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Alabama FFA Association

Overview

The Alabama FFA Association was founded in 1929 and was the 36th state association chartered by the National FFA Organization. The FFA is the state and national organization for students enrolled in agriscience education. The association has a long history of proven performance on the state and national levels. When FFA began in Alabama there were 113 vocational agriculture departments. Fifty-one of them applied for charters to begin FFA chapters. The earliest FFA contests in Alabama were the radio and essay; which began in 1935. The string band and public speaking contests began in 1936. The quartet contest began in 1945. It wasn't until 1950 that many of the traditional FFA contests, such as livestock, dairy, and agricultural (farm) mechanics began.

The Alabama FFA Association provides many opportunities for students to showcase what they have learned in the classroom and through their supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program. Agriscience education in Alabama is designed as a three-part model: FFA, SAE, and Classroom and Laboratory Instruction.

Classroom and laboratory instruction is the basis for everything that is done in agriscience education. The agriscience education mission is to prepare



2009-2010 State FFA Officers: (l-r) Joey Stabler, State Sentinel from Daphne; Kacey Colquitt, State Treasurer from Marbury; Mary Helen Jones, State Vice President from Wetumpka; Patrick Howard, State Reporter from McAdory; Wiley Bailey, State Secretary from Sand Rock; and Hunter Garnett, State President from Danville.

students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources systems.

A student's SAE project is an extension of the classroom experience. The student has an opportunity to learn through hands-on applications outside of the regularly scheduled class time.

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriscience education.

Officers

The Alabama FFA selects its best to represent the organization each year. Six state officers serve the organization from one state convention to the next. The state officers serve on the Executive Committee of the Alabama FFA Association and conduct the business of the organization. The state officers also visit chapters and attempt to inspire chapters to be in a perpetual state of improvement.

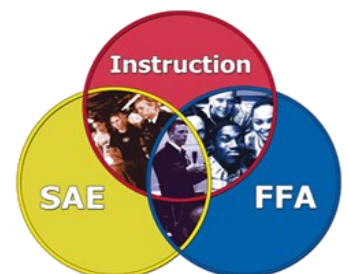
District Organization

FFA in Alabama is divided into three districts: North, Central, and South (see page 2). District FFA Eliminations are conducted each spring to reduce the number of teams competing in various Career Development Events

(CDEs) at the state level. The districts also select officer teams each year through an application and interview process. These officers also conduct chapter visits, give speeches, and conduct workshops for chapters.

FFA Chapters

The key to the success of FFA is local chapter involvement. Agriscience programs at local public schools have a FFA advisor that is responsible for coordinating the activities of the local FFA chapter and informing the member of opportunities available to them through the organization. Local chapters develop a program of activities each year that serves as a road map for the chapter's activities. Chapters across the state conduct various community service projects, chapter leadership development workshops, or student development activities.



