

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 Agricultural 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 our mission: premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

The FFA Motto

The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

To accomplish its mission, FFA:

- Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students

in themselves and their work.

- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
- Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
- Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Encourages excellence in scholarship

The Agricultural Education Mission

Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a life-

time of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

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 1998, the 105th Congress of the United States reviewed and passed technical amendments. This shows through the revisions as Public Law 105-225.

Editors' Note:

Public Law 105-225 is a revision of Public Law 81-740 which reflects technical 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

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 the United States Code.

The National Council for Agricultural Education

The National Council for Agricultural Education provides leadership, coordination and support for the continuous improvement and diversity of agricultural education.

Visit the following for more information on Agricultural Education

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

Agricultural Education

- Agrow Knowledge; The National Center for Agriculture & Technology Education

- Association for Career and Technical Education
- National Farm & Ranch Business Management Education Association, Inc
- National Young Farmer Educational Association
- National FFA Foundation
- National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization

The National FFA Organization 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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