The Ohio FFA Association

Founded in 1928, the National FFA Organization is a dynamic youth organization of over 506,000 members that is a part of agricultural education programs at middle and high schools. FFA is only one of the three essential components of the program, which also includes classroom instruction and Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE), which work together to provide members with leadership, academic, and career experiences essential for success. Today, student members are engaged in a wide range of educational experiences and FFA activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in agriculture.

FFA
The letters “FFA” stand for “Future Farmers of America”. However, in 1988 the official name of the organization was changed from “Future Farmers of America” to “The National FFA Organization” to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture, our nation’s number one industry.

Mission
The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Motto
Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve

Board of Trustees
The Ohio FFA Board of Trustees serves as the policy-making body for the Ohio FFA Association. All new programs or major revisions of existing programs and activities are approved by the board of trustees. The board of trustees determines what items of business will be forwarded to the convention for delegate action, and all actions taken by the delegates at the state FFA convention shall be summarized and placed on the agenda of the next board meeting for ratification.

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The Ohio FFA Foundation Sponsors’ Team is comprised of individuals with a passion for student success and is selected from the business community or from such organizations that represent the business community. The Sponsors’ Team serves as an advisory and advocacy group for Agriculture Education, the FFA, and the FFA Foundation. A primary responsibility for the team is to assist in forming partnerships with individuals and corporations, on behalf of the Foundation, to increase the level of support the Foundation can provide.

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The Ohio FFA Foundation is a cooperative effort among education, business, and industry to support and inspire Ohio FFA members. Over $400,000 is generated annually for FFA leadership programs, awards, and incentives. Four specific divisions provide opportunities for businesses, individuals, and chapters to partner with the Foundation. Interest in the formation of a Foundation grew out of a desire of interested individuals and agricultural businesses in the 1940’s to inspire members of Vocational Agriculture and FFA programs to work for high standards and goals, and to recognize members for their high achievement.

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In 2009, membership in the National FFA Organization reached 506,199 members in 7,429 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Within the Ohio FFA Association, 309 chapters across the state contributed to a total membership of 23,442 students.

**Ohio FFA Membership (2005-2009)**

*Revenue -*
- FFA Dues: $299,664
- FFA Leadership Activities: $52,185
- FFA Programs: $7,919
- FFA Officer Program: $24,917
- State FFA Convention: $170,665
- Ohio FFA Center: $375
- Miscellaneous: $11,271
**TOTAL:** $566,996

*Expenses -*
- FFA Dues: $117,938
- FFA Leadership Activities: $56,060
- FFA Programs: $80,980
- FFA Officer Program: $73,011
- State FFA Convention: $163,673
- Ohio FFA Center: $47,116
- Miscellaneous: $18,955
**TOTAL:** $557,733
believe in the future of agriculture... This opening line of the FFA creed is easily recognizable to the thousands of agricultural education students who have memorized it since its adoption in 1930. Although five paragraphs in length, the first line truly encapsulates the spirit of agricultural education and the FFA. While we honor our history and celebrate our past accomplishments, we realize that our achievements of the past serve only as an indicator of our future possibilities.

For those of us fortunate enough to be in this industry, it is clear that the future of agriculture is in good hands because of the over half a million FFA members nationwide that step up, and stand out, in their schools and communities. Even more astonishing is the diversity of our organization. Nationally, 38% of FFA members are female, and women hold more than 50% of state leadership positions. Additionally, 27% of our members live in rural farm areas, 39% live in non-farm areas, and 34% live in urban and suburban areas. FFA chapters are also in 16 of the 20 largest cities, including New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

This past year, Ohio FFA members have once again raised the bar and reached great success. This annual report highlights some of the accomplishments of students and chapters from across our state. However, more successes, many of which could not fit between the cover and end of this report, have not gone unnoticed and unrecognized.

It is evident that the future of agricultural education and the FFA in Ohio is bright. Congratulations Ohio FFA! Let’s continue the tradition of stepping up, and standing out!
I can guarantee that Saturday, May 2, 2008 is a day sixteen FFA members will never forget. While you may not remember if you were planting corn, watching a little league game, or doing some spring cleaning around the house that particular day, the 2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Officer team will remember it as the day we were elected to office. While we sat in the convention hall on the edge of our seats, anxiously awaiting the election results, we could only hope that our years of hard work, dedication, and service to the FFA organization would pay off. Fortunately for us, the preparations did pay off, and we were granted the opportunity to give back to an organization that had given so much to each of us. That Saturday in May marked the beginning of a journey my officer team will never forget.

Coming together from all ten of Ohio’s FFA districts, we began the journey as strangers, but it didn’t take long for us to break the ice and get the conversations flowing. With agriculture and FFA as our common interests, we quickly learned about our fellow teammates, their families, and their experiences in the agriculture industry. Just two weeks after state convention, sixteen enthusiastic and excited individuals traveled back to Columbus for the first of many meetings. We spent our time together learning more about our teammates and the important role of service we would fulfill in the upcoming year. The weekend was complete after a short road trip north to Van Wert, home of Universal Lettering and the FFA jacket. There, the staff carefully measured and fitted each officer for our very own Ohio FFA Association jacket and gave us a tour of the facility where the notorious blue corduroy jackets are manufactured.

The school year couldn’t come to an end soon enough for each of the officers, as we anxiously awaited our week-long training session in June. Former National FFA Officer, Jessie Geib, joined the team at the Ohio FFA Center for a jam-packed week of training. We tackled various topics, from workshop presentation and public speaking skills, to table and travel etiquette, and everything in between. The week also presented us with the opportunity to meet faculty and staff members from The Ohio State University’s College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, as well as long-standing Ohio FFA supporters - George and Cookie Ruff. We left our June training equipped with the tools we needed to be successful officers and leaders of the Ohio FFA Association.

Although we parted ways and headed home after our meeting, we were quickly reunited a week later in Carroll County, home of Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. As our home away from home for the summer, the team spent four weeks at camp with FFA members from across the Buckeye State. The officer team facilitated workshops, performed flag ceremonies, lead campfire reflections, and mingled with FFA members. The highlight of many members’ FFA career, camp is an opportunity to form new friendships and rekindle old friendships in a relaxed and fun environment.
Just a few days after camp concluded, State President Allen Schmitz and I traveled to Washington D.C. for the State Presidents’ Conference. This conference brings together state officers from every state to prepare for the delegate business sessions that take place at National FFA Convention. The trip also included a visit to the White House and a photo opportunity with President George W. Bush, as well as visits to Capitol Hill to meet with our legislators to advocate for Agricultural Education.

As summer came to an end, the school year began and the officer team hit the road to conduct chapter visits. Perhaps one of the most important and memorable parts of our year of service, conducting chapter visits gave each officer the opportunity to spend the day at an FFA chapter and communicate to students the importance of leadership, service, agriculture, and the FFA in the classroom environment.

In September, the state officer team greeted chapter officers in Columbus for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) and visits to the statehouse to meet with local senators and representatives. October crept up on the team rather quickly as we prepared for the Delegate Business Sessions of the National FFA Convention. We developed reports and oral testimony for committees that considered amendments to the American FFA Degree, increasing National FFA dues, adding a Goat Proficiency Award, creating a National Greenhand Recognition Program, and other issues that help to shape the future of our organization on the national level. We also had the privilege of sitting on the delegate floor as Hannah Crossen was elected to the National Officer Team. After returning to Ohio from a busy convention week, the team jumped right into the Leadership Night season. Groups of state officers traveled to schools to spend the evening with FFA members and to facilitate workshops that would enhance students’ leadership potential.

