

**DRAFT 2026-2027 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events DRAFT**

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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.

**2026**

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| September 1<br>Tuesday          | <b>National Convention CDE/LDE Certifications and Material Uploads (ffa.org)</b>   |
| September 1<br>Tuesday          | <b>National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code Due to State Office</b>   |
| September 1<br>Tuesday          | <b>September Member of the Month Applications due via AET</b>  |
| September 10-11<br>Thurs.– Fri. | <b>Chapter Visit Boot Camp for State Officers</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room  |
| September 14<br>Monday          | <b>State Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| September 18<br>Friday          | <b>Registration for Fall Food, Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference due</b>   |
| September 18-19<br>Fri.-Sat.    | <b>Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events (The Big E)</b><br>Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA   |
| September 25<br>Friday          | <b>Fall Food, Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference</b><br>Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200          |
| September 25<br>Friday          | <b>New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting</b> (following Ag Ed Conference)<br>Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 |
| September 28<br>Monday          | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm                                   |
| September 30<br>Wednesday       | <b>Program Affiliation Contracts Due</b>   |
| October 1<br>Thursday           | <b>October Member of the Month Applications due via AET</b>  |
| October 1<br>Thursday           | <b>Chapter Officer List due via AET</b><br><b>(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)</b>   |
| October 5<br>Monday             | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm                                    |
| October 12<br>Monday            | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm                                   |

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| October 13<br>Tuesday     | <b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm   |
| October 14<br>Wednesday   | <b>State Alumni &amp; Supporters Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm  |
| October 15<br>Thursday    | <b>Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )   |
| Oct. 21-24<br>Wed- Sat.   | <b>99<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention &amp; Expo and National FFA Career Development Events</b><br>Indianapolis, IN   |
| November 1<br>Sunday*     | <b>Membership Roster Due</b><br><b>(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)</b>  |
| November 1<br>Sunday*     | <b>Alumni &amp; Supporters Roster, Affiliation Agreement &amp; Payment Due</b>   |
| November 1<br>Sunday*     | <b>November Member of the Month Application due via AET</b>  |
| November 1<br>Sunday*     | <b>Participant Lists for Teach Ag Recruitment Event due</b> (Jotform)  |
| November 1<br>Sunday*     | <b>State Star Award Applications Due via AET</b><br>(Greenhand and Chapter)  |
| November 2<br>Monday      | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| November 6-7<br>Fri.-Sat. | <b>Checkpoint #2 for State Officers</b><br>Rutgers Eco Complex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200   |
| November 10<br>Tuesday    | <b>New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting</b><br>Online Meeting, 5:00 pm   |
| November 16<br>Monday     | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm   |
| November 19<br>Thursday   | <b>Fall Career Development Events</b> , School of Environmental and Biological Sciences<br>9:30 am -1:30 pm<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forestry</li> <li>2. Land Judging</li> <li>3. Milk Quality and Products</li> <li>4. Turf Management</li> <li>5. Fruits and Vegetables Identification</li> </ol> |
| December 1<br>Tuesday     | <b>December Member of the Month Application due via AET</b>  |
| December 1<br>Tuesday     | <b>Program of Activities &amp; Chapter Constitution due via AET</b><br><b>(REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)</b>  |
| Dec. 1-5<br>Tues.-Sat.    | <b>National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention/ACTE Vision Conference</b><br>New Orleans, LA   |
| December 7<br>Monday      | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| December 9<br>Wednesday   | <b>State Alumni &amp; Supporters Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm  |

