



Summer Conference Fact Sheet

The Ohio Agricultural Education Summer Teacher Conference is held every year for three days in June. The location of the event moves around the state, and is held at post-secondary institutions. Agriculture teachers from across the state attend the conference to be updated on the latest technical information in the agricultural industry, information about FFA and SAEs, and to network with other teachers and industry partners. The event includes 2-hour technical sessions, 1-hour programming sessions, and 1-hour teacher-led sessions. Teachers choose which of the sessions they most want to attend according to their individual needs and teaching assignments. Additionally, a keynote speaker attends to speak about a current relevant issue in Agricultural Education. The Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators holds a banquet and business meeting, where all attendees are welcome. Conference attendance is highly recommended and extended programming time may be used for the days in which a teacher attends.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who Should Attend?

Q: Who attends the Ohio Agricultural Education Summer Teacher Conference?

A: Ideally, every agriculture teacher in the state of Ohio along with all Agricultural Education pre-service teachers will attend the conference. It is open to anyone in the Agricultural Education community wanting to learn more about the profession and content that is taught in Ag Ed courses.

Q: Do I need to be an Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators (OAAE) member to attend the conference?

A: No, you do not need to be an OAAE member to attend the conference. However, OAAE members receive a reduced registration cost. Information about OAAE and becoming a member may be found on the [OAAE website](#).



Q: I am a pre-service teacher. Should I attend?

A: Yes! We welcome pre-service teachers to attend and learn more about the Agricultural Education profession. Your registration is complimentary, and more information may be found on the [Ohio FFA website](#) under [Resources](#), and then [Professional Development](#).

Q: This is my first year teaching. Should I attend?

A: Yes! This is a great place to network with other teachers and learn so much about the profession and best practices for the program in which you teach.

Registering for the Conference:

Q: Where do I find out more information and register for the event?

A: All information regarding the Ohio Agricultural Education Summer Teacher Conference is found on the [Ohio FFA website](#) under [Resources](#), and then [Professional Development](#). An agenda, registration link, and hotel information are all included here.

Q: Where do I stay overnight for the conference?

A: Lodging is not included in the registration cost. A block of hotel rooms is always secured for conference attendees and that information is included on the [Ohio FFA website](#). Each attendee must work with their respective school to book a hotel room and pay for it in addition to conference registration.

Q: Are meals included in the conference registration?

A: Lunches are included in conference registration each day. Breakfast and dinner each day are at the teacher or school's expense. Dinner options are included in the conference schedule for networking opportunities. Unique to the 2022 conference, hors d'oeuvres are included Wednesday evening as part of the OAAE 100 year banquet celebration.

Q: What is included in my registration cost?

A: All conference materials, conference session materials, tours and lunches are included in the registration cost.

Q: Can I cancel my registration?

A: Yes, you may cancel your registration. Please email [Brenda Correll](#) to cancel your registration. All cancellations made after **May 27, 2022** will not be refunded.

Q: What forms of payment are accepted to register for the conference?

A: Registration may be paid by personal check or credit card, school purchase order, or school credit card. For more information regarding payment options, contact [Brenda Correll](#).

Q: How do I sign up for specific sessions or a tour?

A: You will choose the sessions which you plan to attend along with a tour during the online registration process, which is found in [Teacher Central](#) on the Ohio FFA website. Additionally, you will find descriptions of all sessions and tours in the Agenda posted on the [Professional Development page](#) of the Ohio FFA website.

Q: I am presenting a session at the conference. Do I still need to register and pay?

A: If you are coming to the conference only to present, you do not need to register. However, if you plan to attend any portion of the conference in addition to the session(s) you present, you must register and pay for the conference.

Attending the Conference:

Q: What do I wear to the Ohio Agricultural Education Summer Teacher Conference?

A: Teachers wear comfortable clothing while maintaining professionalism. Business casual is recommended, although you will see many teachers wearing jeans. Be sure to wear appropriate footwear for tours and sessions.

Q: Where do I go when I arrive at the conference?

A: A registration table is set up at the conference. Here you will receive your registration materials, which includes a personalized agenda for you for the duration of the conference.

Q: What should I bring with me to the conference?

A: We suggest bringing a notebook and pen to take notes and an open mind! All conference materials will be provided, but you will likely want to take notes.

Q: Do I get contact hours for attending the conference?

A: Yes, contact hour certificates are sent to you after the conference. Attendance is taken at each session, and you receive contact hours for those sessions in which you attend.

Q: Can I get college credit for attending the conference?

A: Yes, Ashland University provides an opportunity to earn college credit for your time attending the conference. OAAE provides this service for an additional cost. Details about this are included on the [Ohio FFA website](#) and at the registration table when you arrive at the conference.

Q: Can I pay my OAAE dues at the conference?

A: Yes, you may pay your OAAE dues at the conference through a check, school purchase order, or credit card.

Q: Are there vendors to talk with about curriculum and instructional materials?

A: Yes, several agricultural education related vendors are in attendance at the vendor fair. You will have several opportunities to learn more about their products and how you can use them in your program.

Q: Will the meals include allergy friendly or other dietary restricted foods?

A: Yes. In registration you will be asked what dietary restrictions you have. The caterer will ensure a full meal is available to meet your needs.

Q: What is the Meet & Eat Excursion on Tuesday evening?

A: This is an opportunity for you to eat dinner with other agriculture teachers. OAAE makes reservations at five area restaurants, and you choose the one that sounds best for you. You will meet other agriculture teachers there and have dinner together at your own cost.

Q: Must I attend sessions in the pathway in which I teach?

A: No, you may select any combination of sessions and tours to attend during the conference. It is encouraged to choose the sessions that will help you become a better teacher or to further your knowledge in an area that you teach.

Q: Who are the presenters?

A: Technical sessions are provided by faculty members from Central State University, The Ohio State University, and Wilmington College. Technical sessions include up-to-date information about the topic in addition to ways to implement the topic into lesson plans in the classroom. Programming sessions are provided by Ohio Department of Education and Ohio FFA staff as well as current teachers. Teacher-led sessions on Thursday are led by current Ohio agriculture teachers, and are meant to provide an example lesson for you to take back and implement in your classroom.

Q: How can I present at a future conference?

A: Contact [Ryan Curtis](#) or [Whitney Short](#) at the Ohio Department of Education to be added to the list of future presenters.

Q: May I attend the conference virtually?

A: No, the conference is an in-person conference only.