2019-2020 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 Education Bulletin Board: [http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm](http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm). Due dates for applications are absolute. Applications must be postmarked or received electronically 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 Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education website. All participant lists should be sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov. *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).

**2019**

**September 1**
Sunday*

**September 9**
Monday

**September 13-14**
Fri. - Sat.

**September 15**
Sunday*

**September 20**
Friday

**September 23**
Monday

**September 27**
Friday

**September 27**
Friday

**September 30**
Monday

**September 30**
Monday

**October 1**
Tuesday

**October 1**
Tuesday

**October 4-5**
Fri. – Sat.

**September Member of the Month Applications due**

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

**Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events**
Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA

**Participant List for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due**
Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b)

**Registration for Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference due**

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

**Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference**
Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

**New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting** (following Ag Ed Conference)

**Star State Award Applications Due**
(Greenhand and Chapter)

**Program Affiliation Contracts Due**

**October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)**

**Chapter Officer List due**
(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER’S CHARTER)

**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 08054
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October 7
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

October 8
Tuesday
State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st Floor Board Room, 6:00 pm

October 9
Wednesday
State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

October 15
Tuesday
Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)

October 21
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

Oct. 30-Nov 2
Wed. - Sat.
92nd National FFA Convention & Expo and National FFA Career Development Events
Indianapolis, IN

November 1
Friday
Membership Roster Due
(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER’S CHARTER)

November 1
Friday
Alumni & Supporters Roster, Affiliation Agreement & Payment Due

November 1
Friday
November Member of the Month Application due

November 1
Friday
Participant Lists for 212° Conference due

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

November 12
Tuesday
New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting
Online Meeting, 7:00 pm

Nov. 15-16
Fri. – Sat.
Checkpoint #2 for State Officers
Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

November 18
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

November 21
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

December 1
Sunday*
December Member of the Month Application due

December 1
Sunday*
Program of Activities due via AET & Chapter Constitution due
(REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER ChARTERS)

December 2
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00

Dec. 4-7
Wed. - Sat.
National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention/ACTE Convention
Anaheim, CA
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December 7
Saturday
212° Conference
Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center 8:30 am – 6:30 pm

December 11
Wednesday
State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

December 16
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

2020

January 1
Wednesday*
January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

January 14
Tuesday
State FFA Foundation Meeting
Location TBA, 6:00 pm

January 14
Tuesday
New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting
Location TBA, 7:00 pm

January 15
Wednesday
Participant Lists for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)

January 17
Friday
State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop
Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

January 20
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session
Location TBA 4:00 pm

January 25
Saturday
State Officer Candidates' School,
Stone Bridge Middle School, 1252 Yardville-Allentown Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

February 1
Saturday*
February Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

February 1
Saturday*
Participant List for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a)

February 1
Saturday*
Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award
due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018)

February 3
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Location TBA, 4:00 pm

February 4-6
Tues. – Thur.
New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention
Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ

February 5
Wednesday
New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting
(at State Ag Convention) Harrah’s Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm

February 12
Wednesday
State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Location TBA, 6:00 pm

February 15
Saturday*
Participant List for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a)
(NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PARTICIPANT LISTS)

February 17
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session
Location TBA 4:00 pm

February 20-23
Thurs. – Sun.
State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning
North Wildwood, NJ
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February 22-29
Sat. – Sat.
National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA

February 27
Thursday
Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event
The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618

March 1
Sunday*
March Member of the Month application due (5.001)

March 1
Sunday*
Participant List for Online Farm & Agribusiness Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation CDEs due (www.judgingcard.com)

March 1
Sunday*
Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office

March 1
Sunday*
Participant List for Horse Evaluation CDE due

March 2
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting
Location TBA, 4:00 pm

March 6
Friday
New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize
Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Tentative

March 10
Tuesday
New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting
Online Meeting, 7:00 pm

March 13
Friday
Floral Design Career Development Event
Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am

March 13-14
Fri. - Sat.
NJ FFA Horticultural Expo
Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

March 15
Sunday*
Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004)

March 15
Sunday*
State and American Degree Applications are due (State Degree – 14.007)

March 15
Sunday*
Proficiency Award Applications Due – available on www.ffa.org

March 15
Sunday*
Participant List for Spring Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)

March 16
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session
Webinar

March 24
Tuesday
Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee
Location TBA 4:00 pm

March 25
Wednesday
Farm & Agribusiness Management, Forestry & Meat Evaluation CDEs
Administered Online

April 1
Wednesday
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
1. State FFA Scholarship Applications (14.008)

2. Advisor of the Year Application (14.009)
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3. National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II available on www.ffa.org or www.theaet.com

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)

9. WLC Scholarship Application (14.022)

10. Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application (14.010)

11. 8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Service Project Award (14.026)

12. National Convention Scholarship Application Due (14.021)

13. State Talent Application (14.027)


15. Ag Awareness Application (14.020)

April 1
Wednesday
Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office

April 1
Wednesday
Participant List for Dairy Evaluation CDE due (12.007b & 12.008b)

April 1
Wednesday
April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

April 1
Wednesday
Agriscience Fair Participant List, Application, and Written Report due (16.001b)
Only National Agriscience Fair participant list, application and report will be accepted!

