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## Career Success Tours

2017 National FFA Convention & Expo

Career Success Tours provide FFA members with an up-close look at a wide variety of agricultural careers in eight Agricultural Career Pathways: Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems; Biotechnology Systems; Environmental Service Systems; Food Products and Processing Systems; Natural Resource Systems; Plant Systems; and Power, Structural and Technical Systems. The pathways help students explore, select and prepare for a career in agriculture matched to their respective interests and talents.

### ADM Grain Company- Beech Grove, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Plant Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

**Available spaces:** 25 per tour

Participants will see firsthand how ADM Grain helps feed the world. Visitors will get an up-close look at the numerous ADM roles and responsibilities specific to ADM's Beech Grove facility, as well as various career opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

*Must wear closed toe shoes. Part of tour is outside, dress appropriately.*

### ADM Oilseed Processing- Frankfort, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Biotechnology Systems; Plant Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

1 - 5 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

1 - 5 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

1 - 5 p.m.

**Available spaces:** 25 per tour

Participants will see firsthand how ADM helps feed the world. Visitors will get an up-close look at the numerous ADM roles and responsibilities specific to ADM's Frankfort facility, as well as various career opportunities in the agricultural industry.

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### Beck's Hybrids- Atlanta, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Biotechnology Systems; Plant Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon - 4 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon - 4 p.m.

**Available spaces:** 50 per tour

Every successful farming operation needs quality seed, relevant information and a strong team. Learn how Beck's helps farmers' succeed in feeding and fueling the world. Thursday's tour will focus on marketing, precision agriculture and seed processing. Friday's tour will focus on seed research, biotechnology, seed production technology and farmer-focused agronomy research.

### Case IH, New Holland and CNH Industrial Parts & Service- Lebanon, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Power Structural and Technical Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

1:30 - 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

7:30 - 10 a.m.

1:30 - 4 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

7:30 - 10 a.m.

1:30 - 4 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

You cannot have agriculture without equipment. During this tour, students will see equipment and talk to dealers who sell and service the equipment. Then students will tour our largest distribution facility that houses more than 800,000 square feet of parts supplied to the dealers for service.



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### Center for Urban Ecology (CUE) at Butler University- Indianapolis

*Environmental Systems; Plant Systems*

**Friday, Oct. 27**

9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Available Spaces: 50**

This tour showcases one of the many environmental and social missions of urban agriculture and what sustainable agriculture may look like in practice. The CUE Farm at Butler University grows a diversity of produce for market and educates students about the benefits of sustainable farming for environment, health and community.

*Tour is outside. Dress weather appropriate.*

### Ceres Solutions- Crawfordsville, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Environmental Systems; Plant Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

12:15 - 3:45 p.m.

**Available Spaces: 50**

Visit one of the area's largest agribusiness hubs. Learn how Ceres Solutions Whitesville employees contribute to farmer success by using the latest technology, resources, rail access, partnership advantages and teamwork to cultivate results.

*Tour is outside. Dress weather appropriate.*

### Chef JJ's Downtown- Indianapolis

*Food Science Systems; Plant Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

9 - 11 a.m.

**Available Spaces: 30**

Join owner and chef, JJ Boston, for a behind-the-scenes tour of Chef JJ's Downtown. Learn how Chef JJ and his culinary team grow their own produce, source Indiana meats and create culinary dishes. Listen as Chef JJ shares his insight on farming as well as being an entrepreneur and business owner.

*Must wear closed toe shoes. Handicap access not available for all tour areas (rooftop garden).*



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### Chip Ganassi Racing- Indianapolis

*Power, Structural and Technical Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

9:30 a.m. - Noon

**Available Spaces: 50**

Take a walking tour of an IndyCar racing shop. Along the way, students will experience the mechanics, paint fabrication and car assembly areas. Learn about the role of technology in all aspects of racing. See what it takes to prepare competitive cars for competition.