Agriscience Education Model

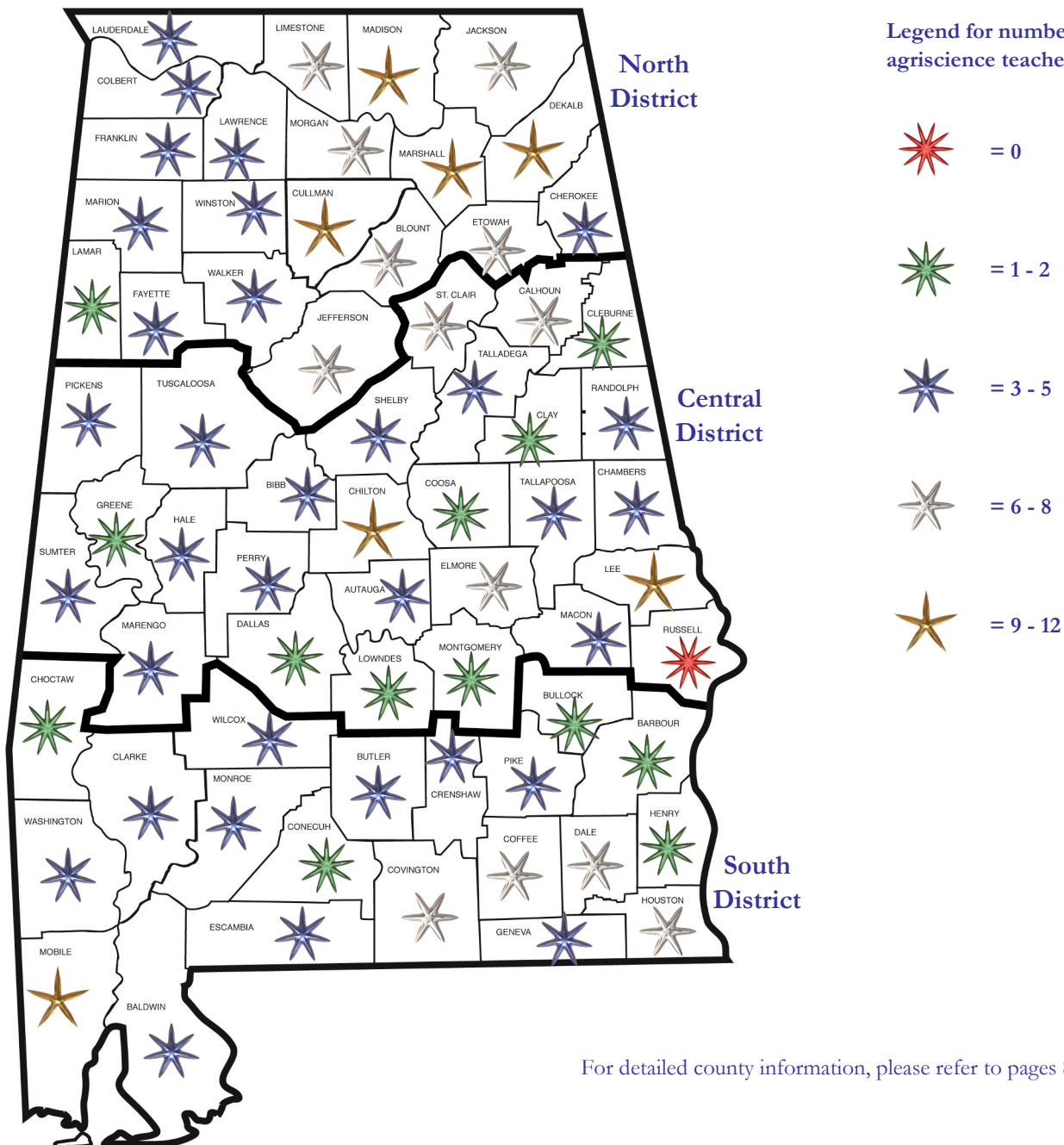
FFA District Organization

FFA districts in Alabama date back to 1934, when several chapters organized themselves into three districts, simply called districts 1, 2, and 3. Although membership in districts was voluntary, most chapters chose to affiliate themselves with a district to take advantage of the member opportunities available at that level. By 1936, Alabama had 22 districts that included 114 of the state's 138 FFA chapters. Most of these districts were named for a nearby city, although a few were named for a county or geographic location. Some of these districts were Andalusia, DeKalb County, Gadsden, East Alabama, Montgomery, and Muscle Shoals.

The number and size of districts have varied a great deal over the years, as districts often were reorganized every few years based upon membership trends and the number of state staff members. In the 1950s and early 1960s, Alabama was divided into the Northeast, Northwest, Central, Southeast, and Southwest districts. In the mid 1960s, the state was reorganized into the North, North Central, South, and South Central districts. Several years later, Alabama had six districts: North, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, East Central, and West Central. The Southwest Central and Southeast Central districts were organized in the mid 1970s, bringing the total

number of districts to eight. In 1991, Alabama was reorganized into four districts, North, Central, Southeast, and Southwest. The Southeast and Southwest districts were consolidated into the South district in 2000. Today, the district organization continues to be a vital component of the Alabama FFA, as it provides opportunities for leadership and friendly competition among chapters. The image below divides the state into the current district organization and references the range for the number of agriscience teachers in each county.