The winter months were filled with Greenhand Ceremonies to recognize first-year FFA members for their accomplishments in the organization. State officers were often called upon to deliver words of encouragement to these new members and their parents. The Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development Conferences also bring FFA members together during the winter months. These conferences, put on by National FFA staff members, help members to hone in on their leadership potential. The state officer team also attended the conferences, and at the conclusion of the event, our parents joined us in Columbus for a Christmas get-together and gift exchange. Spring quickly rolled around, and many FFA chapters hosted state officers at their annual banquets and awards ceremonies. We were given the unique opportunity to speak about the impact FFA has had on our lives and share inspirational messages with members, parents, and guests in attendance at the banquets.

Before we knew it, it was time to begin preparing for the 81st Ohio FFA Convention. As a team we spent countless hours writing, revising, and rehearsing our script parts. State Convention was a highlight of the year, as we had the opportunity to recognize and award some of Ohio’s finest FFA members for their accomplishments and achievements within our organization. Convention also marked the end of our term as state officers and completed our year of service to the organization. Just as we will never forget the day we were elected, I am confident my teammates also will not forget the day, one year later, when we handed over our positions to a new team of officers. As the gavel rapped for a final time to close the 2009 Ohio FFA Convention, it also signaled the closing of an important and memorable chapter in each of our lives.
2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Officer Team

First Row (From left to right):
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State Secretary

Amy Richter, Gibsonburg
District 4 President

Laura Gordon, Triway
District 3 President

Allen Schmitz, Mississinawa-Valley-MVCTC
State President

Jeremy Grove, Logan
District 10 President

Chris Gehret, Ft. Recovery
District 5 President

Second Row (From left to right):
Frank Gannett, South Central
District 2 President

Casey Wilson, Fairbanks
District 6 President

Sara Schmitz, Mississinawa-Valley-MVCTC
State Treasurer

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District 7 President

Krystin Bachman, Bloom-Carroll
State Vice President

Andrew Bond, East Clinton
District 9 President

Caitlyn Dever, Johnstown-Monroe
State Reporter

Cambell Parrish, Edon-NW
District 1 President
The 2008 National FFA Convention was held October 22-25 in Indianapolis, Indiana with over 54,000 attendees. Members participated in general sessions, competitive events, educational tours, leadership workshops, a career show and expo, volunteer activities and more. It is one of the largest annual student conventions in the country.

National Chapter Award Program
This program is designed to award FFA chapters who actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. Based on a chapter’s Program of Activities (POA), local FFA chapters are recognized for working in established areas called “quality standards.” The standards are organized into three divisions: Student Development, Chapter Development and Community Development.

Model of Innovation Awards
These awards are presented to the nation’s top 10 Three-Star Gold chapter finalists in each division.

Ohio’s Model of Innovation Chapter in Chapter Development: Ridgemont FFA

Ohio’s Model of Innovation Chapter in Student Development: Wauseon FFA

Ohio’s 3-Star Chapters
Anna
Blanchester
Bowling Green
Clyde
Crestview
Delphos
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Elmwood
Fairfield
Fayetteville-Perry
Fort Recovery
Indian Valley
Mechanicsburg
Miami East-MVCTC
Miami Trace
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Mowrystown
National Trail-MVCTC
Otsego
Ridgemont
Smithville
Talawanda-Butler Tech
Versailles
Wauseon

Ohio’s 2-Star Chapters
Cardington-Lincoln
East Clinton
Elida
Xenia-Greene County Career Center
Greenon
Greenville
Hardin-Northern
National Proficiency Awards

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards program rewards FFA members at the local, state, and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. Each national finalist receives a $500 cash award, and the national winner receives an additional $500 cash award.

Ohio’s National Finalists:

Brooke Beam, East Clinton FFA - Agricultural Processing
David Fickel, Paulding FFA - Environmental Science and Natural Resources
Rebekah Meller, Pettisville FFA - Food Science and Technology
Chelsea Williamson, Wayne Trace FFA - Fruit Production
Jeb Bowman, Hardin-Northern FFA - Wildlife Production and Management - Entrepreneurship

Ohio’s National Winners:

Elizabeth Heitkamp, Versailles FFA - Agricultural Communications
Elizabeth Heitkamp became interested in the agriculture communications field when she competed in the Agriculture Communications Career Development Event during her first two years as a member of the Versailles FFA Chapter. She was able to put her practice to work when she became the afternoon farm news director at a local radio station, where she researches, writes and broadcasts news stories. In addition, she records the overnight weather report. Planning to attend The Ohio State University, she will continue to hone her communication skills to one day pursue a career in agriculture.

Wesley VanScoy, Ridgemont FFA - Emerging Agricultural Technology
Already having the knowledge of successfully growing hydroponic tomatoes, Ridgemont FFA member Wesley VanScoy decided to test his skills by growing hydroponic cucumbers. The result is a smaller, flavorful cucumber that has a longer shelf life than its traditionally grown counterpart. VanScoy has been successful marketing these vegetables to local grocery stores and other wholesale clients and now has a surplus of customers seeking hydroponic cucumbers. With a goal of becoming a recognized leader in the hydroponic vegetable field, he plans to pursue a degree in agricultural business.
National Convention Awards

Career Development Events (CDEs)
The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting. CDEs test the abilities of individuals and teams in 23 major areas of agricultural instruction.

Ohio’s Top 5 National Career Development Event Teams and Individuals:

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Agri-Entrepreneurship Award
This award honors FFA members who have recognized a market opportunity that was overlooked by others and conceived a plan to pursue that opportunity. Ten national winners were chosen and each winner received a $1,000 cash award.

Ohio’s National Winners: Mark Jolly, Whiteoak FFA and Matthew VanScoy, Ridgemont FFA

Agriscience Student of the Year Program
This program recognizes high school students who are studying the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in the agricultural industry.

Ohio’s National Runner-Up: Abby Snyder, Zane Trace FFA

Honorary American Degrees
The National FFA Organization bestows Honorary Degrees for adults each year at national convention. These awards are given to exceptional teachers, individuals, and companies who have demonstrated continued success and support of the FFA and/or agricultural education.

Ohio’s Honorary Degree Recipients:
Mr. John Barker
Mr. Daniel Bruner
Mrs. Jo Bruner
Mr. Ralph Coffman
Mr. Paul Heilman
Mr. Timothy Niemeyer
Mr. George Skidmore
Mr. Dave Snyder

VIP Award:
The VIP Award is bestowed upon those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the FFA or agricultural education over a long period of time.