### Conner Prairie- Fishers, Ind.

*Animal Systems; Plant Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

1:15 - 4:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

1:15 - 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

1:15 - 4:15 p.m.

**Available Spaces: 50 per tour**

Agriculture, science, history and the future collide every day at Conner Prairie, one of the top outdoor living history museums in the country. Embryo transfer has helped grow one of the country's largest herds of English Longhorn cattle. The rare Ossabaw Island Hog is part of a national DNA research project searching for a cure for diabetes. Kevyn Miller, a 75th anniversary Indiana FFA Hero Award winner, operates the museum's heritage livestock program and shares its successes and challenges through the years.

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### Don Schumacher Racing- Brownsburg, Ind.

*Power, Structural and Technical Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50

Discover the importance of a STEM education and how it connects to this racing team. Learn how STEM expertise is utilized in the engineering, creation and operation of the world's fastest and most powerful racing machines at Don Schumacher Racing. Meet DSR engineers, crew chiefs and drivers and learn what it takes to compete in the 330 MPH world of the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series.

### Dow AgroSciences- Indianapolis

*Agribusiness Systems; Biotechnology Systems; Plant Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8:30 - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Available Spaces:** 100 per tour

Dow AgroSciences will give tour participants a unique behind the scenes experience. The tour will showcase how this leading agribusiness provides solutions for the growing world where students and educators will become the scientists, allowing them to understand the journey through their R&D pipeline from discovery to product launch.

Tour participants will then have the opportunity to ask questions to scientists and agricultural business experts about the many roles that support customer and environmental care of the company's products.

*Because visitors will go into labs; no one under the age of 13 is allowed on the tour. Long pants with closed toed shoes are required. Formal dress may be worn with hosiery.*



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### Elanco- Greenfield, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems; Biotechnology Systems*

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1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 60 per tour

Do you love food, agriculture and pets? Elanco Animal Health is in the business of enriching lives through food and companionship. Students will see a glimpse into what that looks like, firsthand. Join us as we invite you to tour the Elanco Global Headquarters, to learn on how to empower yourself into a career in the animal health industry, and to discover why Elanco employees are driven to advance Elanco's vision through an interactive workshop.

### Evan Whispering Pines Christmas Tree Farm- Danville, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Plant Systems*

**Friday, Oct. 27**

9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

12:15 - 3:45 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

Participants will engage in interactive station to learn key skills needed to have a successful Christmas Tree Farm. The stations include seedling and transplant demonstrations by hand and with a mechanical tree planter, a pine tree shearing demonstration and a hands-on, wreath-making workshop.

*Tour is outside and groups will be walking on gravel paths. Dress weather appropriate.*



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### Exotic Feline Rescue Center- Center Point, Ind.

*Animal Systems, Environmental Systems, Natural Resource Systems*

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11:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

11:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

11:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

Visit more than 108 acres of land developed to the care of more than 195 beautiful exotic cats. The center has nine species including lions, tigers, pumas and leopards. The tour includes information on exotic care, enclosures, social groups, behaviors, food, waste disposal, vector control and veterinary care.

*Tour is outside and groups will be walking on a gravel path. Dress weather appropriate.*

### Fair Oaks Farms - Dairy Operations Tour- Fair Oaks, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems; Food Science Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

Noon - 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Noon - 6 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Noon - 6 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

Students will be guided through Fair Oaks Farm dairy operation, the milking parlor, the anaerobic digester and food commodities areas. Enjoy this behind-the-scenes tour that gives an in-depth look at the farm while exploring career opportunities.

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### Falling Waters Farm- Indianapolis

*Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems; Plant Systems*

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8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 30 per tour

Falling Waters Farm is an indoor aquaponics farm that produces fish and plants for the wholesale of the industry. The farm is a USDA food safe facility and certified organic. On the tour, participants will see the farm's microgreen production area as well as the aquaculture room and hydroponics grow towers.