Agriscience Teachers By County:



For detailed county information, please refer to pages 8-13.

FFA Membership

FFA is an integral part of an agriscience education program in Alabama. To join FFA, students must first be enrolled in an agriscience education class at a local school. Membership dues are paid each year with \$7 going to the National FFA, \$3 to the State Association, and \$2 to the District.

One of the benefits of membership is the *FFA New Horizons* magazine, which is delivered to members every quarter for a total of four issues each year. The magazine includes highlights of chapter activities across the nation, articles of famous athletes, career spotlights, and important FFA news.

FFA offers so many opportunities for recognition at the state, local, and national levels, members can hardly avoid being a winner! In addition to the satisfaction of members knowing their stuff and doing their best, they could walk away with money for school, cash prizes, and exciting trips, not to mention plaques, ribbons, trophies, and chapter banners.

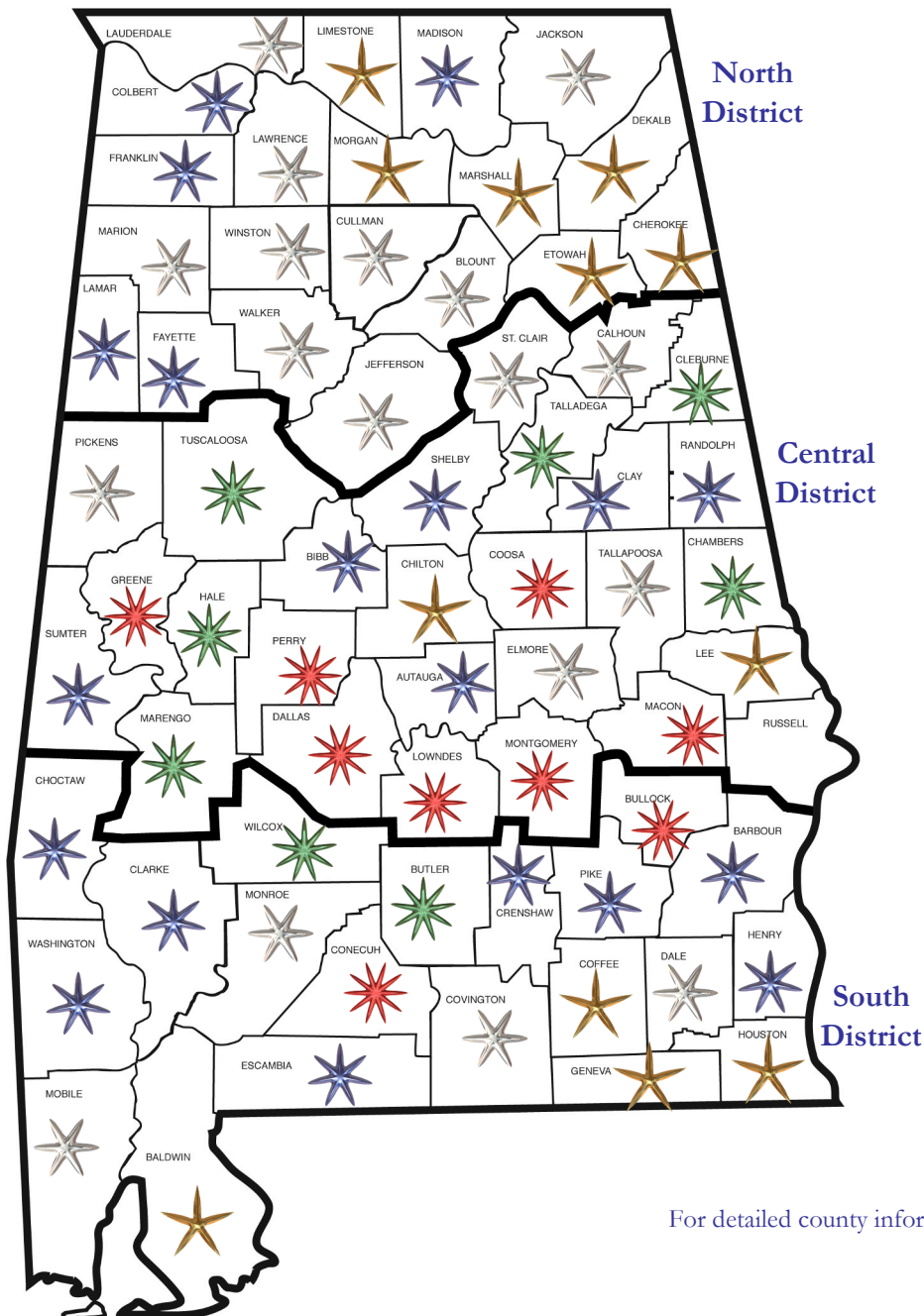
Each year members have the opportunity to participate in county competition, District Eliminations, and the State FFA Convention. The National FFA Convention is held for the

