

2025-2026 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.

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 Due to State Office
September 1 Monday*	September Member of the Month Applications due
September 8 Monday	State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 12-13 Fri.-Sat.	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 (6.000b)
September 19 Friday	Registration for Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference due
September 22 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
September 26 Friday	Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Teachers Conference 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 (5.001)
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

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October 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
October 8 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
October 14 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
October 15 Wednesday	Participant Lists for Fall Career Development Events due (www.judgingcard.com)
October 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
Oct. 29-Nov. 1 Wed- Sat.	98th National FFA Convention & Expo and National FFA Career Development Events Indianapolis, IN
November 1 Saturday*	Membership Roster Due (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
November 1 Saturday*	Alumni & Supporters Roster, Affiliation Agreement & Payment Due
November 1 Saturday*	November Member of the Month Application due
November 1 Saturday*	Participant Lists for FFA Member Leadership Series Conference (Mission/Connect) due
November 1 Saturday*	Star State Award Applications Due via AET (Greenhand and Chapter)
November 10 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
November 11 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
November 14-15 Fri.-Sat.	Checkpoint #2 for State Officers Rutgers Eco Complex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
November 17 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
November 20 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 Monday	December Member of the Month Application due
December 1 Monday	Program of Activities & Chapter Constitution due via AET (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
December 1 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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Dec. 9-13 Tues.-Sat.	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention/ACTE Vision Conference Nashville, TN
December 10 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
December 13 Saturday	FFA Member Leadership Series (Mission/Connect) Conference Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
December 13 Saturday	Teach Ag Recruitment Event Rutgers University, Cook Campus Student Center, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
December 15 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
December 18 Thursday	Closing the GAP TBA, for pre-service beginning student teaching in the spring 2026 or fall 2026
<u>2026</u>	
January 1 Thursday*	January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
January 1 Thursday*	Participant Lists for Winter Career Development Events due (10.000a)
January 5 Monday	State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1 st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am
January 13 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
January 15 Thursday	Participant Lists for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)
January 19 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session Online, 4:00 pm
January 20 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online, 5:00 pm
January 21 Wednesday (<i>Tent.</i>)	Winter Career Development Events , Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm 1. Agricultural Communications 2. Farm & Agribusiness Management 3. Meat Evaluation & Technology
January 21 Wednesday (<i>Tent.</i>)	Next Generation Ag Summit (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:00 pm
January 21 Wednesday (<i>Tent.</i>)	New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm
January 21-22 Wed.-Thur. (<i>Tent.</i>)	New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ
January 23 Friday	State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm
January 31 Saturday	State Officer Candidates' School , Location: Stonebridge Middle School, 1252 Yardville Allentown Rd., Allentown, NJ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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February 1 Sunday*	February Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
February 1 Sunday*	Participant List for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a)
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	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , 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 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 CDE due (13.003a) (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 Sat.-Sat.	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 (5.001)
March 1 Sunday*	Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office
March 1 Sunday*	Participant List for Horse and Dairy Evaluation CDE due
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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
March 6 Friday	New Jersey Youth Institute – The World Food Prize Rutgers University, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
March 10 Tuesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
March 13 Friday	Floriculture Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am

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March 13-14 Fri.-Sat.	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 Food Science & Technology, Livestock Evaluation & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events (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 Weds.-Sun.	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	<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"> State FFA Scholarship Applications (14.008) Advisor of the Year Application (14.009) National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II via AET (National Chapter Award Form I & II) Superior Chapter Application via AET (National Chapter Award Form I) Member of the Year Application (5.001) Essay Event (14.024) WLC Scholarship Application (14.022) Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application (14.010) National Convention Scholarship Application Due (14.021) State Talent Application (14.027)
April 1 Wednesday	Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office

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April 1 Wednesday	April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
April 1 Wednesday	Agriscience Fair Participant List, Application, and Written Report due via AET
April 3-8 Thu. – Sun.	Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee Virtual
April 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting 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	<p>Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names for State Convention and Career/Leadership Development Event registration are due for the 97th 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. Team & Individual Demonstration (14.006) Uploaded Outline due April 10th 2. Spanish Creed Speaking 3. Portable Exhibit (14.005) 4. Employment Skills (14.017) Uploaded Resume/Cover Letter/Application/Job Description due April 11th 5. Agricultural Issues Forum Uploaded Portfolio due April 10th 6. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016) 7. Artwork Competition (15.018) 8. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) Uploaded Lesson Plan due April 10th 9. Marketing Plan CDE (12.022) Uploaded Portfolio due April 10th 10. Chapter Secretary's Book 11. Chapter Treasurer's Book 12. Chapter Scrapbook <p><u>Finalists Only</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) Uploaded Manuscript due April 10th 2. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event 3. Creed Speaking 4. Conduct of Chapter Meetings (15.015) 5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
April TBA Tuesday	State FFA Food Science & Technology, Livestock Evaluation & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events Eastern PA FFA Day, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
April 14 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
April 16 Thursday	<p>Spring Career Development Events, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agricultural Sales 2. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems 3. Agronomy 4. Nursery/Landscape 5. Environmental and Natural Resources 6. Veterinary Science
April 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm

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April 29 Wednesday	Agriscience Fair Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
May 1 Friday	May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)
May 1 Friday	State Officer Applications Due (15.001)
May 4 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
May 11 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
May 18-20 Mon. – Wed.	State officer set up and practice for state convention
May 20 Wednesday	New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm
May 20 Wednesday	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm
May 20-22 Wed. – Fri.	97th State FFA Convention Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ
June 1 Monday	Participant List for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b) <i>Tractor Driving</i>
June 1 Monday	National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due
June 1 Monday	June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
June 1 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. Of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
June 6 Saturday	Past State Officer Capstone , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
June 6-7 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 10 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
June 15 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
June 23 Tuesday	24th Annual New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament TBA
June 24-26 Wed.-Fri.	Base Camp for State Officers Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
July 6 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9 am
July 14 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 TBA Mon.-Fri.	State Officer Summit , Washington, D.C.
July 20 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 4:00 pm
July 21 Tuesday(<i>Tent.</i>)	Tractor Driving Event Burlington County Farm Fair, Burlington County Fairgrounds
July 28-31 Tue.- Fri.	Checkpoint #1 for State Officers Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
July 30-31 Thur.-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
August 3 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 9:00 am
August 12 Wednesday	State Alumni & Supporters Meeting 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 pm
August 15 Saturday*	Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 15 Saturday*	Big E CDE & Star Participant List, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
August 17 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
Oct. 29 – Nov. 1, 2025
October 28-31, 2026

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."