

FFA *in the USA*

EACH YEAR, FFA CHAPTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY CELEBRATE NATIONAL FFA WEEK. IT'S A TIME TO SHARE WHAT FFA IS AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON MEMBERS EVERY DAY. LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE 2020 NATIONAL FFA WEEK (FEB. 22-29) THE BEST? READ ON TO SEE HOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS HAVE MADE THE WEEK A SUCCESS. — Compiled by Julie Woodard



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ALABAMA

During FFA Week, Spring Garden FFA hosts an annual breakfast for farmers and FFA alumni to show its appreciation for all their contributions.



ALASKA

In a show of unity, FFA members around the state don Official Dress for Wear Blue Wednesday and share pics on social media.

ARIZONA

In a long-standing tradition, Kingman FFA hosts a dance. Chapters from around the state join in on the festivities.

ARKANSAS

Southside FFA partnered with Cedar Ridge FFA, the local fire department and law enforcement to create a Fire Fund for families who have lost their homes to fire. The chapter even hosted a color run to support the message of #bettertogether.

CALIFORNIA

Using #WeAreCAFFA, members and alumni posted pictures of their first time wearing Official Dress, along with a current photo.

COLORADO

McClave FFA members refine their interview skills while educating the public through an annual Agriculture Fair. Students create presentations about their SAEs and deliver them to local judges.

CONNECTICUT

Mattabeset FFA holds a hallway decorating contest. Each class is assigned a hallway to decorate for FFA Week and teachers decide the winner.

DELAWARE

Middletown FFA invites members from around the state to its annual dodgeball tournament.

FLORIDA

From campus-wide teacher appreciation celebrations to community service activities, Florida chapters showcase the blue and gold across the state.

GEORGIA

Colquitt County FFA threw an Activities fest where students learned about agriculture and FFA while enjoying engaging activities.

HAWAII

Kalani FFA built a garden facility next to the Kahauiki Village Laundromat. The outdoor classroom included raised beds, hydroponics beds, a mini-nursery and more. The beds will be monitored by Wi-Fi-connected raspberry pi's and arduinos.

IDAHO

Teton FFA throws down with an FFA trivia contest each morning of FFA Week to promote the organization to its school and community.



ILLINOIS

Marion FFA hosts a 5K run/walk to support member involvement and a pancake breakfast to support its local alumni and supporters.

INDIANA

On Monday of FFA Week, members are invited to the Indiana State House to participate in Indiana FFA Page Day. Members work alongside legislators and learn more about the legislative process.

IOWA

Roland-Story FFA packages and provides meals to elderly shut-ins within its community and school district.

KANSAS

Many chapters celebrate with spirit days and participate in events, such as a pancake feed, to give back to their communities.

KENTUCKY

In honor of FFA Week, Kentucky FFA used #FFAjacketstory to share stories of past FFA members who once wore the blue jacket and the impact it had on their lives.

LOUISIANA

The Louisiana School for the Deaf and Visually Impaired is celebrating its first FFA Week with the new D.R.E.A.M Academy, which features career and technical programs along with an FFA chapter.

MAINE

The state officers travel to Ag Day at the statehouse to put FFA on display for all representatives.

MARYLAND

Boonsboro FFA members distribute I Support FFA buttons to faculty and staff, and invite them to join in the week's activities. Those who wear the button receive a prize each day. On Friday, faculty and staff visit the agriculture department after school to turn in their button as admission to a make-your-own ice cream sundae bar.

MASSACHUSETTS

Essex FFA kicked off FFA Week by giving back. Members collected donations for the Ocean Conservancy to clean beaches, protect oceans and invest in research.



MICHIGAN

Ubly FFA hangs posters featuring agriculture facts in its school hallways.

MINNESOTA

Fertile-Beltrami FFA puts on an Ag Olympics the Thursday of FFA Week. Members can compete in various competitions ranging from a balloon pop to tractor racing.