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| December 12<br>Saturday (Tent.)      | <b>Teach Ag Recruitment Event</b><br>Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm  |
| December 14<br>Monday                | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| December 15<br>Tuesday               | <b>Participant Lists for MegaE Conference due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )  |
| December 15<br>Tuesday               | <b>Participant Lists for Winter Career Development Events due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )  |
| December 17<br>Thursday              | <b>Teach Ag: A Preservice Event</b><br>NJDA, 4:00 pm for pre-service beginning student teaching in the spring 2027 or fall 2027   |
| <b><u>2027</u></b>                   |   |
| January 1<br>Friday*                 | <b>January Member of the Month Application due via AET</b>  |
| January 4<br>Monday                  | <b>State Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am   |
| January 11<br>Monday                 | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| January 12<br>Tuesday                | <b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm  |
| January 19<br>Tuesday                | <b>New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting</b><br>Online, 5:00 pm  |
| January 21<br>Thursday (Tent.)       | <b>Winter Career Development Events</b> , Harrah’s Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ<br>9:30 am - 1:00 pm<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agricultural Communications</li> <li>2. Farm &amp; Agribusiness Management</li> <li>3. Food Science &amp; Technology</li> <li>4. Meat Evaluation &amp; Technology</li> </ol> |
| January 21<br>Thursday (Tent.)       | <b>Next Generation Ag Summit</b><br>(at State Ag Convention) Harrah’s Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:00 pm   |
| January 21<br>Thursday (Tent.)       | <b>New Jersey Food, Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Education Council Meeting</b><br>(at State Ag Convention) Harrah’s Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm  |
| January 21-22<br>Thurs.-Fri. (Tent.) | <b>New Jersey Agricultural Convention &amp; Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention</b><br>Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ   |
| January 29<br>Friday                 | <b>State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop</b><br>Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm  |
| February 1<br>Monday                 | <b>February Member of the Month Application due via AET</b>   |
| February 1<br>Monday                 | <b>Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) Scholarship Application due via AET</b>   |
| February 1<br>Monday                 | <b>Participant List for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )  |
| February 1<br>Monday                 | <b>Participant Lists for Teach Ag Lunch and Learn Event due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )  |

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| February 1<br>Monday                       | <b>Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018)</b>  |
| February 1<br>Monday                       | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| February 5-6<br>Fri.-Sat. ( <i>Tent.</i> ) | <b>MegaE Conference</b><br>MLS (2 topics), SGC, LOC, COLT, and SOCS  |
| February 5<br>Friday ( <i>Tent.</i> )      | <b>New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize Registration and Paper due to Rutgers University</b><br><a href="https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/new_jersey/">https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/new_jersey/</a>   |
| February 8<br>Monday                       | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm   |
| February 10<br>Wednesday                   | <b>State Alumni &amp; Supporters Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm  |
| February 15<br>Monday*                     | <b>Participant List for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floriculture &amp; Nursery/Landscape CDE</b><br>due ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> ) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PARTICIPANT LISTS)   |
| February 15<br>Monday*                     | <b>Participant List for the events listed below (and event materials, where applicable) due</b><br>Preliminary Leadership Development Events<br>3:30 pm – 7:00 pm <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking</b> Uploaded Manuscript due February 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>2. <b>6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking</b> Uploaded Manuscript due February 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>3. <b>Creed Speaking</b></li> <li>4. <b>Extemporaneous Public Speaking</b></li> <li>5. <b>Parliamentary Procedure</b></li> <li>6. <b>Conduct of Chapter Meetings</b></li> </ol> |
| February 18-21<br>Thurs.- Sun.             | <b>State Officer State Convention Planning Fuel-Up Retreat</b><br>North Wildwood, NJ   |
| February 20-27<br>Sat.-Sat.                | <b>National FFA Week</b> – Chapter promotion of FFA  |
| February 25<br>Thursday                    | <b>Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event</b><br>Location: The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ   |
| February 25<br>Thursday                    | <b>Teach Ag Lunch and Learn Event</b><br>Location: The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ  |
| March 1<br>Monday                          | <b>March Member of the Month application due via AET</b>   |
| March 1<br>Monday                          | <b>Landscape Design Registration due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )<br>*Designs must be Post Marked by this date or can be brought to the Horticultural Expo on March 19 <sup>th</sup>   |
| March 1<br>Monday                          | <b>Participant List for Horse, Dairy, and Livestock Evaluation CDE due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )  |
| March 1<br>Monday                          | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| March 5<br>Friday ( <i>Tent.</i> )         | <b>New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize</b><br>Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  |
| March 9<br>Tuesday                         | <b>New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting</b><br>Online Meeting, 5:00 pm   |

