

## 2008-2009 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](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us).

### **2008**

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| September 1<br>Monday          | <b>September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)</b>   |
| September 8<br>Monday          | <b>State Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm  |
| September 12-14<br>Fri. - Sun. | <b>Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events</b><br>Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA.   |
| September 16<br>Tuesday        | <b>Pre-registration for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due</b><br>Chapter Officer Leadership Training and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b)  |
| September 19<br>Friday         | <b>Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due</b>   |
| September 22<br>Monday         | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm   |
| September 26<br>Friday         | <b>Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference</b> , Labor Education Center, Rutgers University<br>50 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08903   |
| September 30<br>Tuesday        | <b>Star State Award Applications Due</b><br>(Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b)   |
| October 1<br>Wednesday         | <b>October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)</b><br><br><b>Chapter Officer List due (1.004a)</b><br>CHAPTER OFFICER NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL AND<br>TELEPHONE NUMBERS due in the state office<br><b>(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)</b><br><br><b>Access Electronic Chapter Roster form National FFA website</b> |
| October 3-4<br>Fri. – Sat.     | <b>Leadership Experience and Development Conference</b><br>Chapter Officer Leadership Training and State Greenhand Conference<br>Holiday Inn Conference Center – Edison, NJ   |
| October 6<br>Monday            | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm  |

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October 8 Wednesday	<b>State Alumni Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 17 Friday	<b>Pre-registration for Fall Career Development Events due (7.000b)</b>
October 14 Tuesday	<b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 22-25 Wed. - Sat.	<b>81<sup>st</sup> National FFA Convention and National FFA Career Development Events</b> Indianapolis, IN
November 1 Saturday	<b>November Member of the Month Application due (5.001)</b>
November 3 Monday	<b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
November 17 Monday	<b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
November 20 Thursday	<b>Fall Career Development Events</b> , School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm 1. Land Judging 2. Dairy Foods 3. Turf Management 4. Fruits and Vegetables Identification
December 1 Monday	<b>December Member of the Month Application due (5.001)</b>  <b>Program of Activities due (1.004b)</b> CHAPTER PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES DUE IN THE STATE OFFICE ( <b>REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS</b> )  <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
December 10 Wednesday	<b>State Alumni Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
December 15 Monday	<b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
<b><u>2009</u></b>	
January 1 Thursday	<b>January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)</b>
January 5 Monday	<b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am
January 19 Monday	<b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
January 13 Tuesday	<b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

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January 14 Wednesday	<b>Pre-registration for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)</b>
January 23 Friday	<b>State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium, 6:00 pm
January 28 Wednesday	<b>Pre-registration for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a)</b> (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION)
January 30 Friday	<b>Chapter Roster due</b> <b>STATE AND NATIONAL DUES - DUE IN STATE OFFICE</b> <b>(REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER'S CHARTER – MAY BE PAID ANY TIME PRIOR TO THIS DATE) \$11.00-member</b> <b>A \$75 late fee will be assessed if not paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>.</b>
January 31 Saturday	<b>State Officer Candidates' School</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Snow Date: February 7)
February 2 Monday	<b>February Member of the Month Application due (5.001)</b>  <b>Pre-registration for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a)</b>  <b>Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018)</b>
February 2 Monday	<b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
February 5-7 Thur. – Sat.	<b>National Ag Ed In-service</b> Indianapolis, IN
February 11 Wednesday	<b>State Alumni Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
February (TBA) Mon. - Wed.	<b>NJ State Agriculture Convention</b> – Location, TBA
February 19 Thursday	<b>Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event</b> The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ
February 21-28 Sat. – Sat.	<b>National FFA Week</b> – Chapter promotion of FFA
February 27 Friday	<b>Floral Design Career Development Event</b> , Burlington Center Mall, 2501 Burlington – Mount Holly Road, Burlington, NJ, 8:30 am
February 27- March 1 Fri. - Sun.	<b>NJ FFA Horticultural Expo</b> , Burlington Center Mall, Burlington, NJ
March 2 Monday	<b>March Member of the Month application due (5.001)</b>  <b>Pre-registration for Online Farm Business Management and Forestry CDEs due (FBM – 10.003a and Forestry – 12.013b)</b>

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- March 2  
Monday
- Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office**
- State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture  
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
- March 16  
Monday
- Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004)**
- March 16  
Monday
- State and American Degree Applications are due (State Degree – 14.007)**
- Proficiency Award Applications Due** – available on [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)
- March 16  
Monday
- State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture  
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
- March 20  
Friday
- Pre-registration for Spring Career Development Events due (13.001a)**
- March 25  
Wednesday
- Farm Business Management and Forestry CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com)**
- March 30  
Thursday
- 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!
- 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)**
  3. **National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II** available on [www.ffa.org](http://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. **National Agriscience Student & Teacher of the Year Applications** available on [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)
  9. **Essay Event (14.024)** Four typewritten copies of essay need to be submitted.
  10. **WLC Scholarship Application (14.022)**
  11. **Agri-Entrepreneurship Award** available on [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)
  12. **H.O. Sargent Award** available on [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)
  13. **Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award (14.025)**
  14. **Outstanding Service Project Award (14.026)**
  15. **National Convention Scholarship Application Due (14.021)**