Ohio’s VIP Award Recipient: Mr. Craig Wiget
Ohio’s American FFA Degrees

The American FFA Degree is the highest honor that can be achieved as an FFA member. This final step in the FFA Degree system encourages students to grow, achieve, and establish themselves in an agricultural career. At the 2008 National FFA Convention, 306 Ohio FFA members received this honor. Recipients include:

Brett Abke, Eastwood
Jessica Adams, Fairbanks
Robert G. Adkins, Edgerton
Justin Albright, Willard
Kayla Angel Alexander, East Clinton
Dustin Alltop, Triad
Rikki Amburgey, Mowrystown
Aaron Appel, Edgerton
Janice Barrett, Fairfield
Megan Bartel, Miami East-MVCTC
Garrett Beam, Greene Co. CC
Jessica Beck, Northmor
Aaron Beekman, Talawanda-Butler Tech
John Belt, Spencerville
Tim Bender, River Valley
R. J. Benham, Miami Valley CTC
Annette Benich, Willard
Tyler C. Benschoter, Elmwood
Caleb Bernath, Wauseon
Rachel Berry, Triad
Curtis Bickel, East Clinton
Ashley Blackburn, Morgan
Robert John Blankenship II, Hillsboro
Carl Bohman, Versailles
Ben Bohrer, Mowrystown
Caleb Bohrer, Mowrystown
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Jedidiah Bookman, Hillsdale
Samuel Bookman, Logan
Luke Brill, North Union
Kyle R. Brockman, Fort Recovery
Raymond D. Broeske, Clear Fork Valley
Daniel Brown, New Bremen
Jacob Brown, Otsego
Laura Bruner, Pettisville
Adam Bruns, Minster
Jason Buehler, Anna
Gary Bunnell, Tecumseh
Morgan Burns, Fairbanks
Ron Burns, Fairbanks
Jenny Burrey, Benjamin Logan
Sarah Butterfield, Talawanda-Butler Tech
Jennifer Buxton, Riverdale
Alexandra Canfield, Lucas
John Carle, Westfall
Jeff Carlson, Fayetteville
Cody Alan Carnes, Ridgewood
Matthew Casey, Elmwood
William Casey, Elmwood
Megan Chaney, Lynchburg-Clay
Grant W. D. Chrispin, Marysville
Tyler Church, Miami East-MVCTC
Samantha Climer, Miami Trace
Terri A. Cline, Elmwood
Joshua T. Clunk, Buckeye Valley
Casey J. Coil, Miami Trace
Bradley Comstock, Hardin-Northern
Tim Cottrell, Lorain County JVS
Jake Coverstone, Miami East-MVCTC
Jay Cowell, Ridgedale
Wesley David Cox, Sentinel Career Center
Katie J. Croft, River View
Thomas Cunningham, Indian Valley
Seth Dabbert, New Bremen
Anna Damschroder, Gibsonburg
Kylie Daniel, Fairbanks
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American Star in Agriscience
Laura Bruner
Each year, 16 national finalists (four per award) vie for the organization’s top awards: American Star Farmer, American Star in Agribusiness, American Star in Agricultural Placement and American Star in Agriscience. These awards honor students who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through their career development programs; demonstrated outstanding management; earned the American FFA Degree; and met other education, scholastic and leadership requirements.

The National FFA Organization named Laura Bruner the 2008 American Star in Agriscience. Laura Bruner, daughter of Daniel and Jo Bruner, is a member of the Pettisville FFA Chapter, where her advisor is John Poulson. Bruner’s agriscience research project began as a result of her interest in studying genetics. In 2002, she began working with genetics and marketability of Cucurbita pepo, a variety of squash. Bruner believes it has the potential to help with world hunger in third-world countries, as it is cheap, easy to maintain, and has high nutritional values. Along with research, Bruner began a job at Rupp Seeds, where she was able to inventory squash seeds, and care for test plots and pollinated squash and soybean plants.

2008-2009 National Eastern Region Vice-President
Hannah Crossen
At the conclusion of the 2008 National FFA Convention, Hannah Crossen, from Hillsdale, was elected as the National Eastern Region Vice President. She traveled more than 100,000 miles; met top leaders in business, government and education; visited approximately 40 states; and participated in an international experience to Japan. Her responsibilities included providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies that shape the future of the organization and promoting agricultural literacy. Hannah’s advisors are Mark Hoffman and Lindsay Bowen and her parents are Chris and Kathy Crossen.
Leadership is..... Influence! Ohio FFA members from across the state who attended the Made for Excellence (MFE) and Advanced Leadership Development (ALD) conferences couldn’t help but shout this phrase and dance to the beat! Gathering in Columbus on a snow and ice filled weekend on January 10th and 11th, 2009; the Crowne Plaza Hotel was filled with the state’s future leaders of agriculture. These influential high school students left with a new and widened perspective of leadership.

The Ohio FFA Association hosted two different conferences at the Crowne Plaza this past year that were facilitated by staff from the National FFA Association. The curriculum of MFE is geared towards freshman and sophomores, while ALD is directed towards juniors and seniors. Despite the bad winter storm that came through Ohio on the Thursday night prior to the conference, we had two very successful conferences.

The purpose behind MFE is to encourage students to strive for excellence and achievement. The students completed talent assessments and worked to turn their very own personal interests into goals for success. The workshop presenters also made sure to put emphasis on the opportunities available to high school students by being involved in the FFA.

ALD took leadership to a whole new intensity, teaching the older students that they can be leaders in their home and communities by the choices they make and the influence they have upon others. The members worked together to determine areas within their schools, communities, and FFA chapters where leadership and influence is in need. Along with this, they also learned the benefits of using teamwork to overcome challenges in any areas.

The FFA members in attendance attended the workshops on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, as well as participating in a dance on Saturday night in order to interact and get to know other FFA members from across the state and have a good time.
Each year, from November through March, the Ohio FFA state officers conduct Leadership Nights that take place around the state. The officers participate in a training where they develop the lesson plan and activities that will be presented at the Leadership Nights. Leadership Nights are a way to present leadership skills through an interactive curriculum that allows FFA students to give back to their chapter and community.

Schools from across the state can apply to host a Leadership Night. At the Leadership Nights, FFA students interact with new students, while being taught about excellence, and how to contribute their uniqueness by still being collaborative and allowing diversity.

At the Amanda Clearcreek Leadership Night, Carlos Cruz, a senior at Bloom Carroll High School who served on the Bloom Carroll FFA officer team, spoke about the impact attending a Leadership Nights had on him. “By attending a Leadership Night, it allowed me to focus my eyes upon other people to see how they see and handle things.” This was Carlos’s first Leadership Night, but he said he wishes he could have attended more. When Carlos returned home to the Bloom Carroll FFA Chapter, he began implementing the skills and knowledge that he acquired at the Leadership Night. Carlos stated “When I was speaking to other chapters after our rotations, I gathered a lot of ideas to bring back to my chapter, such as fundraisers and even the simplicity of encouragement and how to encourage your officer team and FFA members.”

Students participating in the 2008-2009 Leadership Night series attended three rotations conducted by the state officers. The rotations consisted of effective curriculum and an activity that illustrated the topic being taught. After the students completed the three rotations, they were brought back together to evaluate their findings and results. Through the night, the students developed an understanding of excellence as they evaluated themselves and their chapter. The end goal was to empower them to bring a positive change to their chapter by the knowledge they received through the program.

More than 30 Leadership Nights were conducted across the state, reaching thousands of FFA members. Many host schools planned events to take place following the leadership program, such as Ag Olympics, 3-on-3 tournaments, movies, or even just food and fellowship.

