

2026-2027 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 completed through JudgingCard.com. *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 in AET by 2:00 pm on the day of the state meeting.

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September 1 Tuesday	National Convention CDE/LDE Certifications and Material Uploads (ffa.org)
September 1 Tuesday	National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code Due to State Office
September 1 Tuesday	September Member of the Month Applications due via AET
September 10-11 Thurs.– Fri.	Chapter Visit Boot Camp for State Officers 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room
September 14 Monday	State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 18 Friday	Registration for Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference due
September 18 Friday	Registration for Cultivating Careers due (Jotform)
September 18-19 Fri.-Sat.	Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events (The Big E) Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA
September 25 Friday	Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
September 25 Friday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (following Ag Ed Conference) Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
September 28 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 30 Wednesday	Program Affiliation Contracts Due
October 1 Thursday	October Member of the Month Applications due via AET
October 1 Thursday	Chapter Officer List due via AET (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
October 5 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

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October 9 Friday	Cultivating Careers Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 12 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
October 13 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
October 14 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
October 15 Thursday	Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
Oct. 21-24 Wed- Sat.	99th National FFA Convention & Expo and National FFA Career Development Events Indianapolis, IN
November TBA	New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting Virtual
November 1 Sunday*	Membership Roster Due (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
November 1 Sunday*	Alumni & Supporters Roster, Affiliation Agreement & Payment Due
November 1 Sunday*	November Member of the Month Application due via AET
November 1 Sunday*	Participant Lists for Teach Ag Recruitment Event due (Jotform)
November 1 Sunday*	State Star Award Applications Due via AET (Greenhand and Chapter)
November 1 Sunday*	State Greenhand Conference Grant Application due (Jotform)
November 2 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
November 10 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
November 13-14 Fri.-Sat.	Checkpoint #2 for State Officers Rutgers Eco Complex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
November 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
November 19 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
December 1 Tuesday	December Member of the Month Application due via AET

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December 1 Tuesday	Program of Activities & Chapter Constitution due via AET (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
Dec. 1-5 Tues.-Sat.	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention/ACTE Vision Conference New Orleans, LA
December 7 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
December 9 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
December 12 Saturday (Tent.)	Teach Ag Recruitment Event Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
December 14 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
December 15 Tuesday	Participant Lists for MegaE Conference due (www.judgingcard.com)
December 15 Tuesday	Participant Lists for Winter Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
December 17 Thursday	Teach Ag: A Preservice Event NJDA, 4:00 pm for pre-service beginning student teaching in the spring 2027 or fall 2027
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January 1 Friday*	January Member of the Month Application due via AET
January 4 Monday	State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1 st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am
January 11 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1 st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
January 12 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
January 19 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online, 5:00 pm
January 21 Thursday	Winter Career Development Events , Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm 1. Agricultural Communications 2. Farm & Agribusiness Management 3. Food Science & Technology 4. Meat Evaluation & Technology
January 21 Thursday (Tent.)	Next Generation Ag Summit (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:00 pm
January 21-22 Thurs.-Fri.	New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ
January 29 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm
February 1 Monday	February Member of the Month Application due via AET

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February 1 Monday	Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) Scholarship Application due via AET
February 1 Monday	National FFA SAE Award (formerly Proficiency Award) Applications Due via AET
February 1 Monday	Participant List for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day/Teach Ag Lunch & Learn Event due (www.judgingcard.com)
February 1 Monday	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 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
February 5-6 Fri.-Sat.	MegaE Conference MLS (2 topics), SGC, LOC, COLT, and SOCS Westin Mt Laurel, 555 Fellowship Drive, Mt Laurel Township, NJ 08054
February 5 Friday (<i>Tent.</i>)	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 8 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
February 10 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
February 15 Monday*	Participant List for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floriculture & Nursery/Landscape CDE due (www.judgingcard.com) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PARTICIPANT LISTS)
February 15 Monday*	Participant List for Evolve Part II (Formerly known as State Officer Candidates' School) due (www.judgingcard.com)
February 15 Monday*	Participant List for the events listed below (and event materials, where applicable) due Preliminary Leadership Development Events 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm 3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking Uploaded Manuscript due February 15th 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking Uploaded Manuscript due February 15th Creed Speaking Extemporaneous Public Speaking Parliamentary Procedure Conduct of Chapter Meetings
February 18-21 Thurs.- Sun.	State Officer State Convention Planning Fuel-Up Retreat North Wildwood, NJ
February 20-27 Sat.-Sat.	National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA
February 25 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event Location: The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ
February 25 Thursday	Teach Ag Lunch and Learn Event Location: The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ
March 1 Monday	March Member of the Month application due via AET
March 1 Monday	Landscape Design Registration due (www.judgingcard.com) *Designs must be Post Marked by this date or can be brought to the Horticultural Expo on March 19 th