highest level of recognition for our students, teachers, and state leaders.

The National FFA Organization awards more than \$1 million in scholarships to more than 800 FFA members each year. And that's just the beginning. Many local and state businesses also offer FFA scholarships, and FFA experience and skills give members an edge over the competition for scholarships from other groups and schools.

The image below indicates the range for the number of FFA members in each county.

FFA Members By County:



For detailed county information, please refer to pages 8-13.

FFA Contests and Awards

The purpose of the Alabama FFA Association's Contests and Awards Program is to vitalize and enrich the instructional program of Agriscience Education. Through participation in an effective Contests and Awards Program, FFA members are recognized for outstanding accomplishment and motivated to achieve their greatest potential.

Schools with multiple teachers and large enrollment in Agriscience Education may establish separate chapters. Each chapter shall be organized and operated in accordance with all the provisions of the national, state, and

local constitutions. Each chartered chapter must submit its own list of FFA members enrolled in its chapter, along with the designated advisor. The State Office should be notified when transfers are made from one chapter to another. FFA members are only eligible to participate in the activities of one chartered FFA chapter.

In order to remain in good standing with the State Association, chapter dues must be submitted by March 1 each year. Charters of chapters not submitting dues and fees by this date will be withdrawn by the delegate body at the State FFA Convention.

FFA members are invited to "get into the mainstream of FFA activities" and participate actively in the FFA Contests and Awards Program. Members are encouraged to look at the list of contests and awards, select the award areas that interest them, then put forth their best effort to win!

For more information regarding the FFA contests and awards, go to the Alabama FFA Web site at <http://www.alabamaffa.org> and look under forms and applications for the Alabama FFA Contests and Awards Booklet.

FFA Association Partners

We are proud of our affiliation with the sponsors of FFA in Alabama. Some are new and some have been faithful sponsors for many years, but we take every opportunity to acknowledge and thank each and every one of them for the time and money they have invested in the Alabama FFA Association.

Our fine partners consider their efforts to be a good investment in the future. How good an investment it proves to be will depend upon the

extent to which all Alabama FFA members, advisors, and chapters participate. Let's prove to our sponsors that they made a wise decision when they chose to support FFA in Alabama.

There is a composite list of sponsors on the adjacent page with the areas that they sponsor. To view a complete list of our partners, please visit our Web site at <http://www.alabamaffa.org> and view the Partners page.



Agricultural Proficiency Awards

The purpose of these awards is to stimulate interest in the instructional program and agricultural occupations and reward FFA members for exceptional accomplishments in progressing toward specific occupational objectives through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program.

Agricultural Proficiency Awards are available to all FFA members enrolled in high school Agriscience Education and members who have been out of high school not more than one year and have completed at least three full years of Agriscience Education or all

the Agriscience Education offered in their school. Applications for these awards may include reports of activities and records completed up to January 1 of the year the application is submitted.

A member may be granted only one first place Agricultural Proficiency Award on the state level per year and may receive the same kind of state award only once. All of the Agricultural Proficiency Awards are individual awards. Chartered chapters are eligible to submit only one application in each of the proficiency awards.

The awards in these areas are sponsored jointly by the state-level sponsors and the National FFA Foundation sponsors. State-level awards are only presented if there are applicants for the sponsored award area. The National FFA Foundation sponsors pay \$200 for each 1st place proficiency award presented at the state level.

