

### **New Jersey FFA Association**

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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: <a href="http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm">http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm</a>. 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 <a href="maje.ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov">ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov</a>. \*If a deadline falls on the weekend or a state holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day. <a href="maje.member of the Month">Member of the Month</a> applications must be submitted online by 2:00 pm on the day of the state meeting.

2025 September 1 Monday*	National Convention CDE/LDE Certifications and Material Uploads (ffa.org)
September 1 Monday*	National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code <b>Due</b> to State Office
September 1 Monday*	September Member of the Month Applications due via AET
September 8 Monday	<b>State Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 12-13 FriSat.	Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA
September 15 Monday	Participant List for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference (www.judgingcard.com)
September 19 Friday	Registration for Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference due
September 22 Monday	<b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 26 Friday	<b>Fall Food, Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference</b> Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
September 26 Friday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (following Ag Ed Conference) Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
September 30 Tuesday	Program Affiliation Contracts Due
October 1 Wednesday	October Member of the Month Applications due via AET
October 1 Wednesday	Chapter Officer List due via AET (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
October 3-4 Fri. – Sat.	Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference & State Greenhand

Conference, Location: Crowne Plaza Edison, Edison, NJ

October 6 State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm October 8 State Alumni & Supporters Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Wednesday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm October 14 State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm Tuesday October 15 Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com) Wednesday October 20 State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm Oct. 29-Nov. 1 98th National FFA Convention & Expo and National FFA Career Development Events Wed-Sat. Indianapolis, IN November 1 **Membership Roster Due** Saturday\* (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER) November 1 Alumni & Supporters Roster, Affiliation Agreement & Payment Due Saturday\* November 1 November Member of the Month Application due via AET Saturday\* November 1 Participant Lists for FFA Member Leadership Series Conference (Mission/Connect) due Saturday\* (www.judgingcard.com) November 1 Participant Lists for Teach Ag Recruitment Event due (Jotform) Saturday\* November 1 Star State Award Applications Due via AET Saturday\* (Greenhand and Chapter) November 10 State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm November 11 New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm Tuesday November 14-15 **Checkpoint #2 for State Officers** Fri.-Sat. Rutgers Eco Complex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 November 17 State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm Monday November 20 Fall Career Development Events, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm Thursday 1. Forestry 2. Land Judging 3. Milk Quality and Products 4. Turf Management 5. Fruits and Vegetables Identification December 1 December Member of the Month Application due via AET Monday December 1 Program of Activities & Chapter Constitution due via AET (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)

Monday

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

Dec. 8-12 National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention/ACTE Vision Conference

Mon.-Fri. Nashville, TN

December 10 **State Alumni & Supporters Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Wednesday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm

December 13 **FFA Member Leadership Series (Mission/Connect) Conference**Saturday Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

December 13 **Teach Ag Recruitment Event** 

Saturday Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

December 15 **State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

December 15 Participant Lists for Winter Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
Monday

December 18 Closing the GAP

Thursday TBA, for pre-service beginning student teaching in the spring 2026 or fall 2026

<u>2026</u>

January 1 January Member of the Month Application due via AET

Thursday\*

January 5 **State Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am

January 13 State FFA Foundation Meeting

Tuesday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm

January 15 Participant Lists for State Officer Candidate School due (www.judgingcard.com)

Thursday

January 19 State FFA Executive Board Work Session

Monday Online, 4:00 pm

January 20 New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting

Tuesday Online, 5:00 pm

January 22 Winter Career Development Events, Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ

Thursday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Agricultural Communications
 Farm & Agribusiness Management
 Food Science & Technology
 Meat Evaluation & Technology

January 22 Next Generation Ag Summit

Thursday (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:00 pm

January 22 New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting

Thursday (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm

January 22-23 New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention

Thurs.-Fri. Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ

January 31 State Officer Candidates' School,

Saturday Location: Stonebridge Middle School, 1252 Yardville Allentown Rd., Allentown, NJ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

February 1 Sunday*	February Member of the Month Application due via AET
February 1 Sunday*	Participant List for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (www.judgingcard.com)
February 1 Sunday*	Participant Lists for Teach Ag Lunch and Learn Event due (Jotform)
February 1 Sunday*	Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018)
February 2 Monday	<b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
February 6 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/
February 6 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm
February 9 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
February 11 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
February 15 Sunday*	Participant List for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floriculture & Nursery/Landscape CDE due (www.judgincard.com) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PARTICIPANT LISTS)
February 19-22 Thurs Sun.	State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning North Wildwood, NJ
February 21-28 SatSat.	National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA
February 26 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event Location: The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ
March 1 Sunday*	March Member of the Month application due via AET
March 1 Sunday*	<b>Landscape Design Registration due</b> (www.judgingcard.com) *Designs must be Post Marked by this date or can be brought to the Horticultural Expo on March 13 <sup>th</sup>
March 1 Sunday*	Participant List for Horse and Dairy Evaluation CDE due (www.judgingcard.com)
March 1 Sunday*	Participant List for the events listed below (and event materials, where applicable) due Preliminary Leadership Development Events 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm 1. 3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking Uploaded Manuscript due March 1st 2. 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking Uploaded Manuscript due March 1st 3. Creed Speaking 4. Extemporaneous Public Speaking 5. Parliamentary Procedure 6. Conduct of Chapter Meetings
March 2	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting
Monday	200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
March 6	New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize

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Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Friday

March 10 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
March 13 Friday March 13-14 FriSat.	Floriculture and Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am 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 & Star State and Star American Award Applications are due via AET
March 15 Sunday*	Proficiency Award Applications Due via AET
March 15 Sunday*	Participant List for Spring Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
March 15 Sunday*	Participant List for State FFA Livestock Evaluation due (www.judgingcard.com)
March 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
March 18-22 WedsSun.	Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee Virtual
March 24 Tuesday	Northern – Preliminary Public Speaking Location: Voorhees High School, 256 County Road 51, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826
March 25 Wednesday	Central – Preliminary Public Speaking Location: Allentown High School, 27 High Street, Allentown, NJ 08501
March 26 Thursday	Southern – Preliminary Public Speaking Location: Salem County Vocational Technical School, Route 45 South, Woodstown, NJ 08098-0350
April TBA Sunday	State Horse Evaluation Career Development Event TBA
April TBA Saturday	State FFA Dairy Career Development Event TBA
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 (AET)
	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. Member of the Year Application (AET)
	6. Essay Event (14.024)
	7. WLC Scholarship Application (AET)
	8. Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application (AET)

9. **National Convention Scholarship Application Due** (AET)

10. State Talent Application (14.027)

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

April 1 Wednesday April Member of the Month Application due via AET

April 1 Wednesday Agriscience Fair Application, and Written Report due via AET

April 2-9 Thurs – Thurs **Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee** 

Thurs. – Thurs. Virtual

April 6 State FFA Association Monthly Meeting

Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

April 8 Wednesday State Alumni & Supporters Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop

Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 5:00 pm

April 10 Friday Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names for State Convention and Career/Leadership Development Event registration are due for the 97<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Agricultural Issues Forum Uploaded Portfolio due April 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2. Artwork Competition (15.018)
- 3. Chapter Secretary's Book
- 4. Chapter Scrapbook
- 5. Chapter Treasurer's Book
- 6. **Employment Skills (14.017)** Uploaded Resume/Cover Letter/Application/Job Description due April 10<sup>th</sup>
- 7. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)
- 8. Marketing Plan CDE (12.022) Uploaded Portfolio due April 10<sup>th</sup>
- 9. Portable Exhibit (14.005)
- 10. Spanish Creed Speaking
- 11. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) Uploaded Lesson Plan due April 10<sup>th</sup>
- 12. Team & Individual Demonstration (14.006) Uploaded Outline due April 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Finalists Only**

- 1. **3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003)** Uploaded Manuscript due April 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event
- 3. Creed Speaking
- 4. Conduct of Chapter Meetings (15.015)
- 5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking

April 14

**State FFA Foundation Meeting** 

Tuesday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting 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 Sales
- 2. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
- 3. Agronomy
- 4. Environmental and Natural Resources
- 5. Poultry Evaluation (Tentative)
- 6. Veterinary Science

April 18

**State FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Events** 

Saturday (Tent.)

Doylestown, Pennsylvania

April 20

**State FFA Executive Board Work Session** 

Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

April 29

**Agriscience Fair** 

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

May 1 May Member of the Month Application due via AET Friday May 1 State Officer Applications due via AET Friday May 4 State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm May 11 State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm Monday 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 Wednesday (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm May 20 New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm Wednesday 97th State FFA Convention May 20-22 Wed. - Fri. Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ June 1 Participant List for Summer Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com) Tractor Driving Monday National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due June 1 Monday June Member of the Month Application due via AET June 1 Monday June 1 State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. Of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm Past State Officer Capstone, sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters June 6 Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 Saturday June 6-7 State Officer Leadership Training Conference, sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Sat.-Sun. Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 State Alumni & Supporters Meeting June 10 Wednesday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm June 15 State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm Monday 24th Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament June 22 Monday Cream Ridge Golf Course 181 County Road #539, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 June 23-25 **Base Camp for State Officers** Tues.-Thurs. Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 July 6 State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9 am Monday July 14 State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Tuesday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm

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State Officer Summit, Washington, D.C.

July TBA

Mon.-Fri.

July 20 **State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

July 21 Tractor Driving Event

Tuesday(Tent.) Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds

July 28-31 Checkpoint #1 for State Officers

Tue.- Fri. Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

July 30-31 Ag Ed Boot Camp

Thur.-Fri. Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, for new and early career

teachers entering years 1-3

August 3 **State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture Monday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am

August 12 State Alumni & Supporters Meeting

Wednesday 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 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 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

#### **Future National FFA Convention Dates:**



### Indianapolis, IN

Oct. 29 – Nov. 1, 2025 October 21-24, 2026 October 27-30, 2027

#### 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."