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March 1 Monday	Participant List for Horse, Dairy, and Livestock Evaluation CDE due (www.judgingcard.com)
March 1 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
March 5 Friday (<i>Tent.</i>)	New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
March 9 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
March 9 Tuesday	Northern – Preliminary Public Speaking Location: Voorhees High School, 256 County Road 513, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826
March 10 Wednesday	Central – Preliminary Public Speaking Location: Allentown High School, 27 High Street, Allentown, NJ 08501
March 11 Thursday	Southern – Preliminary Public Speaking Location: Salem County Vocational Technical School, Route 45 South, Woodstown, NJ 08098-0350
March 15 Monday	State and American Degree Applications & Star State and Star American Award Applications are due via AET
March 15 Monday	Participant List for Spring Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
March 15 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
March 17-21 Weds.-Sun.	Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee Virtual
March 19 Friday	Floriculture and Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am
March 19-20 Fri.-Sat.	NJ FFA Horticultural Expo Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
March 20 Sat.	Evolve Part II (Formerly known as State Officer Candidates' School) Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
April TBA Saturday	State FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management Career Development Event TBA
April 1 Thursday	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. Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application (AET) 2. Member of the Year Application (AET) 3. National Convention Scholarship Application Due (AET) 4. National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II via AET (National Chapter Award Form I & II) 5. Superior Chapter Application via AET (National Chapter Award Form I) 6. State FFA Scholarship Applications (AET) 7. Nominating Committee Application (14.004, Jotform) 8. Advisor of the Year Application (14.009, Jotform) 9. Essay Event (14.024) 10. State Talent Application (14.027, Jotform)
April 1 Thursday	Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office

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April 1 Thursday	April Member of the Month Application due via AET
April 1 Thursday	Agriscience Fair Application, and Written Report due via AET
April 2-6 Fri.-Tues.	Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee Virtual
April 4 Sunday	State FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event TBA
April 5 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
April 7 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 5:00pm
April 9 Friday	Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names for State Convention and Career/Leadership Development Event registration are due for the 98th State FFA Convention. Participant List for the events listed below (and event materials, where applicable) are due. 1. Agricultural Issues Forum (10.002) Uploaded Portfolio due April 9th 2. Artwork Competition (15.018) 3. Chapter Secretary's Book (15.008) 4. Chapter Scrapbook (15.009) 5. Chapter Treasurer's Book (15.007) 6. Employment Skills (14.017) Uploaded Resume/Cover Letter/Application/Job Description due April 9th 7. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016) 8. Marketing Plan CDE (12.022) Uploaded Portfolio due April 9th 9. Portable Exhibit (14.005) 10. Spanish Creed Speaking 11. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) Uploaded Lesson Plan due April 9th 12. Team & Individual Demonstration (14.006) Uploaded Outline due April 9th <u>Finalists Only</u> 1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (12.016) Uploaded Manuscript due April 9th 2. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event (12.009) 3. Creed Speaking (12.015) 4. Conduct of Chapter Meetings (15.015) 5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (12.017)
April 13 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
April 15 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 6. Veterinary Science
April 17 Saturday (<i>Tent.</i>)	State FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Events Doylestown, Pennsylvania
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April 28 Wednesday	Agriscience Fair Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
May 1 Saturday*	May Member of the Month Application due via AET
May 1 Saturday*	State Officer Applications due via AET
May 3 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
May 10 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
May 24-26 Mon. – Wed.	State officer set up and practice for state convention
May 26 Wednesday	New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm
May 26 Wednesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm
May 26-28 Wed. – Fri.	98th State FFA Convention Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ
June 1 Tuesday	Participant List for Summer Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com) <i>Tractor Driving</i>
June 1 Tuesday	National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due
June 1 Tuesday	June Member of the Month Application due via AET
June 7 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. Of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
June 9 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
June 12 Saturday	Past State Officer Capstone , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
June 12-13 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 21 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
June 28 Monday (<i>Tent.</i>)	25th Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament Cream Ridge Golf Course 181 County Road #539, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514
June 29-July 1 Tues.-Thurs. (<i>Tent.</i>)	Base Camp for State Officers Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
July 12 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9 am
July 13 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm

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July 13-16 Tue.- Fri.	Checkpoint #1 for State Officers Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
July 19 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
July 20 Tuesday(<i>Tent.</i>)	Tractor Driving Event Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 26-30 Mon.-Fri.	State Officer Summit , Washington, D.C.
July/Aug. TBA.	Ag Ed Boot Camp TBA, Southern Region
August 2 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am
August 11 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
August 15 Sunday*	Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 15 Sunday*	Big E CDE & Star Participant List, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 16 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

Future National FFA Convention Dates :



Indianapolis, IN
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."