Leadership Nights are not only a night to bring awareness and knowledge to FFA members about how to become better leaders, but it is a night for the FFA members to bring knowledge to themselves through interaction between one another.
For students who ask their teachers “When will I ever use this in the real world?”, Career Development Events (CDEs) are the answer. FFA has worked to create CDEs that demonstrate the meaningful connections between classroom instruction and real-life scenarios. CDEs build on what is learned in agricultural classes and the FFA. The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction truly comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting.

Congratulations to all members who participated in a CDE in the 2008-2009 school year; your efforts will continue to reap benefits in the future. Here is a listing of all CDEs, along with the winning team and top-scoring individual. For a complete listing or for more information on Ohio’s Career Development Events, visit www.ohioffa.org or contact:

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A swarm of national blue and corn gold converges the first weekend in May each year for the State FFA Convention. FFA Members from all corners of the state, accompanied by their advisors and a few parents, come together at the Ohio State Expo Center to celebrate accomplishments from the past year, network with other FFA members, explore the career show, and compete in contests. The theme for the 81st FFA Convention was “Step Up! Stand Out!” During each session of the convention, a part of the FFA Motto “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve” was highlighted.

As the first of four general sessions was about to start, the sea of blue moved through the doors of the Celeste Center. Excitement and energy filled the room as the FFA members began to move and sing to the music while finding their seats. The first session kicked off on Friday afternoon, recognizing some of the top FFA Chapters in Ohio, with the Versailles chapter earning the honor of being the number one chapter in the state. Public speaking contest winners were recognized and also had the opportunity to present their speech on stage, in front of thousands of members. The first session was highlighted by hearing from Ed Gerety, an inspirational speaker from New Hampshire, who encouraged everyone to never take anything for granted. Everyone in the audience will remember when he called an FFA member on stage, and had him call his mother just to tell her “I Love You”. Following a standing ovation for the keynote speaker, students who excelled in their respective Supervised Agricultural Experiences were through Proficiency Awards. The session was adjourned and followed up by a business session, where delegates voted on current issues and state officer candidates.

Between sessions, FFA members spent their time competing in a corn hole tournament, taking rides on a mechanical bull, and visiting the career and trade show. Students also had the opportunity to converse with representatives from Hocking College, The Ohio State University, and several industry spokespersons. Universal Lettering was available to embroider jackets and help new FFA members order one of their own blue corduroy jackets.

The second general session held on Friday night recognized friends and supporters of the FFA, awarding honorary membership to seventeen individuals. The generous spirit of FFA members was highlighted as CROP/Church World Services and Children’s Miracle Network were presented with checks. Those FFA members and chapters that won a Proficiency Award or Career Development Event on the national level were recognized, and the Star American Degree candidates were acknowledged. Correlating with the “Doing to Learn” portion of the motto, the Stars Over Ohio were announced. After years of hard work in their SAE, flawless record keeping, and an extensive application and interviewing procedure, three deserving members were rewarded for their efforts. Michael Peterson, former college football star and country recording artist, then took the stage. Prior to his message on overcoming a childhood tragedy to become a successful artist, a few of our own FFA talent acts joined him on stage for an unforgettable performance. Following Michael Peterson’s entertaining and moving presentation, he performed a few of his hit songs such as “Drink, Swear, Steal and Lie” and “From Here to Eternity”. Finally, the anticipation of several FFA members was relieved, as the final Proficiency winners were announced.
As the second session was adjourned, the excitement in the room did not dwindle, as everybody was looking forward to the next day of fun-packed sessions.

During the two general sessions held on Saturday, Career Development Award winners were announced, and participating members on the winning teams walked across stage to receive their blue first place banner. We welcomed Hannah Crossen, Hillsdale FFA member and 2008-2009 National Eastern Region Vice President, as she returned to her Ohio FFA Association roots and delivered a phenomenal keynote address. The gold-rated secretaries, treasurers and reporters were honored, as well as star students and teachers in the areas of agri-science and agri-entrepreneurship. In the final session, 647 FFA members were presented with the highest degree the state association can bestow to its members - the State FFA Degree.

After two days packed with leadership workshops, general sessions, career and college exploration, and Career Development Event contests, it was time for the 81st State FFA Convention to come to a close. At the end of the weekend, over 7,000 members and guests had gathered to celebrate what the blue corduroy jackets represent - the future of agriculture. Numerous FFA members and supporters were awarded and honored for their efforts during the course of the year, and everyone in attendance was inspired to “Step Up and Stand Out”!
## Ohio’s National Chapter Award Rankings

### Top Ten Chapters
*Sponsored By Dr. and Mrs. Earl F. Kantner Endowment Fund*

1. Versailles
2. Blanchester
3. Fayetteville
4. Miami East-MVCTC
5. Edgewood-Butler Tech
6. Otsego-Penta
7. Ridgemont
8. Delphos
9. Anna
10. Hardin Northern

### Gold Medal Chapters
*Sponsored By Ag Credit Services*

11. Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
12. Lynchburg-Clay
13. Wauseon
14. Smithville
15. River Valley (D6)
16. National Trail-MVCTC
17. Indian Valley
18. Fort Recovery
20. Xenia-Greene Co. CC
21. Talawanda-Butler Tech
22. Pettisville
23. Marysville
24. Crestview
25. Mechanicsburg
27. Miami Trace
28. Ridgewood
29. Fairfield (Leesburg)
30. Cardington
31. Greenville
32. West Muskingum
33. Elida

### Silver Medal Chapters

34. Amanda Clearcreek
35. Ansonia
36. Clyde
37. North Union
38. Brookville-MVCTC
39. Oak Harbor-Penta
40. Urbana
41. Greenon
42. Eastwood
43. Zane Trace
44. Anthony Wayne-Penta
45. Logan
46. Mowrystown
47. South Central
48. Western Brown

### Bronze Medal Chapters

49. Ripley
50. Parkway
51. Madison Plains
52. Buckeye Valley
53. Wellington
54. Northridge
55. Wilmington
56. Pymatuning Valley
57. Tecumseh
58. West Holmes
59. United
60. New Lexington
61. Minerva
62. New Bremen
63. Warren
Top 10 Student Development Chapters
Sponsored By The Ohio FFA Foundation
The student development division promotes personal and group activities that will help students improve their life skills.

Blanchester
Delphos
Fayetteville
Hardin-Northern
Marysville
Miami East-MVCTC
National Trail-MVCTC
New London
Otsego-Penta
Versailles

Top 10 Chapter Development Chapters
Sponsored By The Ohio FFA Foundation
The chapter development division is all about encouraging FFA members to use their unique abilities to work together. By working together on projects, members not only help their chapters, but improve teamwork abilities and communication skills.

Anna
Blanchester
Clyde
Fayetteville
Hardin-Northern
National Trail-MVCTC
Otsego-Penta
Ridgemont
Versailles
Wauseon

Top 10 Community Development Chapters
Sponsored By The Ohio FFA Foundation
Putting forth the time and effort to make their community a better place to live and work is the goal of the chapters in this division.