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| March 9<br>Tuesday        | <b>Northern – Preliminary Public Speaking</b><br>Location: Voorhees High School, 256 County Road 51, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826   |
| March 10<br>Wednesday     | <b>Central – Preliminary Public Speaking</b><br>Location: Allentown High School, 27 High Street, Allentown, NJ 08501  |
| March 11<br>Thursday      | <b>Southern – Preliminary Public Speaking</b><br>Location: Salem County Vocational Technical School, Route 45 South, Woodstown, NJ 08098-0350   |
| March 15<br>Monday        | <b>Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004)</b>  |
| March 15<br>Monday        | <b>State and American Degree Applications &amp; Star State and Star American Award Applications are due via AET</b>   |
| March 15<br>Monday        | <b>Proficiency Award Applications Due via AET</b>   |
| March 15<br>Monday        | <b>Participant List for Spring Career Development Events due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )   |
| March 15<br>Monday        | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| March 17-21<br>Weds.-Sun. | <b>Proficiency, American &amp; State Degree Selection Committee</b><br>Virtual  |
| March 19<br>Friday        | <b>Floriculture and Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event</b><br>Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am  |
| March 19-20<br>Fri.-Sat.  | <b>NJ FFA Horticultural Expo</b><br>Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550  |
| April TBA<br>Sunday       | <b>State FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event</b><br>TBA   |
| April TBA<br>Saturday     | <b>State FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management Career Development Event</b><br>TBA   |
| April 1<br>Thursday       | <b>Applications are due for the following awards presented at the convention:<br/>The following applications can also be found on the New Jersey FFA Website at</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>State FFA Scholarship Applications (AET)</b></li> <li>2. <b>Advisor of the Year Application (14.009)</b></li> <li>3. <b>National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II via AET</b><br/>(National Chapter Award Form I &amp; II)</li> <li>4. <b>Superior Chapter Application via AET (National Chapter Award Form I)</b></li> <li>5. <b>Member of the Year Application (AET)</b></li> <li>6. <b>Essay Event (14.024)</b></li> <li>7. <b>Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application (AET)</b></li> <li>8. <b>National Convention Scholarship Application Due (AET)</b></li> <li>9. <b>State Talent Application (14.027)</b></li> </ol> |
| April 1<br>Thursday       | <b>Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office</b>  |
| April 1<br>Thursday       | <b>April Member of the Month Application due via AET</b>  |
| April 1<br>Thursday       | <b>Agriscience Fair Application, and Written Report due via AET</b>   |
| April 2-6<br>Fri.-Tues.   | <b>Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee</b><br>Virtual   |

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| April 5<br>Monday                     | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| April 9<br>Friday                     | <b>Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names for State Convention and Career/Leadership Development Event registration are due for the 98<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention. Participant List for the events listed below (and event materials, where applicable) are due.</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Agricultural Issues Forum (10.002)</b> Uploaded Portfolio due April 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>2. <b>Artwork Competition (15.018)</b></li> <li>3. <b>Chapter Secretary's Book (15.008)</b></li> <li>4. <b>Chapter Scrapbook (15.009)</b></li> <li>5. <b>Chapter Treasurer's Book (15.007)</b></li> <li>6. <b>Employment Skills (14.017)</b> Uploaded Resume/Cover Letter/Application/Job Description due April 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>7. <b>FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)</b></li> <li>8. <b>Marketing Plan CDE (12.022)</b> Uploaded Portfolio due April 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>9. <b>Portable Exhibit (14.005)</b></li> <li>10. <b>Spanish Creed Speaking</b></li> <li>11. <b>Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)</b> Uploaded Lesson Plan due April 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>12. <b>Team &amp; Individual Demonstration (14.006)</b> Uploaded Outline due April 9<sup>th</sup></li> </ol> <p><b><u>Finalists Only</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (12.016)</b> Uploaded Manuscript due April 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>2. <b>Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event (12.009)</b></li> <li>3. <b>Creed Speaking (12.015)</b></li> <li>4. <b>Conduct of Chapter Meetings (15.015)</b></li> <li>5. <b>Extemporaneous Public Speaking (12.017)</b></li> </ol> |
| April 13<br>Tuesday                   | <b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm   |
| April 14<br>Wednesday                 | <b>State Alumni &amp; Supporters Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop</b><br>Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 5:00pm   |
| April 15<br>Thursday                  | <b>Spring Career Development Events, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences</b><br>9:30 am -1:30 pm <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agricultural Sales</li> <li>2. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems</li> <li>3. Agronomy</li> <li>4. Environmental and Natural Resources</li> <li>5. Poultry Evaluation</li> <li>6. Veterinary Science</li> </ol>   |
| April 17<br>Saturday ( <i>Tent.</i> ) | <b>State FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Events</b><br>Doylestown, Pennsylvania  |
| April 19<br>Monday                    | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm   |
| April 28<br>Wednesday                 | <b>Agriscience Fair</b><br>Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 3:00 – 6:00 pm  |
| May 1<br>Saturday*                    | <b>May Member of the Month Application due via AET</b>   |
| May 1<br>Saturday*                    | <b>State Officer Applications due via AET</b>  |
| May 3<br>Monday                       | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm   |

