

2023-2024 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>. Due dates for applications are absolute. Applications must be 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.

2023

September 1 Friday	September Member of the Month Applications due
September 11 Monday	State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 15 Friday	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 15-16 Fri.-Sat.	Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA
September 18 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 22 Friday	Registration for Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference due
September 29 Friday	Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
September 29 Friday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (following Ag Ed Conference) Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
September 30 Saturday*	Program Affiliation Contracts Due
October 1 Sunday*	October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)
October 1 Sunday*	Chapter Officer List due (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
October 2 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
Oct. 6-7 Fri. – Sat.	Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference & State Greenhand Conference, Location: Double Tree by Hilton Somerset Hotel & Conference Center, Somerset, NJ
October 10 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm

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October 11 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Online Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 15 Sunday*	Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
October 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
November 1 Wednesday	Membership Roster Due (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
November 1 Wednesday	Alumni & Supporters Roster, Affiliation Agreement & Payment Due
November 1 Wednesday	November Member of the Month Application due
November 1 Wednesday	Participant Lists for FFA Member Leadership Series Conference (Mission/Connect) due
November 1 Wednesday	Star State Award Applications Due via AET (Greenhand and Chapter)
Nov. 1-4 Wed- Sat.	96th National FFA Convention & Expo and National FFA Career Development Events Indianapolis, IN
November 13 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
November 14 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
November 16 Thursday	Fall Career Development Events , School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm 1. Forestry 2. Land Judging 3. Milk Quality and Products 4. Turf Management 5. Fruits and Vegetables Identification
November 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
December 1 Friday	December Member of the Month Application due
December 1 Friday	Program of Activities due via AET & Chapter Constitution due (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
Nov. 28- Dec. 2 Tues.-Sat.	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention/ACTE Vision Conference Phoenix, AZ
Dec. 1-2 Fri.-Sat.	Checkpoint #2 for State Officers Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
December 4 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
December 9 Saturday	FFA Member Leadership Series (Mission/Connect) Conference Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
December 9 Saturday	Teach Ag Recruitment Event Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

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December 13 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Online Meeting, 6:00 pm
December 14 Thursday	Closing the GAP TBA, for pre-service beginning student teaching in the spring 2024 or fall 2024
December 18 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
<u>2024</u>	
January 1 Monday	January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
January 8 Monday	State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1 st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am
January 9 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
January 15 Monday	Participant Lists for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)
January 15 Monday	Participant Lists for Winter Career Development Events due (10.000a)
January 16 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online, 5:00 pm
January 19 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm
January 22 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
January 27 Saturday	State Officer Candidates' School , Location: Stonebridge Middle School, 1252 Yardville Allentown Rd., Allentown, NJ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
February 1 Thursday	February Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
February 1 Thursday	Participant List for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a)
February 1 Thursday	Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018)
February 5 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
February 7 Wednesday	Winter Career Development Events , Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm 1. Farm & Agribusiness Management 2. Meats Evaluation
February 7 Wednesday	New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm
February 7-8 Wed.-Thur.	New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ
February 9 Friday	New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize Registration and Paper due to Rutgers University https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/new_jersey/

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February 14 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Online Meeting, 6:00 pm
February 15 Thursday	Participant List for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PARTICIPANT LISTS)
February 15-18 Thurs.- Sun.	State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning North Wildwood, NJ
February 17-24 Sat.-Sat.	National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA
February 19 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
February 22 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event Location: The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ
March 1 Friday	March Member of the Month application due (5.001)
March 1 Friday	Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office
March 1 Friday	Participant List for Horse and Dairy Evaluation CDE due
March 4 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
March 8 Friday	New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
March 12 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
March 15 Friday	Floral Design Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am
March 15-16 Fri.-Sat.	NJ FFA Horticultural Expo Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
March 15 Friday	Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004)
March 15 Friday	State and American Degree Applications & Star State and Star American Award Applications are due via AET
March 15 Friday	Proficiency Award Applications Due via AET
March 15 Friday	Participant List for Spring Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
March 15 Friday	Participant List for State FFA Food Science & Technology, Livestock Evaluation & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events (www.judgingcard.com)
March 18 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session Webinar
March 20-24 Weds.-Sun.	Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee Virtual