Anna
Blanchester
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Fayetteville
Indian Valley
Lynchburg-Clay
Miami East-MVCTC
Ridgemont
Versailles
Xenia-Greene Co. CC
State Proficiency Award Winners

Accounting
Sponsored by Oles and Associates, LLC

TIM SPIESS
Pettisville

Agri-Entrepreneurship
Sponsored by Cathy Nofziger Home Interiors & The Agincubator.org Foundation

LAURA COLEBAUGH
Miami East-MVCTC

Agricultural Communications
Sponsored by Ohio’s Country Journal

CYNTHIA BUNCH
West Holmes

Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication
Sponsored by Kubota Tractor Corporation-Northern Division

DANIEL BUCHHOP
Anthony Wayne

Agricultural Mechanics energy systems
Sponsored by Ohio Michigan Equipment Dealers

JUSTIN FAGER
Wauseon

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement
Sponsored by The Ohio FFA Foundation

KEVIN JUTTE
Fort Recovery

Agricultural Processing
Sponsored by J.H. Routh Packing Company

JUSTIN RAHRIG
Delphos

Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship
Sponsored by OHIGRO, Inc.

TIM SPIESS
Pettisville

Agricultural Sales Placement
Sponsored by Ohio AgriBusiness Association

TRINA POHLMAN
Delphos

Agricultural Services
Sponsored by The Ohio FFA Foundation

CLINT MCCOY
Hillsboro FFA

Agriscience Student of the Year
Sponsored by Haviland Plastic Products

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SARAH LAUX
Clear Fork
Mitch is the son of Bob and Julie Rooks and is a member of the Loudonville FFA chapter where his advisor is Kendra Carnegie. Mitch works at Rooks Brothers Dairy and Grain Farm, where he cares for 120 dairy cows and 850 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. While in high school, Mitch served as his chapter president, attended Washington Leadership Conference and was the top fruit seller for three years. In addition, he was involved in Foreign Language Club, soccer, and the prom committee. Mitch is currently attending The Ohio State University-ATI, where he is majoring in crop and dairy science. He plans to eventually return to the family farm and grow the business.

District Stars in Agricultural Placement

District 2 - Mitchell Rooks, Loudonville
District 4 - Andrew Klopflenstein, Wayne Trace
District 5 - Matthew Poeppelman, Minster
District 6 - Olivia Ledley, Ridgemont
District 7 - Lesley Hall, Northridge
District 8 - Dustin Patterson, Ridgewood
District 9 - James Falgner, Fayetteville
District 10 - Zach Crabtree, Alexander
Matthew VanScoy, Ridgemont FFA

Matthew is the son of William and Sonja VanScoy. He is a member of the Ridgemont FFA Chapter where his advisor is Stephanie Jolliff. Matthew’s SAE includes working nearly 5,000 hours at VanScoy Hydroponic Tomato Greenhouse, where he balances fertilizer rations, provides customer service and plant maintenance, and picks tomatoes. Matthew also grows 600 heads of lettuce each year and farms 150 acres of hay. Matthew has excelled throughout his four years in FFA. He has been a national winner in Agri-Entrepreneurship and SAE Grant, is a member of National Honor Society, Ridgemont Choir, School Musical Stage Crew, and was the Hardin County Student of the Month. Matthew plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio, majoring in agri-business. His long-term goal is to become a recognized leader in the tomato and cucumber hydroponic fields, with the experience to become a paid consultant.

District Stars in Agribusiness

District 6 - Matthew VanScoy, Ridgemont
District 8 - Eric Nichols, Buckeye Trail
District 10 - Kara Oberholzer, Alexander
Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro FFA

Lindsey is the daughter of John and Joanie Grimes and is a member of the Hillsboro FFA chapter where her advisors are Tom Oglesby and Brian Cummings. Lindsey currently manages her own seedstock operation, which consists of 40 head of purebred Angus and Simmental breeding stock, which she sells to buyers across the United States. Lindsey’s operation boasts a 90 percent calving rate and an average of 9.1 transferable eggs per flush. In FFA, Lindsey has served as chapter secretary, attended the Washington Leadership Conference and has participated in public speaking. Outside of FFA, Lindsey has been active in varsity soccer, student council, and National Honor Society. Lindsey will be attending The Ohio State University to study animal science and agricultural communication.

District Star Farmers

District 1 - Seth Nofziger, Archbold
District 2 - Lauren Fehlan, Wellington
District 3 - Kyle Schirm, Northwestern
District 5 - Katie Cottingim, Preble Shawnee
District 6 - Casey Wilson, Fairbanks
District 7 - Adam Dague, Johnstown-Monroe
District 8 - Linsey Howell, West Holmes
District 9 - Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro
District 10 - Zach Crabtree, Alexander
Honorary membership in the FFA is awarded to farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people, and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service.

Ivan Belleville, Manager, Belleville Brothers Meat Packing

Rick & Jan Buehner, Farmers and Eaton FFA Supporters

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William Davis, Retired Teacher of Agriculture

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Don & Cathy Frey, Organic Farmers

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Frank Greenlee, Retired Teacher of Agriculture

Jodi Hassan, Ohio FFA Alumni Council

Theron Hunt, Retired Educator, Substitute Teacher of Agriculture

Dr. James Kinder, Professor & Chair, Department of Animal Sciences, The Ohio State University

Dale Limes, Farmer & Otsego FFA Supporter

Dave & Sandy McCormick, Buckeye Trail FFA Supporters

Gigi Neal, Teacher of Agriculture, Eastern Brown High School

Charles Seaman, Owner, Seaman’s General Merchandise

Nick Sheets, Financial Services and FFA Supporter

Dave Stiles, Teacher of Agriculture, Indian Valley High School

Lisa Tuttle-Huff, Principal, Butler Technology and Career Development Schools
In 1929, the first group of State Farmers was composed of 19 young men. In 2009, 647 young men and women, representing 2.78% of the Ohio FFA membership, received the State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Ohio FFA Association can bestow upon its membership. The golden charm, which each state degree recipient receives, is symbolic of growth and development in a FFA member’s chosen occupation.