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| May 10<br>Monday                                | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| May 24-26<br>Mon. – Wed.                        | State officer set up and practice for state convention  |
| May 26<br>Wednesday                             | <b>New Jersey Food, Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Education Council Meeting</b><br>(at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm             |
| May 26<br>Wednesday                             | <b>New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting</b><br>(at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm                                   |
| May 26-28<br>Wed. – Fri.                        | <b>98<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention</b><br>Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ  |
| June 1<br>Tuesday                               | <b>Participant List for Summer Career Development Events due</b> ( <a href="http://www.judgingcard.com">www.judgingcard.com</a> )<br><i>Tractor Driving</i>                       |
| June 1<br>Tuesday                               | <b>National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due</b>   |
| June 1<br>Tuesday                               | <b>June Member of the Month Application due via AET</b>   |
| June 7<br>Monday                                | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. Of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm   |
| June 9<br>Wednesday                             | <b>State Alumni &amp; Supporters Meeting</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm   |
| June 12<br>Saturday                             | <b>Past State Officer Capstone</b> , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters<br>Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200                  |
| June 12-13<br>Sat.-Sun.                         | <b>State Officer Leadership Training Conference</b> , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters<br>Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 |
| June 21<br>Monday                               | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| June 28<br>Monday ( <i>Tent.</i> )              | <b>25<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament</b><br>TBA  |
| June 29-July 1<br>Tues.-Thurs. ( <i>Tent.</i> ) | <b>Base Camp for State Officers</b><br>Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200   |
| July 12<br>Monday                               | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9 am  |
| July 13<br>Tuesday                              | <b>State FFA Foundation Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm  |
| July 13-16<br>Tue.- Fri.                        | <b>Checkpoint #1 for State Officers</b><br>Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200   |
| July 19<br>Monday                               | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm  |
| July 20<br>Tuesday( <i>Tent.</i> )              | <b>Tractor Driving Event</b><br>Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds  |
| July 26-30<br>Mon.-Fri.                         | <b>State Officer Summit</b> , Washington, D.C.  |

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| July/Aug.<br>TBA.      | <b>Ag Ed Boot Camp</b><br>TBA, Southern Region   |
| August 2<br>Monday     | <b>State FFA Association Monthly Meeting</b> , NJ Dept. of Agriculture<br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am                |
| August 11<br>Wednesday | <b>State Alumni &amp; Supporters Meeting</b><br>200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm  |
| August 15<br>Sunday*   | <b>Big E Gate Passes &amp; Parking Requests Due</b> to Big E Coordinator<br>1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089                           |
| August 15<br>Sunday*   | <b>Big E CDE &amp; Star Participant List, Waivers and Event Materials Due</b> to Big E Coordinator<br>1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089 |
| August 16<br>Monday    | <b>State FFA Executive Board Work Session</b> ,<br>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."*