There is a detailed listing of the proficiency award area on page 6 of this report.

Alabama FFA Sponsor Recognition

Sponsor	Amount	Area	Total Sponsorship
Alabama Ag Credit	\$6,250	State Convention Corporate Sponsorship	\$12,500
Alabama Farm Credit	\$6,250	State Convention Corporate Sponsorship	
Alabama Agriculture Center Board	\$740	Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE	\$2,220
Alabama Agriculture Center Board	\$740	Horse Evaluation CDE	
Alabama Agriculture Center Board	\$740	Livestock CDE	
Alabama Cattlemen's Association	\$1,000	Livestock CDE	\$2,000
Southeastern Livestock Exposition	\$1,000	Livestock CDE	
Alabama Council of Cooperatives	\$925	Prepared Public Speaking CDE	\$925
Alabama Farmers Cooperatives	\$2,500	Parliamentary Procedure CDE	\$4,500
Alabama Farmers Cooperatives	\$1,000	Prospective Agriscience Teacher Luncheon	
Alabama Farmers Cooperatives	\$1,000	Horse Evaluation CDE	
Alabama Farmers Federation - Forestry Division	\$525	Forest Management and Products Proficiency	\$7,875
Alabama Farmers Federation - Pork Division	\$525	Swine Production Proficiency	
Alabama Farmers Federation - Wheat & Feed Division	\$500	Diversified Crop Production Proficiency	
Alabama Farmers Federation - Young Farmers Division	\$325	FFA Crime Prevention Awards	
Alabama Farmers Federation - Alfa Insurance	\$6,000	T-shirts for District CDE Winners	
Alabama Forestry Foundation	\$1,000	Forestry CDE	\$1,000
Alabama Poultry & Egg Association	\$2,500	Poultry CDE	\$3,200
Alabama Poultry & Egg Association	\$700	Poultry Production Proficiency	
Alabama Sheriff's Association	\$1,000	FFA Crime Prevention Awards	\$1,000
Alabama Veterinary Medical Association	\$100	M.K. Heath Animal Health Award	\$100
Alabama Wildlife Federation	\$525	Wildlife Production and Management Proficiency	\$525
Auburn University Agricultural Alumni Association	\$625	Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management Proficiency	\$625
CEV Multimedia	\$500	State Convention Sponsorship	\$500
First South Farm Credit	\$250	State Convention Sponsorship	\$250
Flint River Mills	\$425	Beef Production Proficiency	\$850
Flint River Mills	\$425	Equine Science Proficiency	
Florida Farm Bureau	\$3,175	FFA Promotional Program	\$3,775
Florida Farm Bureau	\$600	Printing Agriculture Teacher Directory	
Florida Fruit Association	\$3,658	FFA Promotional Program	\$3,908
Florida Fruit Association	\$250	String Band CDE	
Home Builder's Association of Alabama	\$2,500	Agricultural Construction and Maintenance CDE	\$2,500
Interstate Oil Companies	\$750	Future Farmer/Agribusinessman of the Year	\$750
M.W. Smith, Jr. Foundation	\$1,000	Forestry CDE	\$1,000
River Brite Citrus	\$2,482	FFA Promotional Program	\$2,482
SALTCO	\$800	Forestry CDE	\$800
Sarah P. Murchison	\$678	Extemporaneous Speaking CDE	\$678
Southern Heritage	\$3,000	FFA Promotional Program	\$3,000
Southern States Cooperative	\$282	State Star Farmer	\$282
The Chevron Companies	\$750	Future Farmer/Agribusinessman of the Year	\$750
Thompson Tractor Company	\$750	Safe Tractor Driving CDE	\$750
Total	\$59,245		

FFA Contests and Awards

Agricultural Proficiency Awards: (Top 4 recognized at state convention)