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April TBA Saturday	State FFA Dairy Career Development Event Cedar Lane Farms, Oldwick, NJ
April 1 Monday	<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 via AET (National Chapter Award Form I & II) 4. Superior Chapter Application via AET (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) 14. Ag Awareness Application (14.020)
April 1 Monday	Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office
April 1 Monday	April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
April 1 Monday	Agriscience Fair Participant List, Application, and Written Report due via AET
April 4-7 Thu. – Sun.	Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee Virtual
April 7 Sunday	State Horse Evaluation Career Development Event TBA
April 8 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
April 9 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
April 10 Wednesday	<p>Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names for State Convention and Career/Leadership Development Event registration are due for the 95th State FFA Convention. Advisor Assurance Forms and Student Code of Conducts are due with Convention Participant List. Participant List for the events listed below (and event materials, where applicable) are due.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) Uploaded Manuscript due April 10th 2. Team & Individual Demonstration (14.006) Uploaded Outline due April 10th 3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest

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4. **Creed Speaking**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit (14.005)**
7. **Employment Skills (14.017)** Uploaded Resume/Cover Letter/Application/Job Description due April 10th
8. **Agricultural Issues Forum** Uploaded Portfolio due April 10th
9. **Conduct of Chapter Meetings (15.015)**
10. **FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)**
11. **Artwork Competition (15.018)**
12. **Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)** Uploaded Lesson Plan due April 10th
13. **Marketing Plan CDE (12.022)** Uploaded Portfolio due April 10th
14. **Chapter Secretary's Book**
15. **Chapter Treasurer's Book**
16. **Chapter Scrapbook**

April 10
Wednesday

State Alumni & Supporters Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop
200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 5:00 pm

April 16
Tuesday

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

April 18
Thursday

Spring Career Development Events, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
9:30 am -1:30 pm

1. Agricultural Sales
2. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
3. Agronomy
4. Floriculture
5. Nursery/Landscape
6. Environmental and Natural Resources
7. Veterinary Science

April 22
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session
200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

April 24
Wednesday

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

May 1
Wednesday

May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)

May 1
Wednesday

State Officer Applications Due (15.001)

May 6
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

May 13
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
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May 20-22
Mon. – Wed.

State officer set up and practice for state convention

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May 22 Wednesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm
May 22-24 Wed. – Fri.	95th State FFA Convention Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ
June 1 Saturday*	Participant List for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b) <i>Dairy Handlers & Tractor Driving</i>
June 1 Saturday*	National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due
June 1 Saturday*	June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
June 3 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. Of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
June 8 Saturday	Past State Officer Capstone , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
June 8-9 Sat.-Sun.	State Officer Leadership Training Conference , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
June 12 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting Online Meeting, 6:00 pm
June 17 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
June 25 Tuesday	22nd Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament Mercer Oaks Golf Course 725 Village Rd W, West Windsor Township, NJ 08550, 1:00PM
June 26-28 Wed.-Fri.	Base Camp for State Officers Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
July 8 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9 am
July 9 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
July 15 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , Online Meeting, 4:00 pm
July 16 Tuesday	Tractor Driving Event Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 20 Saturday	Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 22-26 Mon.-Fri.	State Officer Summit , Washington, D.C.
July 30-Aug. 2 Tue.- Fri. (<i>Tent.</i>)	Checkpoint #1 for State Officers Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
August 1-2 Thu.-Fri.	Ag Ed Boot Camp Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, for new and early career teachers entering years 1-3

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August 5 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am
August 14 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting Online, 6:00 pm
August 15 Thursday	Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 15 Thursday	Big E CDE & Star Participant List, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 19 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 1 Sunday *	National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conducts Due to State Office

Future National FFA Convention Dates :



Indianapolis, IN
Nov. 1 – 4, 2023
Oct. 23 – 26, 2024

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."