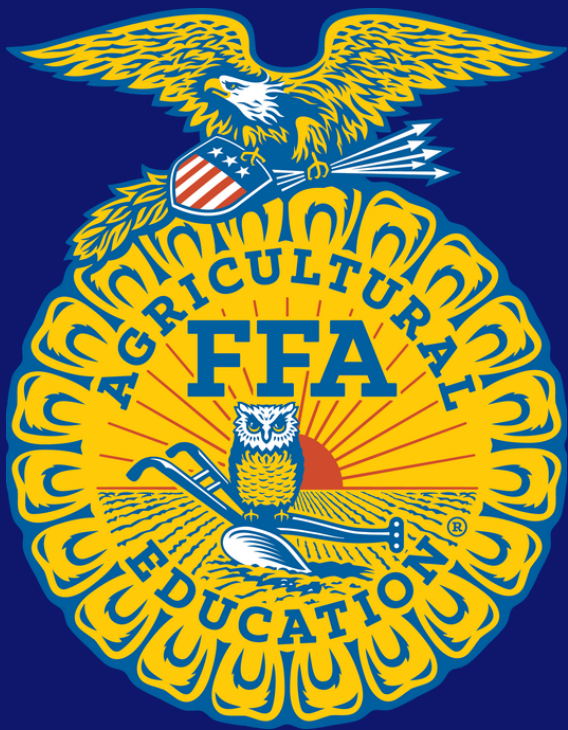




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SPONSOR & EXHIBITOR GUIDE



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ABOUT DELAWARE FFA

Delaware FFA is dedicated to preparing the next generation of leaders in agriculture and related industries through high-quality agricultural education. With over 5,000+ members statewide, we are part of the National FFA Organization. An extensive network committed to developing leadership, personal growth, and career success.

Our programs combine classroom instruction with real-world, hands-on experiences in areas such as animal and plant sciences, environmental systems, and agricultural technology. Students also develop essential leadership and communication skills through FFA events, competitions, and community involvement.

Whether pursuing higher education or entering the workforce, Delaware FFA members are equipped with the knowledge, experience, and confidence to succeed in a broad range of careers. From agribusiness and biotechnology to natural resource management and education.

Delaware FFA is shaping capable, responsible, and innovative leaders who will help drive the future of agriculture forward.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE OFFICER TEAM

Dear Partner,

Since 1928, the National FFA Organization has brought together students, educators, and industry leaders to champion agricultural education. Nearly a century later, FFA continues to empower youth across the country, including right here in Delaware, to become skilled, confident leaders in agriculture and beyond.

Delaware FFA members are among the brightest and most motivated young people in our state. With access to over 300 career pathways, these students are preparing to lead not only in agriculture, but in the broader business and technology sectors as well.

By partnering with the Delaware FFA Association, you are investing in more than a program you are investing in the future of our youth, our communities, and our nation. Your support provides meaningful leadership experiences, career development opportunities, and personal growth for middle, high school, and collegiate members.

If you believe in the future of agriculture and the potential of young leaders, we invite you to join us. Together, we can shape a stronger, brighter future.

Thank you,
Delaware FFA State Officer Team



SPONSORS

Like water to a seed, partnership fuels opportunity to grow

Sponsoring Delaware FFA is a strategic partnership supporting over 5,000+ students through leadership development, career programs, scholarships, and hands-on agricultural education. Your support helps equip the next generation with vital skills in science, technology, and agribusiness.

Sponsors also engage directly with students via mentorship, workshops, and career events, building valuable connections and industry insight. Delaware FFA works with sponsors to develop tailored programs that create lasting impact for both students and partners. Partnering with Delaware FFA is an investment in leadership, innovation, and a stronger future for agriculture and your organization.

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Individual Giving

Individuals can support the FFA in a variety of ways:

- Make a gift in cash
- Consider giving securities
- Donate land or other property
- Include Delaware FFA in your estate plan
- Endow a scholarship or other program

Individual Donor Recognition

- President's Circle (\$50,000+)
- The Golden Row (\$10,000 - \$49,999)
- Legacy Leaders (\$ 5,000 - \$9,999)
- Harvest Heroes (\$1,000 - \$4,999)
- Greenhand Givers (\$100 - \$999)

Tailored Programs

Tailored programming is a collaborative approach where we co-create custom initiatives that align with both our goals. It ensures meaningful results through shared vision, innovation, and mutual benefit. This process builds stronger partnerships and lasting impact. Together, we create value that goes beyond a one-size-fits-all approach.

