The Alabama FFA Association attended the 85th National FFA Convention.

Pictured are the members, advisors, and supporters of the Alabama FFA Association attending the state photograph session at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The 85th National FFA Convention was a fun, educational, and life changing experience for FFA members across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Alabama had nearly 500 members that attended the National FFA Convention. Many of the members competed in competitions, attended convention sessions and workshops, and participated in different community service projects.

Many of the state winning Career Development Event (CDE) teams and individuals competed at the National FFA Convention. We are very proud of all of the teams and individuals. They all represented Alabama very well! A special congratulations goes to Advisor Shane Bryan and the Falkville FFA Chapter Forestry Team for placing 8th in the Nation! The team members are Katie Guyse, Tyler Tucker, Tyler Boyer, and Zackary Garrison.

Twelve FFA chapters from Alabama submitted applications for recognition in the National Chapter Awards Program. The chapters are given a One, Two or Three Star Ranking. Three being the Highest. Three Star Ranking Chapters are East Lawrence High School FFA and Lawrence County High School FFA. Two Star Ranking Chapters are Brantley High School

CDE Events
- Ag Mechanics
- Creed Speaking
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Floriculture
- Forestry
- Horse Evaluation
- Livestock Evaluation
- Meats Evaluation
- Nursery and Landscape
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Poultry Evaluation
- Prepared Public Speaking

Team
- Auburn Blue FFA
- Levi Colquitt (Marbury)
- Arab FFA
- Kathryn Ray (Montevallo)
- Lawrence County FFA
- Falkville FFA
- Danville FFA
- Danville FFA
- Enterprise FFA
- Lawrence County FFA
- Marbury FFA
- Albertville FFA
- Danielle Cassady (East Limestone)

Results
- Silver
- Bronze
- Silver
- Silver
- Gold (8th)
- Bronze
- Silver
- Bronze
- Silver
- Bronze
- Bronze

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The National Chapter Awards Program provides recognition for the chapters. Program of Activities. The Lawrence County High School FFA was a Model of Excellence Finalist and Model of Innovation Finalist in the Community division.

The highest honor and degree that an FFA member can earn is the American FFA Degree. FFA members may receive this degree if they meet the qualifications. Honorary FFA degrees may be given to supporters of Agriscience Education and FFA.

Honorary American Degree
Kenneth Boyd
Agriscience Education Print Shop

Mickey Humphries
State FFA Advisor (2008-2010)

Mahlon Richburg
Auburn High School
(Agriscience Teacher)

David DeFoor
East Lawrence High School
(Agriscience Teacher)

American Degree Recipients
Clifton Bailey Sand Rock FFA
Wiley Bailey Sand Rock FFA
Kacey Colquitt Marbury FFA
John Eberhart Fort Payne FFA
William Maples Elkmont FFA
Anna Leigh Peek West Limestone FFA

The Cottonwood FFA Chapter participated in the Hall of States contest. This contest has booms from every state association. The Cottonwood FFA Chapter placed first! The advisor is Rusty Yeomans.

Special guests from the state of Alabama that attended the National FFA Convention were Dr. Philip Cleveland, State Director of Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development; Mr. Paul Pinyan, Executive Director of the Alabama Farmers Federation; Brian Hardin, Assistant Director of Governmental and Agricultural Programs for the Alabama Farmers Federation; Jennifer Himburg, Young Farmers Director for the Alabama Farmers Federation; Lt. Governor Kay Ivey; Representative Jay Love, Chair of the Ways and Means Education Committee; Tracy Roberts, newly elected State School Board Member for District 1; and Blaine Gallier, Legislative Director for the Governor’s Office. We would like to thank you for attending the National FFA Convention and supporting the Alabama FFA Association, Alabama Agriscience Education, and Alabama Agriculture.

The Alabama FFA Association’s Membership for 2011-2012 was 11,270. With that total membership, Alabama was awarded with 10 of 475 voting delegates at the National FFA Convention. The delegate process began in July at the State Presidents Conference in Washington D.C. There, the representatives at each state decided on which issues and amendments to the constitution would be discussed at National Convention. Alabama had the fortunate opportunity to have two issues move on to the National FFA Convention, more than any other state! The issues were as follows: Creation of a Discussion Meet, Evaluation of Proficiency Award Areas (Alabama along with other states submitted this issue), Agricultural Equipment Operation and Safety, Creation of an Agricultural Summit, Agricultural Education Career Development Event, and Aquaculture Career Development Event (Submitted by Alabama). All issues passed. There was one motion to amend the National FFA Organization Constitution. The amendment was for all states to have equal representation of delegates at the National FFA Convention. The amendment failed with a lack of a two-thirds vote.

Alabama had twenty-one participants in proficiency awards. In the area of Outdoor Recreation, Jared Lakey of the Falkville FFA Chapter received Gold! Alabama had six members to receive Silver and twelve to receive Bronze.

The state of Alabama had six members participate in the National FFA Talent and Chorus. The members that participated in the talent portion are: Brittany Cash, Dustin Cook, Josh Jones, Chris Kelley, and Austin Tanner, all of the Danville FFA Chapter. Lilly Oaks participated in Chorus. She is also of the Danville FFA Chapter.

We are proud to say that Wiley Bailey, 2009-2010 State Secretary from the Sand Rock Chapter, was announced as the National FFA Southern Region Vice-President! He will join five other National Officers from across the United States in a year long journey advocating the FFA and agriculture.

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