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Ariel Meyer, Clear Fork Valley
Stacie Lifer, Clear Fork Valley
Sarah Laux, Clear Fork Valley
Sarah Johnson, Clear Fork Valley
Caela Jackson, Clear Fork Valley
Ethan Fry, Clear Fork Valley
Elizabeth Dewitt, Clear Fork Valley
Steven Broeske, Clear Fork Valley
Cody Lawless, Centerburg
Clinton Cochran, Centerburg
Jordan Morsheiser, Carrollton
Chelsea McIntire, Carrollton
Brittanie Logan, Carrollton
Samantha Grubbs, Carrollton
Lisa Fredritz, Carey
Brittany Shears, Cardington-Lincoln
Kayla Rossiter, Cardington-Lincoln
Jamie Musser, Cardington-Lincoln
Carrie McFarland,
Cardington-Lincoln
Haley Gilmore, Cardington-Lincoln
Britney Carroll, Canal Winchester
Rachel Mika, Caldwell
Catie Weber, Buckeye Valley
Meghan Lehner, Buckeye Valley
Cameron James, Buckeye Valley
Melissa Downerd, Buckeye Valley
Tyler Scott, Buckeye Trail
Sadie Miller, Buckeye Trail
Linda Steingass, Buckeye
Taylor Sherman, Buckeye
David Cramer, Buckeye Central
Rebecca Auck, Buckeye Central
Cory Wagner, Bowling Green
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Stuart Foos, Bowling Green
Nolan Chamberlain, Bowling Green
Alex Amos, Bowling Green
Luke Schroyer, Botkins
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Hannah Geyer, Botkins
Kurt Egbert, Botkins
Aaron Dietz, Botkins
Jared Weaver, Bloom Carroll
Alex Ritchey, Bloom Carroll
Justin Bachman, Bloom Carroll
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Arden Dandrea, Big Walnut
Nicole Brush, Big Walnut
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Cody Rees, Benjamin Logan
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Kinzy Hefner, Benjamin Logan
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Emily Teet, Anthony Wayne
Lindsay Lance, Anthony Wayne
Mindy Frische, Anthony Wayne
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Sarah Rogers, Amanda-Clearcreek
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Chelsea Sanders, Alexander
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Jordan Tabor, Ada
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Mary Lockwood, Benjamin Logan
Libby Zoldak, Benjamin Logan
Angie Rutherford, Bloom-Carroll
Sierra Dinberg, Clyde
Ganamantha Green, Clyde
Samatha Prowant, Continental
Hannah Baker, East Clinton
Jessica Tutt, Eastern Brown
Elizabeth Krill, Edgerton
Kelsey Zeigler, Fairfield Union
Teddie Castle, Greenon
Dusti Rossard, Hardin Northern
Alicia Cowles, Highland
RaKayla Burke, Hiland
Brittani Baldner-Hill, Hillsdale
Kala Fox, Hillsdale
Ashley Currie, Liberty-Benton
Sabrina Miller, Monroeville
Mariah Carey, Mount Gilead
Kate Hubschman, Mount Gilead
Katryna Ousley,
Northwestern-Wayne
Lydia Hartzler, Norwayne
Nicole Steiner, Norwayne
Kelli Schatter, Paulding
Alyssa St. John, Paulding
Becky Collins, Preble Shawnee
Erin Smulinski,
Pymatuning Valley
Emily Tucker, Pymatuning Valley
Victoria Meadows, Ridgedale
Courtney Simpkins, Ridgedale
Ashley Cantrell, Ripley
Jill Hollenbaugh, Smithville
Annette Crowe, Southeastern
Jonny Ebert, Southeastern

**Alto**
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Benjamin Logan
Amanda Hay, Canal Winchester
Alishia Baker, East Clinton
Blair Baker, East Clinton
Abbie Bashaw, East Clinton
Kayla Wiederhold, East Clinton
Kasey Jones, Eastern Brown
Rachel Mullins, Eastern Brown
Brooke Riehle, Edgerton
Becca Elder, Fairfield Union
Diana Foltz, Fairfield Union
Sierra Weekly, Hiland
Tecca Zimmerman, Hillsdale
Amber Hoffman, Lakota
Heather Skaggs, Miami East
Tasha Gregory, Mowrystown
Amber Thompson, Mowrystown
Heather Thompson, Mowrystown
Kendra Westrich, Mowrystown
Hayley Clellan, Paulding
Audra Philpot, Paudling
Mia Huttleston, Plymouth
Stephanie Riedlinger, Plymouth
Kayla Shreves, Pymatuning Valley
Alyson Jones, Ridgedale
Kortney Wheeler, Ridgedale
Jenessa Miller, Smithville
Kelsey Kinzer, Southeastern
Casie Triplett, Southeastern
Clarissa Dewald, Tiffin
Eileen Gress, Triway
Bre Howell, Wellington

**Tenor**
Jeffrey Mayo, Ansonia
Matt Bourne, Buckeye Trail
Maxx Lackie, Delta
Michael Wigton,
Mount Gilead
Nick Rowe, Plymouth
Morgan Blevins, Ridgedale
Duane Stutzman, River View
Stephen Wiley, St. Mary’s
Tyler Hiatt, Van Buren

**Bass**
Marc Fitzgerald,
Buckeye Trail
Jay Reinhart, Carey
James Wood, Edison
Caleb Fissell, Mount Gilead
Jacob Herr, Mount Gilead
Jacob Castle, Northridge
Chad Burris, Ridgedale
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Chris Dahs, Monroeville
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Kelsey Haas, Urbana
Brook Osborne, Clyde
Jessica Wellert, Northeastern-Wayne
Cara Paynter, Preble Shawnee
Hannah Shock, Hillsdale
Hannah Allen, Miami East
Treanna Phillips, Holgate
Taylor Zehr, Stryker
Morgan Austin, Hillsdale
Stephanie Schuck, Hillsdale
Nicole Wallace, Gibsonburg
Dallas Bowen, Delta
Brittney Gray, East Clinton
Whitney Williams, Mechanicsburg

Bassoon
Kristin Heil, Kenton
Tecca Zimmerman, Hillsdale

Clarinet
Tori Rogers, Monroeville
Katie Linder, Mount Gilead
Chelsea Berning, Franklin Monroe
Carly Birney, Harrison Central
Madison Ball, Amanda-Clearcreek

Bass Clarinet
Marie Arnold, Smithville

Alto Saxophone
Sarah Sundberg, Pymatuning Walley
Scott Jackson, Fairfield Union
Karly Berry, Northwestern-Wayne
Cody Bennett, Miami Trace
Amanda Stang, Monroeville
Amanda Williams, West Liberty-Salem
Ashley Frazer, Mowrystown
Shayne Smith, Bellevue
Jordan Watson, East Clinton
Rebekah Rogan, East Clinton

Baritone Saxophone
Barrett Lawlis, Liberty Union
Brittany Clark, Eastern Brown

Tenor Saxophone
William Gerret, Bloom-Carroll
Scott Cathers, Liberty Union
Jena Hart, Franklin Monroe
Arminda Davis, Tiffin-Sentinel

Oboe
Caroline Weihl, Otsego

Trumpet
Chris Watts, Fairfield Union
Megan Miller, Margareta
Mike Hannewald, Otsego
Lauren Campbell, Miami Trace
Brian Simmons, Mowrystown
Clay Garrett, Eastern Brown
Dustin Smeck, Racine Southern
Glen Travis, Stryker
Ashley Crone, Mowrystown
Jessica Jones, Mowrystown
Daniel Williams, Miami East
Steven Bowling, Preble Shawnee
Samantha Kissel, Bellevue
Natalie Appel, Edgerton
Allison Knight, Harrison Central
Lacey Price, Greenon
Emily Morgan, Amanda-Clearcreek
Dalton Boggs, Mechanicsburg
Justin Cordle, Mechanicsburg
Brandon Conner, Van Buren

Trombone
Mick Ater, Adena
Monica Palmer, Mowrystown
David Miller, Urbana
Stephen Wagner, Paulding
Spencer Gross, Paulding
Mackenzie Batt, Edgerton
Ethan Crawford, Pymatuning Valley
Christian Jennings, Greenville
Alison Conley, East Clinton
Sierra Jepsen, Amanda-Clearcreek

Baritone
David Davies, Utica
Cameron Bookman, Waterford
Elly Clary, Southeastern-Ross
Andrea Wigal, Buckeye Valley

Tuba
Kory Munk, Margareta
Karri Slickley, Greenville
Laura Subler, Versailles
Sheena Roach, Miami East
Brandy Nevstel, Clyde
Isaac Øste Adena
Lucas Price, Paulding
Logan Eades, Mechanicsburg

French Horn
Candace Ferguson, Fairview
Jocelin Zeedyk, Fairview
Rachel Townsley, Urbana
Kaylene Keesler, Preble Shawnee
Austin Land, Paulding
Joel Penhorwood, Benjamin Logan

Percussion
Sean Davis, Smithville
Evan Rogers, Preble Shawnee
Michelle Shepherd, North Union
Emilee Riegel, Northeastern
Megan Dowdy, Ridgedale
Charlene Louis, Hillsdale
Chase Graham, Racine Southern
FA members understand the importance of service and exemplify the FFA’s value of “Living to Serve” every day. Whether it’s planting a garden at the local elementary school, volunteering at a nearby nursing home, or taking deliveries to a community food bank, service is an integral part of membership in the FFA.