General Fund

Donations support chapter and individual incentive awards, motivational materials, travel for events and endowed programs. Funds support any and all program of activities and support the operation costs for the association as a whole.

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Honor the memory of a relative, friend, or colleague through a Memorial Scholarship. Help FFA Members achieve their educational goals through scholarships to two-year or four-year colleges, technical schools or for other educational opportunities.

Corporate Giving

Corporations can also support Delaware FFA through:

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2011 kicked off the first year of the Career Development Campaign. Following the trend of most of the other FFA associations around the country, the Delaware FFA Association wants to be able to reward hard working students who participate in career development events that earn a first and second place. The association wants to remove the financial weight from the chapter and/or FFA Member, so that they know they will be able to go the next level and represent Delaware FFA.

It would cost around \$4,000 to send a team of four to national convention and \$2,000 to send the second place to Big E to represent Delaware FFA in their respective competitions.



Exhibitors connect directly with passionate FFA students and future industry leaders

Whether your business is seeking top talent for future hiring or looking to expand its customer base, Delaware FFA offers access to some of the most driven students and sharpest minds in the agricultural industry. These young leaders are not only well-versed in the latest industry practices, but they also demonstrate strong work ethics, innovation, and a passion for growth. Being an Exhibitor is the perfect opportunity to meet these talented individuals face-to-face, see their skills in action, and start building valuable connections. Partnering with Delaware FFA means connecting with individuals who are prepared to make an immediate impact.



Expo

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STUDENT EVENTS

Delaware FFA events inspire and develop the next generation of leaders

Delaware hosts a variety of events throughout the year that highlight the best of agriculture and leadership development. From hands-on competitions and career development events to leadership conferences and expos, these gatherings showcase the talents, knowledge, and dedication of FFA members across the state. Each event is designed to promote agricultural literacy, foster professional skills, and inspire the next generation of leaders in the industry. Whether in the classroom, the field, or on stage, Delaware FFA events celebrate the values of hard work, innovation, and community involvement that define strong agricultural leadership.

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A group of FFA members are on a stage. A woman in a blue jacket stands on the left, gesturing. Three men in light blue shirts are seated in the center, with one man placing a hand on another's shoulder. Two more men in blue jackets stand on the right. The background is dark.

DELAWARE FFA Convention & Expo

The Delaware FFA State Convention, held each March at the University of Delaware, is the premier leadership event for FFA members across the state. Where 1,000+ students, advisors, alumni, and industry partners come together to celebrate agricultural education and leadership.

Over two days, students compete in Career Development Events (CDEs), shape the future of the association through the delegate process, and attend inspiring workshops and keynotes.

At the center is the Expo, where colleges and businesses connect directly with students, sharing careers, innovations, and opportunities. It's a powerful event where future leaders grow and where you can make a lasting impact.

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C.O.L.T.

Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) This three-day camp at Camp Barnes equips newly elected FFA chapter officers with the confidence, knowledge, and leadership tools to succeed. Through hands-on workshops and team-building activities, students strengthen skills in communication, planning, and goal-setting—returning to their chapters ready to inspire and lead.



Your support of this event helps us provide:

- Educational materials and leadership curriculum
- Meals and lodging for student leaders
- Program supplies and team-building resources
- Opportunities for personal and professional growth

MIDDLE SCHOOL C.O.L.T.

Middle School Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference equips 7th and 8th grade members with foundational leadership, communication, and teamwork skills through engaging workshops and activities. The COLT Conference nurtures the next generation of agricultural leaders while reinforcing FFA values.

Your sponsorship directly supports this impactful experience, helping develop confident, capable youth ready to lead in their schools and communities.



Vision

The Delaware FFA Vision Leadership Conference is a hands-on experience designed for 9th to 12th grade FFA members to grow as leaders within their chapters and communities. Through interactive workshops, team-building activities, and real-world leadership scenarios, students develop communication, collaboration, and decision-making skills. County representatives help lead the event alongside the Delaware FFA State Officer Team, offering a unique opportunity for peer-led learning. Vision empowers students to see their leadership potential and take the next steps toward active, impactful roles in FFA.

