

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

New Jersey FFA Association
 Office of Agricultural Education
 New Jersey Department of Agriculture
 P.O. Box 330
 369 South Warren Street
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625
 Phone: 877-243-3332; Fax: 609-633-2421



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. *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 physically in the office by 2:00 pm on the day of the state meeting (except January which must be physically in the office by 7:30 am the day of the meeting).

2014

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| September 1
Monday* | September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001) |
| September 8
Monday | State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| September 12-14
Fri. - Sun. | Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events
Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA. |
| September 15
Monday | Pre-registration for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due
Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b) |
| September 17
Wednesday | Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due |
| September 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 |
| September 24
Wednesday | Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference
Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (following Ag Ed Conference) |
| September 30
Tuesday | Star State Award Applications Due
(Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b) |
| September 30
Tuesday | Program Affiliation Contracts Due |
| October 1
Wednesday | 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 6
Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |

Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15)

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

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

October 8 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 10-11 Fri. – Sat.	Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference & State Greenhand Conference, Wyndham Garden Trenton, 1 West Lafayette Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
October 14 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 6:00 pm
October 15 Wednesday	Pre-registration for Fall Career Development Events due (7.000b)
October 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
Oct. 29-Nov. 1 Wed. - Sat.	87th National FFA Convention and National FFA Career Development Events Louisville, KY
November 1 Saturday*	Membership Roster Due Using Ag Career Network
November 1 Saturday*	November Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
November 1 Saturday*	Pre-registration for 212^o Conference due (9.003a)
November 3 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
November 11 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm (tentative)
November 17 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
November 18-22 Tues. - Sat.	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention Nashville, TN
November 20 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 TBA Saturday	New Jersey FFA Alumni Turkey Trot 5K TBA
December 1 Monday	December Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Program of Activities due (1.004b) (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
December 1 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
December 10 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

December 13 Saturday	212° Conference Rutgers University 8:30 am – 7:30 pm
December 15 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
2015	
January 1 Thursday*	January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
January 5 Monday	Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15) http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls
January 13 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
January 15 Thursday	Pre-registration for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)
January 20 Tuesday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
January 20 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm (tentative)
January 23 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop , Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 6:00 pm
January 26 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 31 Saturday	State Officer Candidates' School , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (<i>Snow date: February 7</i>)
February 1 Sunday*	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 2 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
February 3-5 Tuesday – Thur.	New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ
February 4 Wednesday	New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm
February 11 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
February 15 Sunday*	Pre-registration for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION)
February 21-28 Sat. – Sat.	National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

February 23 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 26 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event Wyndham Garden Trenton, 1 West Lafayette Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
February 26- March 1 Thursday-Sunday	State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning
March 1* Sunday	March Member of the Month application due (5.001) Pre-registration for Online Farm Business Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation CDEs due (10.000a)
March 1* Sunday	Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office
March 2 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 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) Proficiency Award Applications Due – available on www.ffa.org
March 15* Sunday	Pre-registration for Spring Career Development Events due (13.001a)
March 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Webinar
March 17 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm (tentative)
March 24 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 25 Wednesday	Farm Business Management, Forestry & Meat Evaluation CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com)
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 <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)

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

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)
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
Wednesday

Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office

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

April 1
Wednesday

April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

April 1
Wednesday

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

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

April 6
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

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

Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15)

http://www.jerseyleducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls

April 8
Wednesday

State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop, NJ Dept.

of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor Auditorium, 5:00 pm

April 9
Thursday

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

April 10
Friday

Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for

State Convention/Career Development Events due for 86th 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 10th)**
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 10th) (14.006)**
3. **Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest**
4. **Creed**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit (14.005)**

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

7. **Job Interview (14.017) (Job Interview materials due April 10th)**
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.*
8. **Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio due April 10th)**
Rules
9. **Official Ceremonies (15.015)**
10. **FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)**
11. **Artwork Competition (15.018)**
12. **Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) (10 copies of Lesson Plan due April 10th)**

April 14
Tuesday

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

April 16
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 20
Monday

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

April 28
Tuesday

State FFA Food Science & Technology, Agronomy & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events
Eastern PA FFA Day, Manheim, Pennsylvania

April 29
Wednesday

Agriscience Fair, Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

April-TBA
Saturday

State FFA Livestock Career Development Events
Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA, 8:15 am-3:00 pm

April/May-TBA
Saturday

State FFA Dairy Career Development Events
Location TBA

May 1
Friday

May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)
State Officer Applications Due (15.001)

May 4
Monday

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

May 11
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 2nd Floor Room 206, 4:00 pm

May 15
Friday

Ag Education Student Data Information Due

May 17-20
Sun. – Wed.

State officer set up and practice for state convention

May 20
Wednesday

New Jersey Ag Ed Council Meeting (at State FFA Convention)
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

May 20 Wednesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm
May 20-22 Wed.-Fri.	86th State FFA Convention Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ Pre-registration required. Events to be held: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Registration and 10 copies of speech Due April 10th) 2. Demonstration (14.006) (Registration and five copies of outline Due April 10th) 3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Registration Due April 10th) 4. Creed (15.006) (Registration Due April 10th) 5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Registration Due April 10th) 6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 10th) 7. Job Interview (14.017) (Registration and 10 copies of materials Due April 10th) 8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 10th) 9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Registration Due April 10th) 10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Registration and Safety Assurance Due April 10th) 11. Landscape Design (13.004) (Registration 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)
June 1 Monday	Pre-registration for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b) <i>Horse Judging, Dairy Handlers & Tractor Driving</i> (TBA)
	National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due
June 1 Monday	June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
June 1 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. Of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
June 6-7 Sat. - Sun.	State Officer Leadership Training Conference , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
June 10 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
June 15 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
June 23 Tuesday	New Jersey FFA Golf Tournament (<i>Tentative</i>)
June 24-26 Wed. - Fri.	BLAST Off - State Officer Training Conference Mercer Soil Conservation District
July 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, NJ, 1 st floor Auditorium, 9 am
July 13 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
July 14 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

2014-2015 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

July TBA	Tractor Driving Event (TBA)
July TBA	Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event (TBA)
July TBA	Horse Judging Career Development Event (TBA)
July 20-25 Mon. – Sat.	State Presidents' Conference, Washington, D.C. (arrive on the 20 th and leave on the 25 th)
July 26 – 30 Sun.-Thurs.	National Leadership Conference for State Officers, Pennsylvania
July 30 - August 1 Thurs. – Sat.	State Officer 360° Training, TBA
August 1 Saturday*	National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conducts Due to State Office
August 3 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 12 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
August 15 Saturday	Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 15 Saturday	Big E CDE & Star Registration, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 17 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:



Louisville, KY
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."