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All outstanding invoices were sent out last week. Please ensure that you are paying these in a timely manner so that this does not prevent you from registering for state convention.

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WV FFA Advisory meeting minutes: [WV FFA Advisory Meeting Minutes](#)

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The WVDE website has been updated.

How to access WV Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Content Standards:

- ☐ Link: [Career Exploration & Student Engagement - West Virginia Department of Education \(wvde.us\)](#)
 - ☐ Scroll Down to Blue Box - "CTE Programs & Standards," click View Standards (you may have to request access)
 - ☐ Then "Program Standards" to the left....
 - ☐ Then click the "AFNR" file to access all ag. complete pathways.
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WVA AE/NAAE Updates & Opportunities

Please remit NAAE dues nationally to

<https://www.naae.org/members/membership/join-renew/>

Please refer all WVA AE inquiries to Allyson Lewis @ alewis@k12.wv.us

eXcellence in Leadership for Retention (XLR8) – Applications Due June 16, 2025

XLR8 is a year-long professional development program that targets agriculture teachers in their 7th-15th year of teaching. The program aims to meet the needs of these mid-career teachers by developing teacher leaders who will mentor other teachers in the profession and increase overall longevity and satisfaction among the teaching profession.

The XLR8 program includes participation in an intensive professional development experience (multiple sessions) during the NAAE convention, recurring virtual learning experiences, and online collaboration using the NAAE professional learning community, Communities of Practice, as well as other social media tools. Access

application: <https://www.naae.org/professional-development/explore-naae-pro>

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Apply via the NAAE website by **11:59 PM EST on June 16, 2025.**

The Latest National FFA News

Day of Service Mini-Grant

This grant provides alumni, middle, and high school chapters with up to \$400 to conduct a one-time service event. [Learn more](#) and [apply today](#).

Get Ready for the Opening of Convention Housing!

Housing for the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo will open at 6 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 14. Check out the [State Staff Housing Town Hall](#) for more information on the booking process and important deadlines.

2024 Chapter Recognition Guide

The [2024 Chapter Recognition Guide](#) is your ultimate resource for sparking ideas and building a standout Program of Activities (POA). This guide is packed with inspiration to help your chapter brainstorm fresh, meaningful activities that align with the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and focus on the three pillars: Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture.

Student Engagement and Travel Assistance Grant Recipients

We're excited to announce the recipients of this year's grants for the [Next Gen Ag Education](#) and [New Century Farmer](#) conferences. Visit [FFA.org](#) to learn more about [Student Engagement and Travel Assistance Grant](#) opportunities.

National FFA is Seeking Judges Like You!

Interact with FFA members from around the nation and learn about their projects, research, community service and more. Serve as a National FFA Organization judge! Thousands of judges are needed each year to select national finalists and national winners. Online and in-person opportunities are available as a judge. [Create a profile on our volunteer site](#) so National FFA has your contact information and your volunteer/judge interests. Once registered, you will receive invitations to judge specific opportunities based on your selected interests. Judging takes place in July, September, October and November. For questions, email judges@ffa.org.

Make48 Seeking FFA Chapters for 2025-26 National Tournament

An endorsed National FFA activity focused on real-world innovation and product development, [Make48](#) is seeking FFA chapters to compete in their 2025–26 National Tournament. Participating chapters will work in student teams to solve an ag-themed

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industry challenge; prototype a new product for the industry partner over a full semester; compete for part of a \$100,000 prize pool and the chance to be featured in a televised national event in 2026. [Registration](#) is open until May 15. For questions, contact Brett Kisker, brett@make48.com.

Celebrate your state through the #SpeakAg Showcase!

Start thinking about how to tell your state's story through the [#SpeakAg Showcase](#) program! #SpeakAg Showcase allows FFA members to tell their states' agriculture story to a broader audience. While the deadline isn't until Wednesday, Oct. 1, we know it takes time to garner the video footage you may need to make your project successful! Chapters that submit videos will also be able to present their submissions on the Student Showcase Stage. Winners will be announced during the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo.

Last Week's National FFA News

New! Culvers Virtual Field Trip

Follow the process as we go from cow to counter in this exciting [Virtual Field Trip with Culver's!](#) Students will learn about the process and many careers it takes for milk to travel from the farm to their local restaurant. You will also find turn-key resources to implement in your classroom as students move through each step. Find additional accompanying [resources, information and lessons](#).

Honorary Awards Submission Reminder

Please consider submitting nominations for individuals and companies that have made outstanding contributions to the National FFA Organization and/or agricultural education. Submit your [nominations](#) today. The deadline to submit nominations is June 15. As a reminder, [guidelines](#) for nominations and [application directions](#) are available on FFA.org. Please contact honorary@ffa.org with any questions.

Awards and Recognition Historical Awards Database

Did you know you can access the Awards and Recognition Historical Database through FFA.org? To navigate to the database, please use [this article](#). State Staff and teachers have access to the database through profile. If you have questions, please reach out to Madeline Young, myoung@ffa.org.

Webinar scheduled for Ag Tech Curriculum and Credential Program

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is hosting a webinar exclusively for state FFA and agricultural education leaders at 1 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 8, to share information on the newly launched [Ag Tech curriculum and credential program](#) in partnership with Pearson, the National Council for Agricultural Education, and the National FFA Organization. [Register](#) or [contact us](#) for more information. An educator-focused webinar will be held later this summer.

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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](#)

State Officer Request Form Link- <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:

- **Agriscience Fair Reports** submitted thru AET - June 1
- **State Officer & Nom Com** apps due - June 1 - [Programs](#)
- **National Chapter Award** apps due - June 1 - (email to KB)
- **Honorary State Degree-Teacher** apps due - June 1 (email to KB)
- **National Honorary Awards & Honorary American Degree Applications** - (By Nomination Only) - Due to Nationals June 15
- **WV State FFA Convention** - July 9-12, 2025
- **WV CTE Conference** - July 29-30, 2025 - Charleston, WV (Details TBA)
- **State Fair of WV** - Aug. 7-16, 2025
- **Fall CDEs** - Sept. 25-26, 2025 - WVU
- **Fall Leadership Conference** - Oct. 1-3, 2025

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