Award Area	Number of Applicants	Amount of Prize Money Awarded	Cost of Banners/ Awards	Total Cost of Proficiency Area	Sponsor(s)	Total Amount Sponsored	Difference
Agricultural Mechanics	7	\$500	\$135	\$635	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$435
Agricultural Sales or Service	5	\$425	\$135	\$560	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$360
Beef Production	12	\$500	\$135	\$635	Flint River Mills (\$425), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$625	-\$10
Dairy Production	4	\$575	\$60	\$635	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$435
Diversified Crop Production	3	\$525	\$45	\$570	AL Farmers Federation - Wheat & Feed Div. (\$500), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$700	\$130
Equine Science	9	\$500	\$135	\$635	Flint River Mills (\$425), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$625	-\$10
Floriculture	3	\$225	\$75	\$300	None	\$0	-\$300
Forest Management and Products	6	\$425	\$105	\$530	AL Farmers Federation - Forestry Div. (\$525), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$725	\$195
Fruit or Vegetable Production	5	\$425	\$75	\$500	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$300
Home and/or Community Dev.	4	\$300	\$105	\$405	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$205
Landscape Management	3	\$100	\$105	\$205	None	\$0	-\$205
Nursery Operations	3	\$280	\$60	\$340	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$140
Poultry Production	9	\$575	\$105	\$680	AL Poultry & Egg Assoc. (\$700), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$900	\$220
Sheep Production	3	\$375	\$30	\$405	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$205
Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management	4	\$500	\$135	\$635	Auburn Univ. Ag. Alumni Assoc. (\$625), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$825	\$190
Specialty Animal Production	8	\$300	\$135	\$435	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$235
Swine Production	6	\$425	\$135	\$560	AL Farmers Federation - Pork Div. (\$525), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$725	\$165
Turf Grass Management	4	\$300	\$75	\$375	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$175
Wildlife Production and Management	9	\$300	\$135	\$435	Alabama Wildlife Federation (\$525), National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$725	\$290

Special Agricultural Proficiency Award Areas: (Only 1st place recognized at state convention)

Agricultural Communications	4	\$200	\$45	\$245	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$45
Agricultural Education	3	\$200	\$45	\$245	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$45
Agricultural Processing	2	\$200	\$45	\$245	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$45
Diversified Agricultural Production	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Diversified Horticulture	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Diversified Livestock Production	2	\$200	\$45	\$245	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$45
Emerging Agricultural Technology	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	2	\$200	\$45	\$245	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$45
Food Science and Technology	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Forage Production	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Grain Production	2	\$200	\$45	\$245	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$45
Outdoor Recreation	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Small Animal Production & Care	1	\$200	\$45	\$245	National FFA Foundation (\$200)	\$200	-\$45
Specialty Crop Production	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Veterinary Science	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	None	\$0	\$0
Totals	128	\$8,955	\$2,235	\$11,190		\$9,050	*-\$2,140

*The non-sponsored remainder is funded by the Alabama FFA Association.

Career Development Events

The primary goal of the team career development events and awards is to develop individual responsibilities, foster teamwork, and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement.

Team career development events and awards should be an outgrowth of instruction; but, recognize the value and contributions of the experiences and aspirations of individual members.

FFA career development events and awards should reflect instruction that currently takes place in the Agriscience Education program, including classroom instruction, laboratory instruction, individual instruction and/or supervised agricultural experience.

Career Development Events (CDEs)

