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| Congratulations to all our state convention contests winners and new state officers! Thank you all for helping to make this year's state convention a huge success!! |
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| WV FFA Advisory meeting minutes: WV FFA Advisory Meeting Minutes |
| The WVDE website has been updated. How to access WV Agriculture, Food, & Natural REsources Content Standards: |
| Link: <u>Career Exploration & Student Engagement - West Virginia Department of Education (wvde.us)</u> |
| Scroll Down to Blue Box - "CTE Programs & Standards," click View Standards 9you may have to request access) |
| Then "Program Standards" to the leftThen click the "AFNR" tile to access all ag. completer pathways. |
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WVAAE/NAAE Updates & Opportunities

Please remit NAAE dues nationally to https://www.naae.org/members/membership/join-renew/

Please refer all WVAAE inquiries to Allyson Lewis @ <u>aelewis@k12.wv.us</u>

The Latest National FFA News

Annual Maintenance for FFA.org Membership Roster and Profile System

The roster and profile will be inaccessible from Aug. 1-3 to make necessary updates to the membership system. Beginning on Aug. 4, memberships can be submitted and approved for the 2025-26 membership year.

Final 2025 National FFA Delegate Allocations Announced

The <u>2025 Final Delegate Allocation</u> is now available. Delegate allocation numbers were calculated using the total number of dues-paid members in each state association by the May 15 membership deadline. State staff should address any questions in the delegate allocation report to Joe Martin, jlmartin@ffa.org.

American FFA Degree Digital Credentials Available

American FFA Degree recipients can now share their accomplishment through digital credentials on their chosen social platform. Please <u>fill out this form</u> to express interest and get on the waitlist to receive your digital credentials.

Seeking State Judges for National Speaking Leadership Development Events

States with participants in the speaking events are asked to provide a judge to assist at the event. The <u>National FFA Speaking LDE Judge form</u> to submit judges' names for these leadership development events is now open. Please submit three unique names for judges, as these events overlap. Judges for the Creed and extemporaneous speaking events will be expected to advance to the semi-final round if their state's representative does so. States that do not submit judges will have judge information sent to the designated staff members responsible for CDEs/LDEs.

The deadline to submit names is Monday, Sept. 15. <u>Information on expectations and the preliminary schedule</u> is now available.

National Winner Selection (Virtual Interviews) Judge Registration Now Open!

We are seeking judges for the Agriscience Fair and Agricultural Proficiency Awards. As a judge, you will review the finalists' research or SAE projects and create custom interview questions. This will give each finalist the opportunity to showcase the expertise, innovation, and growth they have gained through this experience. Judging will take place September 15-25. Sign up today!

June National FFA News

Finals Hall Expanded and Renamed to Finals Presentations

As we look forward to the 98th National Convention & Expo, we want to share some enhancements to how final presentations will be conducted this year. What has traditionally been known as *Finals Hall* in the 500 Ballroom is evolving and expanding.

With 45 National Chapter Finalist presentations presented in an in-person format, the demand for high-quality, focused presentation spaces has significantly increased. In response, we are expanding finals presentations to occur across five locations within the Indiana Convention Center. Each room has been selected to ensure an optimal environment for presentations and award recognition.

This change is an expansion reflecting the growing recognition and participation across our award programs. We will no longer use the term Finals Hall and will instead refer to them as Finals Presentations to encompass the broader range of content in these rooms. Each room has been carefully selected to ensure an optimal environment for presentations and award recognition.

Please share this update with your teams as a positive evolution. This change was driven by growth, not reduction and is all about giving our finalists the best possible experience.

News from West Virginia FFA

New Advisors-If you need access to your chapter's FFA account, you must follow these steps, so we can get you approved. You need to do this ASAP, so we can ensure you are able to enter membership! Request administrative access to a chapter - FFA Help Center

<u>State Officer Request Form Link-</u> https://forms.gle/ZRLbLkJytNpFXpHG9
***Don't forget to email kari.brown@k12.wv.us when you submit!

WV FFA Chapter Voting Delegate Allotment - 1 Delegate per 25 members.

WVU & AGEE Updates

Other Upcoming Deadlines & Dates:

- WV Back to School Summer Conference July 29-30, 2025 Charleston, WV
- **State Fair of WV** Aug. 7-16, 2025
- Fall CDEs Sept. 25-26, 2025 WVU
- Fall Leadership Conference Oct. 1-3, 2025
- Winter CDEs Dec. 11-13, 2025 @ WVU