.C. (arrive on the 23 rd and leave on the 28 th)
July 25 Wednesday	Horse Career Development Event at Delaware State Fair (Details to follow) (<i>Tentative</i>)
July 29 – Aug 2 Sun.-Thurs.	National Leadership Conference for State Officers , New Jersey
August 1 Wednesday	National Convention Participant List and Code of Conducts Due to State Office
August 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am
August 8 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
August 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

Future National FFA Convention Dates:

Indianapolis, IN

Oct. 19-22, 2011
Oct. 24-27, 2012

Louisville, KY

Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2013
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2014
Oct. 28-31, 2015

Indianapolis, IN

Oct. 19-22, 2016
Oct. 25-28, 2017
Oct. 24-27, 2018



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."