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Registration for state convention has closed. Kelly is working on lodging and invoices. If you any questions concerning state convention please direct those to Kelly. I will be out of the office beginning this Wednesday and will not return to the office until June 23.

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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 9you may have to request access)
 - ☐ Then "Program Standards" to the left....
 - ☐ Then click the "AFNR" tile to access all ag. completer 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 @ aew@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

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application:<https://www.naae.org/professional-development/explore-naae-professional-development-opportunities/national-programs/xlr8-excellence-in-leadership-for-retention/>

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

The Latest 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.

Still Seeking Judges for National Finalist Selection (Application Judging)

We're still looking for dedicated [volunteers](#) to serve as judges for the upcoming National Finalist Selection (Application Judging) round, which will take place virtually from July 7 to 16. Judges are needed specifically for the National Chapter and Agriscience Fair awards. Ready to get involved? [Visit our volunteer site](#) to learn more and sign up. Please share this opportunity with others.

Last Week's National FFA News

None

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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:

- **National Honorary Awards & Honorary American Degree Applications** - (By Nomination Only) - **Due June 9**
- **WV State FFA Convention** - July 9-12, 2025
- **WV Back to School Summer Conference** - July 29-30, 2025 - Charleston, WV
 - **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**
- **State Fair of WV** - Aug. 7-16, 2025
- **Fall CDEs** - Sept. 25-26, 2025 - WVU
- **Fall Leadership Conference** - Oct. 1-3, 2025