FFA State Convention May 26th through May 29th, 2009

Manhattan, Kansas



Organizational Name:

National FFA Organization; Changed in 1988 from Future Farmers of America to reflect the expanding career field of Agricultural Education.

Founded: 1928

Current Membership: 507,763

Number of Chapters: 7,439 in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Largest Annual Event: National FFA Convention

2008 Attendance: 54,731

What is Agricultural **Science Education** and FFA?

The agricultural science education program is built on the three core areas of classroom/laboratory ricultural Education 3 Part Model instruction, supervised agricultural experience programs and FFA student organization activities/ opportunities. FFA holds a federal charter. Two of the top three FFA executives are employed by the U.S. Department of Education.

FFA represents the relevancy to the core areas offering students opportunities that changes lives and prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Founded in 1928, the FFA organization represents a large diversity of over 300 careers in the food, fiber and natural resources industry. FFA is an integral part of a school system.

FFA uses agricultural education to create real-world success. Agriculture teachers become advisors to local FFA chapters, which students join. More than 7,000 FFA chapters are currently in existence; their programs are managed on a local, state and national level. Each chapter's Program of Activities is designed with the needs of the students in



mind.

Activities vary greatly from school to school, but are based in a well-integrated curriculum. Chapter activities and FFA programs concentrate on three areas of in supervised agricultural our mission: premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

The FFA Motto

The FFA motto gives members twelve short words skills in teamwork, commuto live by as they experience nications, human relations the opportunities in the or- and social interaction. ganization. Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to motes citizenship, volun-Live, Living to Serve.

To accomplish its mission, FFA:

- Develops competent and assertive agricultural leader-
- Increases awareness of scholarship the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.

work.

- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- Encourages achievement experience programs.
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
- Develops interpersonal
- teerism and patriotism.
- and cooperative attitudes 105-225.
- among all people. • Promotes healthy life-
- styles. • Encourages excellence in

The Agricultural **Education Mission**

Agricultural Education • Strengthens the confi- prepares students for sucdence of agriculture students cessful careers and a life-

the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources

Public Law 105-225 105th Congress Passed Aug. 12, 1998 - [H.R. 1085]

In 1950, the 81st Congress of the United States, recognizing the importance of the FFA as an integral part of the program of vocational agriculture, granted a Federal Charter to the FFA. In nation and support for the • Builds character and pro- the United States reviewed and diversity of agricultural nization and passed technical amendments. This shows through • Promotes cooperation the revisions as Public Law

Editors' Note:

Public Law 105-225 is a ricultural Education revision of Public Law 81-740 which reflects technical Education changes. The essential elements of Public Law 105-225 have been reprinted here to provide local chapters with background information on the chartering of FFA

in themselves and their time of informed choices in through Congress. For legal purposes, the full text of the Law (including historical notes and reference to the Code) should be requested from the National FFA Advisor or refer to Title 36 of and Technical Education the United States Code.

The National Council for **Agricultural Education**

The National Council for Agricultural Education provides leadership, coordi- tion 1998, the 105th Congress of continuous improvement Agricultural Student Orgaeducation.

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- The U.S. Department of
- National Association of Agricultural Educators
- National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education
- American Association for

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cation Association for Career

science & Technology Edu-

- National Farm & Ranch Business Management Education Association, Inc
- National Young Farmer **Educational Association**
- National FFA Founda-
- National Postsecondary

The National FFA Organimore information on Agri- zation operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for the FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs.

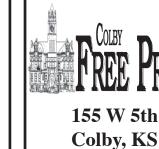


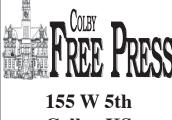
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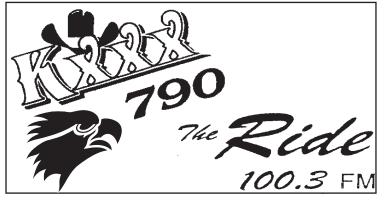
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