### Hilltop Orchids- Cloverdale, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Biotechnology Systems; Plant Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

1:15 - 4:45 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

1:15 - 4:45 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

Enjoy the sight and smell of thousands of award-winning orchids as students explore the multi-year journey these plants take from breeding to seed pods to the laboratory. Learn how they grow in the mother flask to their replanting and move to the greenhouse where the orchids mature to be sold as finished plants.





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### Hoosier Park- Anderson, Ind.

#### *Animal Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

12:15 - 4:15 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

In addition to being responsible for employing more than 10,000 Hoosiers, Indiana's horse racing industry benefits all 92 Indiana counties and amounts to nearly \$1 billion annually. Students will take a backside tour to gain knowledge about the various components necessary to get a race horse to the track.

*Tour is outside. Dress weather appropriate.*

### Indiana Grand Racing Backstretch/Barn Tour- Shelbyville, Ind.

#### *Animal Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

7:30 - 10 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

Take a behind-the-scenes look at thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. Participants will visit a barn, talk to individuals involved with racing and see the jockeys' quarters.

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### Indiana Veneers- Indianapolis

*Natural Resources Systems; Power, Structural and Technical Systems*

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**Thursday, Oct. 26**

9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 30 per tour

Students take a guided tour starting from the log yard and continuing through each production process at the plant. Students will gain knowledge about how the veneer is sorted and prepared for sales.

*Must wear closed toe shoes.*

### Ingredion Inc.- Indianapolis

*Agribusiness Systems; Food Products and Processing Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

1:15 - 3:15 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50

Ingredion Incorporated is a leading global ingredient solutions provider. The company turns grain, fruits, vegetables and other plant materials into value-added ingredients and biomaterial solutions for the food, beverage, paper and corrugating, brewing and other industries. Serving customers in more than 100 countries, these ingredients make crackers crunchy, yogurts creamy, candy sweet, paper stronger and add fiber to nutrition bars. Students will tour the facility and meet with employees to learn about different careers within the company.

*Must wear closed toe shoes. No cameras, including cell phones, allowed. Part of the tour is outside. Dress weather appropriate.*



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### IUPUI- Center for Earth and Environmental Science- Indianapolis

*Environmental Systems; Plant Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Available Spaces:** 30 per tour

Learn how CEES and the Department of Earth Science at IUPUI are working with farmers to improve water quality and protect drinking water. Visit a local farm to conduct hands-on research investigations and see first-hand how innovative methods are used to increase production, minimize nutrient application and protect water resources.

*Tour is outside. Dress weather appropriate.*

### Janssen Veterinary Clinic- Sheridan, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

7:30 - 11 a.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

7:30 - 11 a.m.

**Available Spaces:** 50 per tour

Visit this site to learn about the veterinary industry. Hear firsthand from a practice owner how his experiences as an FFA member led him to his career. Learn about the many different options to pursue with veterinary medicine. Tour includes small animal and equine clinic with discussions on procedures and advanced diagnostic equipment.



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### Kroger Crossroads Dairy and Fair Oaks Farm- Indianapolis

*Agribusiness Systems; Food Product and Processing Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

12:30 - 3 p.m.

2:30- 5 p.m.

**Available spots:** 50 per tour

Explore one of the largest milk and ice cream dairies in the U.S. See leading-edge technology and manufacturing processes and learn about food safety and a variety of food industry careers.

*Must wear closed toe shoes and long pants. No cameras, including cell phones, allowed.*

### Lawson Land & Cattle Company- Thorntown, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems; Food Product and Processing Systems; Plant Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8:15 - 11:45 a.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

8:15 - 11:45 a.m.

**Available spots:** 50 per tour

Learn about the corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa and cattle raised on Lawson Land & Cattle Co. The cattle operation is a cow/calf and feedlot. Learn how the owners use artificial insemination and embryo transplant to improve the genetics of cattle. While touring the farm, see the feedlot's newly constructed monoslope building that has a capacity of more than 500 head of cattle.

*Tour is outside. Dress weather appropriate.*

### Ozark Fisheries - A unique look at aquaculture- Martinsville, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Animal Systems; Natural Resource Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

2:15 - 5:25 p.m.