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April 1 Wednesday	<p><b>Honorary American Degree For Teachers due to the State Office</b></p> <p><b>Pre-registration for Livestock/Dairy Judging CDEs due (12.007b &amp; 12.008b)</b></p> <p><b>April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)</b></p>
April 6 Monday	<p><b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b>, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren &amp; Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 5:00 pm</p>
April 8 Wednesday	<p><b>State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop</b>, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren &amp; Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 5:00 pm</p>
April 9 Thursday	<p><b>Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 80<sup>th</sup> 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.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Speeches due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</b> Ten typewritten copies of speeches (<b>with cover page to include Title of Speech, Contestant, Chapter and State, and Name of Event</b>) due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. <i>Those who do not submit 10 copies of their speech on time will not be registered to compete.</i></li> <li>2. <b>Demonstration (Ten copies of outline Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>3. <b>Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest</b></li> <li>4. <b>Creed</b></li> <li>5. <b>Extemporaneous Public Speaking</b></li> <li>6. <b>Portable Exhibit</b></li> <li>7. <b>Job Interview (14.017) (Job Interview materials due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</b> Ten copies of resume, cover letter and 3 letters of reference are due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. <i>Those who do not submit 10 copies of their materials on time will not be registered to compete.</i></li> <li>8. <b>Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</b> Rules</li> <li>9. <b>Official Ceremonies</b></li> <li>10. <b>Tractor Driving (15.002) (Safety Assurance Form due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</b> (found on the convention registration form)</li> <li>11. <b>FFA Quiz Bowl (15.017)</b></li> </ol>
April 9 Thursday	<p><b>Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee</b>, Northeast &amp; Southern Teacher Representation, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>
April-TBA Saturday	<p><b>State FFA Livestock &amp; Dairy Career Development Events</b> Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA, 8:15 am-3:00 pm</p>
April 14 Tuesday	<p><b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b>, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren &amp; Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm</p>
April 20 Monday	<p><b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b>, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren &amp; Market Streets, Trenton, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Conference Room 206, 4:00 pm</p>

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April 23 Thursday ( <i>Tentative</i> )	<p><b>Spring Career Development Events</b>, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am - 1:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agricultural Mechanics</li> <li>2. Floriculture</li> <li>3. Nursery/Landscape</li> <li>4. Ag Sales</li> <li>5. Environmental and Natural Resources</li> </ol>
April 29 Wednesday	<p><b>Agriscience Fair</b>, Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm</p>
May 1 Friday	<p><b>May Member of the Month Application due (5.001)</b></p> <p><b>State Officer Applications Due (15.001)</b></p>
May 4 Monday	<p><b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b>, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren &amp; Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm</p>
May 11 Monday	<p><b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b>, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren &amp; Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm</p>
May 17-18 Sun. - Mon.	<p>State officer set up and practice for state convention</p>
May 19-21 Tues. - Thur.	<p><b>80<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention</b> School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University Pre-registration required. <b>Events to be held:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Registration and 10 copies of speech Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>2. Demonstration (14.006) (Registration and five copies of outline Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Registration Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>4. Creed (15.006) (Registration Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Registration Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>7. Job Interview (14.017) (Registration and 10 copies of materials Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Registration Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Registration and Safety Assurance Due April 9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>11. Landscape Design (13.004) (Registration due March 2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>12. FFAA Quiz Bowl (15.017)</li> </ol>
June 1 Monday	<p><b>Pre-registration for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b)</b> <i>Horse Judging, Poultry Judging and Dairy Handlers</i> (To be held at Delaware State Fair)</p> <p><b>National &amp; Eastern States Career Development Event Certifications and Waivers, and National Convention State Block Rooms Needed due</b></p>
June 1 Monday	<p><b>June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)</b></p> <p><b>National FFA Band or Chorus or Talent Application Due</b> to State Office</p> <p><b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b>, NJ Dept. Of Agriculture 369 South Warren &amp; Market Streets, Trenton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, State Board Room, 4:00 pm</p>

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June 6-7 Sat. - Sun.	<b>State Officer Leadership Training Conference</b> , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni, University Inn and Conference Center, New Brunswick
June 10 Wednesday	<b>State Alumni Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
June 15 Monday	<b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
June 23 Tuesday	<b>New Jersey FFA Golf Tournament</b> , TBA
June 24-26 Wed. - Fri.	<b>BLAST Off</b> - State Officer Training Conference
July 6 Monday	<b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Auditorium, 9 am
July 20 Monday	<b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
July 14 Tuesday	<b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
July 17 ( <i>Tentative</i> )	<b>Poultry Career Development Event</b> at Delaware State Fair (Details to follow)
July 20 ( <i>Tentative</i> )	<b>Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event</b> at Delaware State Fair (Details to follow)
July 22 ( <i>Tentative</i> )	<b>Horse Career Development Event</b> at Delaware State Fair (Details to follow)
July 21-25 Tues. – Sat.	<b>State Presidents' Conference</b> , Washington, D.C.
July 27-31 Mon. – Fri.	<b>National Leadership Conference for State Officers</b> , Pennsylvania
August 11 Monday	<b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am
August 12 Wednesday	<b>State Alumni Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
August 17 Monday	<b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

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### Future National FFA Convention Dates:

#### **Indianapolis, IN**

Oct. 22-25, 2008

Oct. 21-24, 2009

Oct. 20-23, 2010

Oct. 19-22, 2011

Oct. 24-27, 2012



#### **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 academic class time in which students develop and apply agricultural knowledge and skills"

SAE programs are supervised by teachers, employers, parents/guardians and other adults who assist students in achieving their objectives. The experiences are agriculture-based, supervised, experience-centered, and individualized to meet the needs of a diverse student clientele.

*"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."*