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DISCOVERY

The Delaware FFA Discovery Leadership Conference is a vibrant, interactive event for 6th to 8th grade FFA members designed to develop individual leadership through hands-on workshops and team-building exercises. Held at venues like the Delaware State Fairgrounds, participants explore confidence-building, communication, and personal growth, all within a supportive peer and advisor community. With casual attire and a spirited atmosphere, this middle-school-focused conference invites students to discover their potential early and lay the groundwork for future impact within FFA and beyond.



Delaware FFA is the Heart of the Delaware State Fair

Delaware FFA members demonstrate their commitment to agriculture, leadership, and service. Over 500 middle and high school students participate in Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs), applying their skills in areas like livestock evaluation, veterinary science, and food science. These real-world experiences strengthen both personal and professional growth.

Beyond the competition, students give back by volunteering at fairgrounds and, in partnership with Delaware 4-H, helping donate over 1,000 pounds of fresh produce to the Food Bank of Delaware. Their presence reflects not only dedication to agriculture but a deep-rooted commitment to community impact.

The annual Delaware FFA Fair Breakfast honors these student leaders, recognizing outstanding achievement in leadership, career readiness, and service. This special event unites members, advisors, alumni, and sponsors in celebrating the mission of FFA: to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.



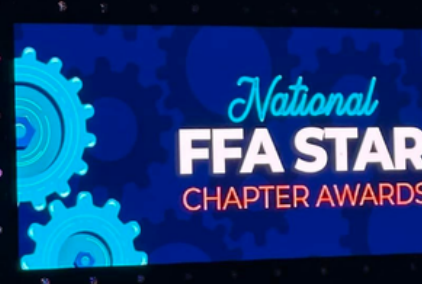
National FFA Convention

Growing Leaders, Building Legacies — Delaware FFA at Convention

The National FFA Convention & Expo is the premier event for the Future Farmers of America (FFA), held annually in Indianapolis, Indiana. It serves as a gathering for FFA members nationwide to engage in leadership development, participate in competitions, and explore opportunities in agriculture and related fields. Delaware FFA actively participates in this event, showcasing the talents and achievements of its members. In the most recent convention, Delaware FFA members competed in 26 Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs), such as livestock judging, agricultural sales, and mechanics. Additionally, students presented their research in the Agriscience Fair, highlighting their dedication to agricultural sciences. Delaware chapters have also contributed to the National Band and Chorus, while others showcased their talents in the National Talent Competition.

Beyond competitions, the Expo at the National FFA Convention & Expo features agricultural colleges, universities, and technical institutions from across the country. This provides Delaware FFA members with opportunities to explore higher education options, network with industry professionals, and discover career pathways in agriculture and related fields.

Delaware FFA's participation in the National FFA Convention & Expo allows members to compete, learn, and grow, reinforcing their commitment to leadership and excellence in agriculture.





Delaware FFA Showcases Excellence at The Big E

The Eastern States Exposition, commonly known as The Big E, is the largest agricultural event in the Northeast, held annually in Springfield, Massachusetts. It spans 17 days, beginning on the second Friday after Labor Day, and features a wide array of activities, including livestock shows, concerts, and cultural exhibits from New England states. Delaware FFA actively participates in The Big E by competing in over 20 Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs), such as livestock judging, agricultural sales, and mechanics. In addition to these competitions, Delaware FFA members engage in the Agriscience Fair, where they present research projects related to agriculture and natural resources.

Delaware FFA members have achieved notable success at The Big E.



Participation in The Big E provides Delaware FFA members with valuable opportunities to showcase their skills, gain recognition, and connect with peers and professionals in the agricultural industry.



CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

A SIGHT LIKE NO OTHER: THE POWER OF BLUE JACKETS UNITED

Investing in Delaware FFA is one of the most impactful decisions you can make for the future of agriculture and our nation. By supporting Delaware FFA, you're empowering the next generation of leaders, innovators, and advocates who will shape the future of farming, agribusiness, environmental stewardship, and rural communities. FFA members don't just learn how to farm—they develop critical skills in leadership, communication, technology, and sustainability that are essential in every corner of today's world. From classrooms to Capitol Hill, these young leaders are already making a difference. Backing Delaware FFA means investing in a brighter, smarter, and more sustainable tomorrow.



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THE FFA MISSION

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MISSION

Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources systems.