April 1
Wednesday

April 6
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting
Location TBA, 4:00 pm

April TBA
Sunday
State Horse Evaluation Career Development Event
Location TBA

April 8
Wednesday
Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 91st 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 8th

2. Demonstration (14.006) Uploaded Outline due April 8th

3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest
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4. Creed

5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking

6. Portable Exhibit (14.005)

7. Employment Skills (14.017) Uploaded Resume/Cover Letter/Application/Job Description due April 8th

8. Agricultural Issues Forum Uploaded Portfolio due April 8th

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 8th

13. Marketing Plan CDE (12.022) Uploaded Portfolio due April 8th

April 8
Wednesday
State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop
Location TBA, 5:00 pm

April 9
Thursday
Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee
Location TBA 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

April 14
Tuesday
State FFA Foundation Meeting
Location TBA, 6:00 pm

April 20
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session
Location TBA, 4:00 pm

April 23
Thursday
Spring Career Development Events
Rutgers University, 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 TBA
Saturday
State FFA Dairy Career Development Event
Cedar Lane Farms, Oldwick, NJ

April 29
Wednesday
Agriscience Fair
Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

April 30
Thursday
State FFA Food Science & Technology, Agronomy, Livestock Evaluation & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events
Eastern PA FFA Day, Lebanon, Pennsylvania

May 1
Friday
May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)

May 1
Friday
State Officer Applications Due (15.001)

May 4
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Location TBA 4:00 pm
May 11  
**State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture  
Monday  
Location TBA 4:00 pm

May 18-20  
State officer set up and practice for state convention  
Mon. – Wed.

May 20  
**New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting**  
(at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm  
Wednesday

May 20  
**New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting** (at State FFA Convention)  
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm  
Wednesday

May 20-22  
**91st State FFA Convention**  
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ  
*Dates Subject to Change*  
Participant List required.  
**Events to be held:**  
1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003)  
   (Participant List and electronic submission of speech Due April 8th)  
2. Demonstration (14.006) (Participant List and electronic submission of outline Due April 8th)  
3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Participant List Due April 8th)  
4. Creed (15.006) (Participant List Due April 8th)  
5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Participant List Due April 8th)  
6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 8th)  
7. Employment Skills (14.017) (Participant List and electronic submission of materials Due April 8th)  
8. Agricultural Issues Forum (participant list and electronic submission of Portfolio Due April 8th)  
9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Participant List Due April 8th)  
10. Landscape Design (13.004) (Participant List due March 1st)  
11. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)  
12. Art Competition (15.018)  
13. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) (electronic submission of materials)  
15. Marketing Plan (12.022) (Participant List and electronic submission of materials Due April 8th)

June 1  
**Participant List for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b)**  
Monday  
_Dairy Handlers & Tractor Driving_

June 1  
**National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due**

June 1  
**June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)**  
Monday

June 1  
**State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. Of Agriculture  
Monday  
Location TBA, 4:00 pm

June 6  
**Past State Officer Capstone**, sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni  
Saturday  
Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

June 6-7  
**State Officer Leadership Training Conference**, sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni  
Sat. - Sun.  
Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

June 10  
**State Alumni Meeting.**  
Wednesday  
Location TBA 6:00 pm

June 15  
**State FFA Executive Board Work Session.**  
Monday  
Location TBA 4:00 pm

June 23  
**19th Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament**  
Tuesday  
Gambler Ridge Golf Course, 121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514, 1:00PM
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June 24-26  Base Camp for State Officers
                    Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
July 6      State FFA Association Monthly Meeting,
                    Monday  Location TBA, 9 am
July 13     State FFA Executive Board Work Session,
                    Monday  Location TBA 4:00 pm
July 14     State FFA Foundation Meeting,
                    Tuesday  Location TBA 6:00 pm
July 14     Tractor Driving Event
                    Tuesday  Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 18     Dairy Handlers’ Career Development Event
                    Saturday  Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 19-23  State Officer Summit, Washington, D.C.
                   Sun. – Thur.
August 1    National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code
                    Saturday*  of Conducts Due to State Office
August 3    State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
                    Monday  Location TBA 9:00 am
August 4-7  Checkpoint #1 for State Officers
                    Tue. – Fri.  Location TBA
                    (Tentative)
August 12   State Alumni Meeting,
                    Wednesday  Location TBA, 6:00 pm
August 15   Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator
                    Saturday*  1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 15   Big E CDE & Star Participant List, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator
                    Saturday*  1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 17   State FFA Executive Board Work Session,
                    Monday  Location TBA, 4:00 pm

Future National FFA Convention Dates:

Indianapolis, IN
        Oct. 29 – Oct. 31, 2020
        Oct.27 – Oct. 30, 2021

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 Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education for New Jersey

“Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources 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.”