**Available spots:** 50

Students will tour a goldfish and koi farm from the front lines. They will learn the processes from reproduction to shipment of the fish. Talk with employees and learn about what it takes to have a successful fishery.

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### Purdue Animal Sciences Research and Education Center- West Lafayette, Ind.

#### *Animal Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

8:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**Available spots:** 50 per tour

The mission of the Animal Sciences Research and Education Center is to provide animals, facilities, technical assistance and labor to conduct research, provide instruction and assist in extension educational activities. Students will learn about current research projects being conducted at the animal units visited, participate in some hands-on activities, and see animals and tour facilities used at this research and education center. Thursday's tour will feature the poultry and swine units. Friday's tour will highlight the dairy and beef units.

*Tour will be in and out of animal facilities. Dress appropriate for farm and weather related conditions.*

### Purdue University – Developing Smarter Agriculture with Plants™ - West Lafayette, Ind.

#### *Plant Systems*

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**

11:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

11:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Available Spots:** 50 per tour

Purdue University is home to a 25,000-square-foot facility creating a new world for Smarter Agriculture™. The center is a series of automated systems that collect billions of field measurements quantifying differences in plant characteristics, used to create new crop varieties suited to thrive a wide range of environments.



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### Reynolds Farm Equipment- Atlanta, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Plant Systems; Power, Structural and Technical Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8 - 11:30 a.m.

Noon - 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

8 - 11:30 a.m.

Noon - 3:30 p.m.

**Available Spots:** 50 per tour

Take an inside look at the scope of business and business practices in regards to agronomy solutions, geo- and agri-coaching, irrigation and guidance systems.

### Victory Field- Indianapolis

*Plant Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Available Spots:** 30 per tour

Visit what many consider the best minor league ballpark in America. Tour the clubhouse, suite level, the playing surface and the grounds and get a first-hand experience at the operations of a successful minor league operation. *Tour is outside. Dress weather appropriate.*

### Vine & Branch and Salsbery Brothers Landscaping- Carmel, Ind.

*Agribusiness Systems; Plant Systems*

**Friday, Oct. 27**

1:15 - 4:45 p.m.

**Available Spots:** 50

Learn about arboriculture and horticulture and understand how they are spokes in the wheel of agriculture. At Vine & Branch, students will participate in demonstrations with equipment and personal protection gear and watch a climbing arborist. In addition, the group will visit Salsbery Brothers to tour a nursery center and discuss the retail side of horticulture.

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### White River Paintball and Zipline and Indy Scream Park, Agritainment 101- Anderson, Ind.

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12:15 - 3:45 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

12:15 - 3:45 p.m.

**Available Spots:** 50 per tour

Learn ways to use land to increase income on properties. See how this company works with the existing environmental layout to create recreational activities for their agritainment business.

### White Violet Center for Eco-Justice and Alpaca Farm- Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.

*Animal Systems; Plant Systems; Environmental Systems; Natural Resource Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 - 5 p.m.

**Available Spots:** 50 per tour

Visit a 175 year-old-farm run by the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. You will see a herd of alpacas and learn about classified forest management, USDA certified-organic commodity, specialty crop production, emerging markets for organic produce, value-added products, and for luxury alpaca fiber.

Tour is outside. Must wear closed toe shoes and pants. No high-heels. Dress weather appropriate.



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### Wood-Mizer- Indianapolis

*Power, Structural and Technical Systems*

**Thursday, Oct. 26**

8:45 - 11:45 a.m.

**Available spots: 50**

Learn how more than 60,000 woodworkers, farmers and small business owners around the world make a living with a Wood-Mizer portable sawmill. Also, receive a firsthand demonstration on how a portable sawmill turn logs into lumber and explore career opportunities within the Wood-Mizer company including manufacturing, marketing, engineering and more.

*Must wear closed toe shoes. No jewelry. No cameras, including cell phones, allowed.*