Career Development Event	Cost of District/ State Contests	District Prize Money/ Awards	State Prize Money/ Awards	Total Cost of Contest	Sponsor(s)	Amount Sponsored	Difference
Ag. Construction & Maintenance	\$2,695	\$360	\$133	\$3,188	Home Builder's Association of Alabama	\$2,500	-\$688
Agricultural Mechanics	NA	\$360	\$1,168	\$1,528	Auburn University Collegiate FFA (Cooperating)	\$0	-\$1,528
Dairy Cattle Evaluation	NA	\$0	\$1,168	\$1,168	Alabama Agriculture Center Board (\$740)	\$740	-\$428
Floriculture	\$282	\$360	\$1,168	\$1,810	None	\$0	-\$1,810
Forestry	NA	\$360	\$2,440	\$2,800	AL Forestry Association (Cooperating), AL Forestry Foundation (\$1,000), M.W. Smith, Jr. Foundation (\$1,000), SALTCO (\$800)	\$2,800	\$1
Horse Evaluation	NA	\$0	\$1,740	\$1,740	Alabama Farmers Cooperative (\$1,000), Alabama Agriculture Center Board (\$740)	\$1,740	\$1
Land	NA	\$360	\$1,133	\$1,493	Natural Resources Conservation Service (Cooperating)	\$0	-\$1,493
Livestock	NA	\$360	\$2,380	\$2,740	Alabama Cattlemen's Association (\$1,000), Southeastern Livestock Exposition (\$1,000), Alabama Agriculture Center Board (\$740)	\$2,740	\$1
Nursery and Landscape	NA	\$360	\$1,168	\$1,528	None	\$0	-\$1,528
Parliamentary Procedure	NA	\$360	\$2,140	\$2,500	Alabama Farmers Cooperative	\$2,500	\$1
Poultry	NA	\$360	\$2,140	\$2,500	AL. Poultry & Egg Assoc. Heavy Penny-A-Hen Committee (\$2,500), Auburn University—Poultry Science Dept. (Cooperating)	\$2,500	\$1
Prepared Public Speaking	NA	\$380	\$665	\$1,025	AL. Council of Cooperatives (\$925), National FFA Foundation (\$100)	\$1,025	\$1
Quiz Bowl	NA	\$360	\$120	\$480	None	\$0	-\$480
Safe Tractor Driving	NA	\$360	\$133	\$493	Thompson Tractor Company (\$750)	\$750	\$258
Small Engines	NA	\$360	\$133	\$493	Briggs & Stratton (Cooperating)	\$0	-\$493
Quartet	NA	\$360	\$120	\$480	None	\$0	-\$480
String Band	NA	\$360	\$120	\$480	Florida Fruit Association	\$250	-\$230
Creed Speaking	NA	\$360	\$418	\$778	National FFA Foundation (\$100)	\$100	-\$678
Extemporaneous Speaking	NA	\$360	\$418	\$778	Sarah P. Murchison (\$678), National FFA Foundation (\$100)	\$778	\$1
Compact Tractor Driving (Central Only)	NA	\$120	\$0	\$120	None	\$0	-\$120
FFA Scrap Book (South Only)	NA	\$120	\$0	\$120	None	\$0	-\$120
Totals	\$2,977	\$6,360	\$18,897	\$28,234		\$18,423	*-\$9,811

*The non-sponsored remainder is funded by the Alabama FFA Association.

2009-2010 FFA Membership

County	School System	School Name/FFA Chapter	Chapter Number	No. of Teachers	09-10 Membership
North District					
Blount	Blount County	Appalachian HS	AL0362	1	68
		Blount County CTC	AL1342	1	10
		Cleveland HS	AL0056	1	20
		Hayden HS	AL0116	1	56
		J B Pennington HS	AL0130	1	32
		Locust Fork HS	AL0150	1	18
		Susan Moore HS	AL0229	1	28
Cherokee	Oneonta City	Oneonta HS	AL1343	1	14
	Cherokee County	Cedar Bluff HS	AL0042	1	78
		Cherokee County HS/Centre FFA	AL0047	1	36
		Gaylesville HS	AL0096	1	87
		Sand Rock HS	AL0211	1	106
		Spring Garden HS	AL0224	1	132
Colbert	Colbert County	Cherokee HS	AL0048	1	67
		Colbert County HS	AL0059	1	46
		Colbert Heights HS	AL0035	1	13
Cullman	Cullman City	Cullman HS	AL0069	1	37
		Cullman Middle School	AL1069	1	54
	Cullman County	Cold Springs HS	AL0060	1	33
		Cullman County ACC	AL0185	1	13
		Fairview HS	AL0087	1	24
		Good Hope HS	AL0395	1	20
		Hanceville HS	AL0114	1	46
		Holly Pond HS	AL0124	1	44
		Vinemont HS	AL0186	1	32
		West Point HS	AL0250	1	58
DeKalb	DeKalb County	Collinsville HS	AL0061	1	28
		Crossville HS	AL0068	1	125
		Fyffe HS	AL0095	1	43
		Geraldine HS	AL0101	1	108
		Ider HS	AL0128	1	28
		Plainview HS	AL0357	1	70
		Sylvania HS	AL0232	1	27
		Valley Head HS	AL0238	1	43
Etowah	Fort Payne City	Fort Payne HS	AL0093	2	163
	Attalla City	Etowah HS	AL0340	2	86
	Etowah County	Gaston HS	AL0276	1	33
		Glencoe HS	AL0102	1	67
		Hokes Bluff HS	AL0123	1	93
		Sardis HS	AL0212	1	40
		Southside HS	AL0221	1	69
		West End HS	AL0245	1	29
Fayette	Fayette County	Berry HS	AL0024	1	80
		Fayette County HS/Fayette County "Blue" FFA	AL1089	1	52
		Hubbertville HS	AL0127	1	61
Franklin	Franklin County	Phil Campbell HS	AL0191	1	42
		Red Bay HS	AL0201	1	69
	Russellville City	Russellville HS	AL0208	1	60