Among the many philanthropic efforts that FFA chapters take on throughout the year, one of the most recognizable is Nationwide Children’s Hospital of Columbus. Each year, FFA members from across the state raise thousands of dollars for Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Much of that money is raised during the five summer camp sessions at FFA Camp Muskingum outside Carrollton, Ohio. At camp, members have numerous opportunities to contribute to Children’s Hospital through fun, competitive activities involving camp staff and state officers. One of the more popular activities involves campers purchasing rubber ducks marked with numbers for the “pie-in-the-eye” drawing. At the end of the week, the ducks are released in the swimming area and drawn to see which camper gets to choose their favorite chapter advisor, camp staff member, or state officer to take a pie-to-the-face!

Another camp favorite is the state officer auction. At this event, campers participate in a live auction for camp memorabilia, FFA t-shirts, and a coveted chapter visit from the state president. Chapters often work collaboratively to collect money in order to be the highest contributors and set new camp records!

Many chapters contribute to Nationwide Children’s Hospital & the Children’s Miracle Network throughout the year through chapter fundraisers and local sponsors. In May 2009, the Ohio FFA presented Children’s Hospital with a check in the amount of $31,169.92. On stage at the state convention, schools are recognized for going above and beyond in their commitment to service for raising funds toward this great cause. The state association presented the following chapters with a plaque for contributing at least $200:

- Amanda Clearcreek
- Anna
- Ansonia
- Bowling Green
- Buckeye
- Caldwell
- Cardington
- Clear Fork Valley
- Clyde
- Crestview-Ashland
- Colonel Crawford
- Delphos
- Eastern Brown
- Edgerton
- Edgewood-Butler Tech
- Elmwood
- Fairfield Union
- Fayetteville
- Federal Hocking
- Ft. Recovery
- Georgetown
- Greenfield-McClain
- Greenville
- Hardin Northern
- Highland
- Hillsboro
- Indian Valley
- Liberty Union
- Logan Elm
- Marysville
- Mechanicsburg
- Meigs
- Miami East-MVCTC
- Miami Trace
- Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
- Mount Vernon
- New London
- Northridge
- Norwayne
- Paint Valley
- Parkway
- Pettisville
- Pymatuning Valley
- Ridgemont
- Ripley
- River Valley-Caledonia
- Sentinel
- Southeastern Ross
- Talawanda-Butler Tech
- University of NW Ohio Collegiate
- Upper Sandusky
- Urbana
- Wapakoneta
- Warren
- Wauseon
- West Liberty Salem
- Western Brown
- Western Reserve
- Westfall
- Zane Trace
Did you know that, worldwide, approximately 1.02 billion people suffer from chronic hunger and that nearly half of those suffering are children? Did you know that each day 16,000 children die from malnourishment? Thanks to the dedication of many Ohio FFA members and the wonderful partnership with CROP/Church World Service, today those numbers are a little less grim.

This past year, FFA members from across the buckeye state once again led the way in stomping out hunger through the annual CROP Walk at FFA Camp Muskingum. The Ohio FFA has been a proud supporter of CROP Church World Service for over 50 years!

The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) began addressing hunger in Europe and Asia in 1947 following the devastation of WWII. Today, the organization has a different name (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) and a broader focus but the commitment to raising awareness and resources with the goal of eliminating world hunger stays the same.

Hunger walks, like the one held at Camp Muskingum, help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. This year, CROP will share 4 million dollars with local food banks in the United States. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will go toward fighting hunger right here in Ohio.

Some chapters participated in the walk, while others set aside money from their annual fruit sales. The Ohio FFA proudly recognized those chapters that contributed to the 2009 CROP Walk onstage at the state convention in May. The FFA chapters that were recognized for their efforts in addressing hunger through a $200 or more donation include:

- Alexander
- Amanda-Clearcreek
- Benjamin Logan
- Bowling Green
- Caldwell
- Cardington
- Carey
- Carrollton
- Colonel Crawford
- Delphos
- East Clinton
- Edgerton
- Elgin
- Elmwood
- Fairfield Union
- Fairbanks
- Fayetteville
- Felicity-Franklin
- Gallipolis
- Graham
- Greenon
- Hardin Northern
- Indian Valley
- Licking Valley
- Logan Elm
- Mapleton
- McComb
- Mechanicsburg
- Mississinawa Valley-MCVCTC
- Northmor
- Northwestern Wayne
- Oak Harbor
- Paint Valley
- Parkway
- Penta County CC
- Pettisville
- Pike-Delta-York
- Plymouth
- Racine Southern
- Ridgewood
- Sheridan
- Upper Sandusky
- Upper Valley
- Urbana
- Warren
- Wauseon
- West Branch
- Westfall
- Wilmington
- Zane Trace
Ohio FFA Convention Pictures

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On a chilly fall morning, FFA officers and members from across the state of Ohio came to Columbus for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) on September 19th, 2008. The keynote speaker was Andrew McCrea. Andrew McCrea draws upon a wealth of experiences when he is criss-crossing the country to deliver his messages. As a farmer and rancher from northwest Missouri, Andrew knows what it is like to move herds of cattle and work 18-hour days harvesting a crop. Add to that, his experience as a five-time Oscar-winning radio broadcaster and you have the perfect combination for an outstanding speaker for agricultural students! This session in particular focused on goals, time management, and personalities.

Following the morning’s leadership session, FFA members traveled up the street to the Ohio Statehouse where they met with their senators and representatives. Serving as ambassadors for the agricultural industry and agricultural education, they discussed vital issues such as ethanol, career technical education funding, and subsidies. After the morning’s influential session with Andrew McCrea and meeting with our state’s legislators, Ohio’s FFA officers set goals about how they can better serve the members of their FFA chapters.

When spring came around, chapters across the state elected new officers to serve their FFA chapters for the upcoming school year. One of the first events the new officers attend is Chapter Officer Leadership Trainings at their district spring meetings. Just like in the fall, chapter officers participated in leadership training workshops presented by local teachers and students within the districts. The sessions were each individualized to each officer’s specific roles, and how to implement them within his or her officer team. Whether the officers attended the fall or spring conference, both sessions taught the officers many valuable traits they could take back and put into operation within their own chapters to make them successful.
Throughout this past year, all sixteen state officers traveled the great state of Ohio to meet with numerous chapters. Each chapter was greeted bright and early with a blue and gold jacket as they began a day full of excitement and learning. These sessions would consist of a basis of teamwork, leadership, and goal setting that would allow the class to set their own standards by participating in educational activities.

