



What is National FFA Week?

The history, practices and school celebrations during National FFA Week

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FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and heritage that will never change. But FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. Click [here](#) to learn more about FFA.

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Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and its impact on members daily. The week is characterized by designated days celebrating agriculture and FFA, including National Days of Service, Ag Teacher Appreciation Day, and National Wear Blue Day.

The first National FFA Week took place in 1948 when the National FFA Board of Directors designated a week-long celebration from Saturday to Sunday. The week always encompasses George Washington's birthday (Feb. 22) in recognition of his legacy as an agriculturist and a farmer.

Click [here](#) to learn more about National FFA Week.



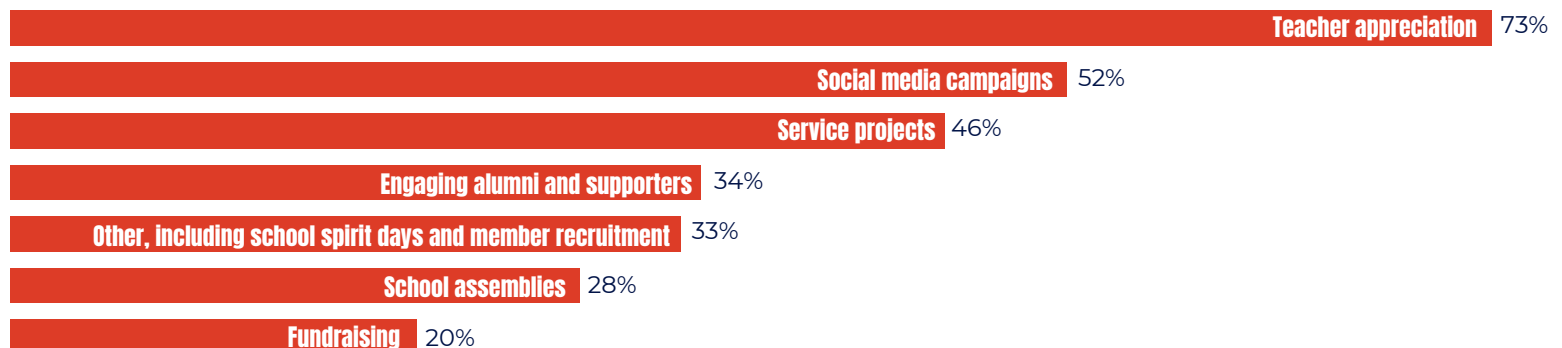
"During FFA Week, we focus on bringing together our community, parents, and chapter members to learn more about our FFA chapter and spread agriculture awareness."

-FFA Advisor

Celebrating National FFA Week Locally

In a 2023 survey, 94% of advisors told us that their school/chapter celebrated National FFA Week.

How an FFA chapter celebrates National FFA Week depends on that chapter's members and advisor(s). There are many possibilities for **National FFA Week activities**, including:¹



¹ 441 FFA advisors completed a survey about their 2023 National FFA Week and were asked about what activities and/or groups were implemented.

“We had a lot of fun on FFA Week. We involved the entire school with it, and let everyone be apart of all of our different activities.”

-FFA Advisor

Highlights from 2023 National FFA Week

National FFA Week activities often involve the entire school, not just FFA members. The following are real activities that FFA members hosted and participated in during 2023 National FFA Week.²



Whiteland FFA (IN)

Packing firefighter appreciation baskets with National FFA Officer MacKenna Clifton.



Washington FFA (OK)

FFA members served pancakes and Blue and Gold Sausage to community members.



Lone Pine FFA (CA)

Communications class looked at different aspects of livestock agriculture.



Sleepy Eye FFA (MN)

The FFA Glow Dance was a hit with the 7th-12th grade students who attended.



Salem Tech FFA (NJ)

Students participated in a Blue and Gold school spirit day.



North Clackamas FFA (OR)

FFA members shared their school farm with the community.



Saluda FFA (SC)

They volunteered after school helping to organize clothing and build a bed frame for those in need.



WaKeeney FFA (KS)

“Ag Olympics” challenged students to a relay race of different obstacles that are faced in agriculture.



Fort White FFA (FL)

Middle school FFA members held a walking taco bar where they served free food to the faculty and staff at the school.

² Photos and captions submitted by FFA advisors.

Part of the FFA motto is “Living to Serve.” FFA members were challenged to serve their communities during National FFA Week, and they delivered. According to reports from participating chapters, **263** FFA members were engaged in service, completing **8,096** service hours along with non-FFA youth, alumni, other adult volunteers, and community partners. This equates to a value of **\$266,735** for the communities served.³

- Each year during National FFA Week, select schools host one of the six member-elected National FFA Officers. National officers facilitate workshops, give keynote speeches, interact with FFA members and advisors, and participate in National FFA Week celebrations. A 2022 survey of schools that hosted a national officer found that even students and teachers not in FFA were impacted by the visit. National officers visited approximately 121 chapters from 12 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands — in person or virtually — during 2023 National FFA Week. They also met with state FFA officer teams.



- FFA