

2015-2016 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 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).

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| September 1
Tuesday | September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001) |
| September 14
Monday | State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| September 15
Tuesday | 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 18
Friday | Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due |
| September 18-20
Fri. - Sun. | Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events
Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA. |
| September 25
Friday | 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 28
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 30
Wednesday | Star State Award Applications Due
(Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b) |
| September 30
Wednesday | Program Affiliation Contracts Due |
| October 1
Thursday | 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 5
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 9-10 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 13 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 14 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 15 Thursday	Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due (7.000b)
October 19 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
Oct. 28-Oct. 31 Wed. - Sat.	88th National FFA Convention and National FFA Career Development Events Louisville, KY
November 1 Sunday*	Membership Roster Due (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
November 1 Sunday*	November Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
November 1 Sunday*	Participant Lists for 212° Conference due (9.003a)
November 9 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 10 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
November 16 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 17-21 Tues. - Sat.	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention New Orleans, LA
November 19 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 Tuesday	December Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Program of Activities due (1.004b) (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
December 7 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm
December 9 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
December 12 Saturday	212° Conference Rutgers University 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

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December 21 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 Friday*	January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
January 4 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00am
January 12 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 Friday	Participant Lists for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)
January 19 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
January 22 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop
January 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
January 30 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 6</i>)
February 1 Monday	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 1 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
February 9-11 Tuesday – Thur.	New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ
February 10 Wednesday	New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm
February 10 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
February 15 Monday*	Participant List for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PARTICIPANT LISTS)
February 20-27 Sat. – Sat.	National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA
February 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
February 25 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event TBA

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February 25- 28 Thursday-Sunday	State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning North Wildwood, NJ
March 1 Tuesday	March Member of the Month application due (5.001) Participant List for Online Farm Business Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation CDEs due (10.000a) Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office
March 4 Friday	New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
March 7 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
March 11 Friday	Floral Design Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am
March 11-12 Fri. - Sat.	NJ FFA Horticultural Expo Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
March 15 Tuesday	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 (13.001a)
March 15 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
March 21 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Webinar
March 22 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 23 Wednesday	Farm Business Management, Forestry & Meat Evaluation CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com)
April 1 Friday	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
Friday

Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office

Participant List for Livestock/Dairy Judging CDEs 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!

April 4
Monday

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

April 7
Thursday

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

April 8
Friday

Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 87th 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) (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) (14.006)**
3. **Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest**
4. **Creed**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit (14.005)**
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.*
8. **Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio due April 8th)**
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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 8th)**
13. **Marketing Plan CDE (12.022) (10 copies of written plan due)**

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April 12 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
April 13 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 18 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 21 Thursday	Spring Career Development Events 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 22-23 Friday-Saturday	NAAE Region VI Conference (hosted by New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators) NJDA, 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium & Boardroom
April 26 Tuesday	Agriscience Fair , Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm <i>*Please note date change</i>
April-TBA Saturday	State FFA Livestock Career Development Events Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, PA, 8:15 am-3:00 pm
April/May-TBA Saturday	State FFA Dairy Career Development Events Location TBA
May 1* Sunday	May Member of the Month Application due (5.010) State Officer Applications Due (15.001)
May 2 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
May 3 Tuesday	State FFA Food Science & Technology, Agronomy & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events Eastern PA FFA Day, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
May 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
May 22-25 Sun. – Wed.	State officer set up and practice for state convention
May 25 Wednesday	New Jersey Ag Ed Council Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm
May 25 Wednesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm
May 25-27 Wed. – Fri.	87th State FFA Convention Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ *Dates Subject to Change Participant List required. Events to be held: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Participant List and 10 copies of speech Due April 8th)

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2. Demonstration (14.006) (Participant List and five copies 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. Job Interview (14.017) (Participant List and 10 copies of materials Due April 8th)
8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 8th)
9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Participant List Due April 8th)
10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Participant List and Safety Assurance Due April 8th)
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 8th)

June 1
Wednesday

Participant List for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b)
Horse Judging, Dairy Handlers & Tractor Driving (TBA)

National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due

June 1
Wednesday

June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

June 6
Monday

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

June 8
Wednesday

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

June 11-12
Sat. - Sun.

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

June 20
Monday

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

June 28
Tuesday

15th Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament
Gambler Ridge Golf Course, 121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514, 1:00PM

June 29- July 1
Wed. - Fri.

BLAST Off - State Officer Training Conference
Lamb House, Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, NJ

July 11
Monday

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

July 12
Tuesday

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

July 18
Monday

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

July 19
Tuesday
(tentative)

Tractor Driving Event
Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds

July 20
Wednesday
(tentative)

Horse Judging Career Development Event
Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds

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July 23 Saturday (tentative)	Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 25-30 Mon. – Sat.	State Presidents' Conference , Washington, D.C. (arrive on the 25 th and leave on the 30 th)
July 31 – August 4 Sun.-Thurs.	National Leadership Conference for State Officers , Virginia
August 1 Monday	National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conducts Due to State Office
August 4 - 6 Thurs. – Sat.	State Officer 360° Training , TBA
August 8 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 10 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
August 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
August 15 Monday	Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 15 Monday	Big E CDE & Star Participant List, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089

Future National FFA Convention Dates:



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."