Though many activities were conducted throughout the visit, numerous lessons were learned too. Students go away from the chapter visit with a goal in mind. Whether it’s a class goal or an individual goal, they have been taught how to either lead better or how to even set their own goals in life. The chapter visits are designed to benefit the FFA members. As a past state officer, I see what an impact and difference spending just one class period with a group of students can make. Though I thought I may have just taught a lesson on teamwork and utilized a couple of activities, after I left, the members within the chapter were making differences through the education they learned from my workshop.

This is just one example of many that has occurred not only throughout this past year, but the years before. It demonstrates that the agricultural youth are truly working together to make the future the best it can possibly be. So, though many state officers drive thousands of miles from school to school, the education that the youth are getting out of the chapter visits is priceless.
2009 was another successful year for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of the statistical successes for the year:

1. Total number of individuals served: 10,676
2. Total Camper Days: 21,399.60
3. Percent of Camper Days per Program:
   a. Outside Groups - 37.6%
   b. Nature’s Classroom - 36.3%
   c. FFA - 26.1%
4. Total number of groups served: 142 (Up 12 from 2008)
5. Total number of FFA members attending summer camps: 1,107 (Down 18 from 2008)
6. Total number of FFA members attending fall camps: 475 (Down 40 from 2008)
7. FFA chapters attending summer camp: 140 (Down 4 from 2008)
8. Percent of school districts participating in a camp program: 46.7%
9. Percent of FFA members attending a summer camp: 4.7%
10. Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall camps: 6.7%
11. Percent of agricultural education teachers attending summer camp: 19.4%

Major renovations to the facility in 2009 included the continued renovation of the staff house. In 2009, we completely gutted and remodeled two sleeping rooms. Other improvements to the facility included a new roof on the Nature Center, new lighting on the football field, new lighting at the shotgun range, a 16 ft X 10 ft. storage shed, and replacement of all of the fuel tanks at camp with new double walled fuel tanks to help protect the environment. We also added paintball to our arsenal of value added programming. Thanks to a grant from ODNR Division of Watercraft, we were able to purchase eight new kayaks, three new row boats, three new 6 HP motors and one 9.9 HP motor.
At the end of Dyewood Road, outside of Carrollton, Ohio, lies the home of many FFA members’ fondest summer memories. Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum scenically overlooks tranquil Leesville Lake, and hosts over one thousand FFA members each summer. FFA camp serves as both a place for recreation, and a site to teach members about leadership, teamwork, communication, as well as how they can contribute to the betterment of agriculture.

Several highlights helped contribute to the experience that FFA members received while at Camp Muskingum. Campers had the opportunity to take place in several annual activities that help both campers and local people from Carrollton. Senior campers had the chance to either lead activities at a local daycare or help host a group from the MRDD program. If these choices did not appeal to a camper, they could travel down the road to help with the upkeep of the historic mill. This morning of service was accompanied by a weeklong program that featured a theme based on the summer Olympics. The state officer team helped portray this theme by delivering their workshops with an Olympic twist while teaching members new skills that they could use in their home chapters well after camp had ended. Aside from the learning and helping out the community members, FFA members did have a chance to have some fun. With a variety of recreational opportunities ranging from boating to ping pong, FFA members could find themselves engaged in something that they loved before they came to camp, or they could find a new activity that they enjoy because of their time spent at camp.

The season came to a close with the anticipation for next year already building. Many campers walked away with a sense of adventure fulfilled, and a newly obtained plethora of skills that can help them build a more successful chapter.
FFA Alumni Affiliates serve to provide a structure to mobilize and empower community volunteers, to support and assist agricultural education programs in providing quality educational experiences.

Ohio FFA Alumni Council Members (from left to right)

Jesse Hamman, Hillsdale; President Ron Tilford, Talawanda; Jason Damron, Talawanda; Jodi Hassan, Hardin Northern; Amanda Bly, Anthony Wayne; Dave Bishop, Ashland; Maeanna Lindamood, New Lexington; Jack Mason, Anthony Wayne; Sylvester Furman, Crestview; Executive Secretary Lexie Poulson, Pettisville; Jennifer Kilbarger, Anthony Wayne; and John Poulson, OAAE, Pettisville (Missing: Bruce Henney, Bellevue and Jason Fox, Tiffin)

**Purposes**

- To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and agricultural education on the local, state and national levels.

- To provide a vital support link to the FFA that will assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve FFA supporters in worthy activities.

- To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.

- To promote and maintain an appreciation of the free enterprise system.

- To promote the personal development aspects of the FFA program.

- To promote premiere leadership, personal growth and career success among all FFA members.
Membership
Membership is open to anyone who supports agricultural education and the FFA. As a member you will take an active part in building your community at the local, state, and national level. Your commitment helps ensure the continued success of Ohio’s and America’s premier leadership organization. Annual dues are $15 and lifetimes dues are $150.

Affiliates
Ohio has 91 chartered affiliates, with Delphos and West Holmes being our newest affiliates. Affiliates with more than 100 Lifetime Members receive their own WLC Scholarship. Those affiliates are: Anthony Wayne, New Lexington, Pettisville and River View.

WLC Scholarships
For every 500 members, the Ohio FFA Alumni receives a WLC scholarship for students. Check out the alumni section on the Ohio FFA website about becoming an alumni member. We are working on getting to the 4,000 membership mark, which would give us another $550 scholarship.

Membership Project
Again this year we are striving to work with non-active affiliates. Our goal is to reconnect to those members and get them organized in supporting our programs.

Annual Meeting
The 38th Annual Meeting of the Ohio FFA Alumni Annual Conference was held in January. Award winners were:

- **Agricultural Education Promotional Award**: Anthony Wayne
- **Coaching Award**: 1st - Ashland and 2nd - Anthony Wayne
- **Outstanding Member**: 1st – Angela Barney, Anthony Wayne; 2nd – Roger Rupp, Pettisville; and 3rd – Steve Vizedom, Talawanda
- **Affiliate Leadership Recognition**: Anthony Wayne, Pettisville, Hardin Northern, Anna, Miami East, Edgewood, Miami Trace, Talawanda and Athens
- **Scrapbook**: 1st - Anthony Wayne, 2nd - New Lexington, and 3rd - Pettisville

A new activity was the expansion of the Basket Auction to a live auction with 2 jackets, a hot air balloon ride and 6 hats with an undetermined amount of money in them.

National Ratings
**Newsletter**: Gold – Anthony Wayne
**Scrapbook**: Silver – Hardin Northern
**Affiliate**: Silver - Talawanda
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Robert Hoffman, an agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor for Bellevue High School for 27 years, was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 2008. Bob not only inspired hundreds of students through his passionate teaching during his tenure at Bellevue, but he also greatly contributed to the Ohio agricultural industry. A popular saying about Mr. Hoffman was that, “students didn’t sign up for Ag Science, they signed up for Mr. Hoffman’s class”.

He also served as the assistant superintendent of the Beef Department at the Ohio State Fair for more than 20 years and as the past president of the Ohio Simmental Association.

A scholarship fund was established in his name to continue encouraging students to reach their goals. Contributors include:

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