MISSISSIPPI

Each year during FFA Week, Mississippi FFA hosts over 600 members, along with legislators and sponsors, for breakfast followed by a flag-raising ceremony on the steps of the Mississippi State Capitol.

MISSOURI

Missouri FFA members celebrate FFA Week with style as they drive their farm tractors to school.

MONTANA

Some chapters put on Ag Olympics, which allow members to interact with both elementary and high school students through engaging games and even an Official Dress race.

NEBRASKA

Boone Central FFA shows FFA pride and support through simple and fun events, such as a Drive Your Tractor to School Day and a petting zoo.

NEVADA

Nevada FFA members tour local food and agriculture companies to connect with community leaders, learn from their operations and spread the mission of FFA to potential stakeholders.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

During FFA Week, you can find chapters at New Hampshire's Farm & Forest Expo advocating for agricultural education and spreading their passion for agriculture and natural resources.

NEW JERSEY

Salem Tech FFA hosts a Jersey Fresh Cook-Off, challenging members to bring in Jersey-grown products and to prepare meals for state officers, local businesses and county ag agents who volunteer as judges.

NEW MEXICO

State officers shared words of wisdom with fellow members on social media.

NEW YORK

Madison FFA partnered with a local contractor to build two self-serve food pantries, called Community Blessing Boxes. The boxes were placed at two area churches.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wakefield FFA members joined their local Culver's to hand out seed packets to encourage planting a row for the hungry. A mighty 5,000 packets went to customers during the week.

NORTH DAKOTA

Hyping up the farm-to-fork connection, Napoleon FFA celebrates FFA Week with a saucy spaghetti eating contest — no utensils or hands allowed!

OHIO

Twin Valley South-MVCTC puckers up with a Kiss the ? event. Teachers must kiss exotic animals as they collect money for the local children's hospital.



OKLAHOMA

State officers celebrate the week by traveling to different chapters across the state. Several chapters also volunteer at their local food banks.

OREGON

Bend FFA organizes a thank-you breakfast where it makes pancakes for its school staff.

PENNSYLVANIA

State officers host a Meet Your State Officer at Hoss's night, in which members travel to their local Hoss's steakhouse restaurant to have dinner and to socialize.

PUERTO RICO

Members put their creativity to the test with an FFA poster contest. The best are recognized at state convention.

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island holds its annual half-time conference during FFA Week. State officers put on workshops for the state's three chapters.

SOUTH CAROLINA

To wrap up FFA Week, Pendleton FFA hosts a state-wide Mr. FFA Scholarship Competition to showcase the state's unique and talented FFA members.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Members celebrated FFA Week with a photo challenge on social media: SAE Sunday, Memory Monday, Teacher Tuesday, Wear OD Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, Ag Fact Friday and Selfie With Animal Saturday.

TENNESSEE

State officers devote FFA Week to the annual Goodwill Tour, where they tour the state and interact with hundreds of FFA members, stakeholders and other industry leaders. At the end of the week, over 500 members join the state officers in a Legislative Breakfast at the state capitol.

TEXAS

Abernathy FFA partnered with the Hub City Outreach Center to make sidewalk chalk that was donated to the summer program for at-risk youth.



VERMONT

During FFA Week, the state officer team stays busy with TV appearances and radio talk shows to promote FFA and agriculture.



UTAH

Royal FFA partners with its alumni and supporters on a fundraiser where participants can win The Pig by buying a ticket for the raffle drawing.

VIRGINIA

State officers visited chapters throughout the state on a Goodwill Tour.

WASHINGTON

Stanwood FFA members fire up the grill and hold a dinner and auction for its sponsors.

WEST VIRGINIA

Spring Valley FFA collaborated with the Facing Hunger Foodbank and educated the entire high school on the food security problems faced by its peers.

WISCONSIN

State officers kick off FFA Week by enjoying a breakfast round table discussion with Brad Pfaff, Wisconsin Secretary-designee of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

WYOMING

Thermopolis FFA dished up fruit and biscuits and gravy for its school staff.