County	School System	School Name/FFA Chapter	Chapter Number	No. of Teachers	09-10 Membership
Jackson	Jackson County	North Jackson HS	AL0032	1	19
		North Sand Mountain HS	AL0307	1	15
		Pisgah HS	AL0196	1	41
		Section HS	AL0214	1	62
		Skyline HS	AL0301	1	57
		Woodville HS	AL0259	1	42
Jefferson	Scottsboro City	Scottsboro HS	AL0213	1	64
	Birmingham City	Jackson Olin HS	AL0338	1	19
	Jefferson County	Corner HS	AL0064	1	127
		McAdory HS	AL0156	2	100
		Oak Grove HS	AL0404	2	34
		Pinson Valley	AL1329	1	26
Lamar	Lamar County	Lamar County HS	AL0139	1	11
Lamar	Lamar County	Sulligent HS	AL0227	1	102
Lauderdale	Florence City	Florence MS/Florence Freshman Center FFA	AL1341	1	56
	Lauderdale County	Lauderdale County HS	AL0140	1	40
		Lexington HS	AL0143	1	86
		Rogers HS	AL0207	1	74
Lawrence	Lawrence County	East Lawrence HS	AL0326	1	100
		Hatton HS	AL0115	1	46
		Lawrence County HS	AL0141	2	136
		R A Hubbard HS	AL0360	1	*
Limestone	Limestone County	Ardmore HS	AL0010	1	132
		Clements HS	AL0055	1	50
		East Limestone HS	AL0076	1	65
		Elkmont HS	AL0145	1	56
		Tanner HS	AL1234	1	56
		West Limestone HS	AL0249	1	74
Madison	Huntsville City	Butler HS	AL0422	1	*
		Huntsville Center for Technology	AL0414	1	14
	Madison City	Bob Jones HS	AL0285	2	14
	Madison County	Buckhorn HS	AL0039	1	44
		Hazel Green HS	AL0118	1	19
		Madison County Career Academy	AL0018	1	18
		Madison County HS	AL0158	1	28
		New Hope HS	AL0178	1	27
Marion	Marion County	Brilliant HS	AL0033	0.5	45
		Hackleburg HS	AL0109	0.5	36
		Hamilton HS	AL0113	1	128
		Marion County HS/Guin FFA	AL0162	0.5	68
		Phillips HS	AL0349	0.5	32
	Winfield City	Winfield HS	AL0255	1	46
Marshall	Albertville City	Albertville HS	AL0006	2	116
	Arab City	Arab HS	AL0009	2	162
	Boaz City	Boaz HS	AL0030	1	44
	Marshall County	Brindlee Mountain HS	AL1340	1	17
		Douglas HS	AL0074	1	82
		Kate Duncan Smith DAR	AL0135	1	52
		Marshall Technical School	AL0411	1	9

*No Membership Reported

2009-2010 FFA Membership

County	School System	School Name/FFA Chapter	Chapter Number	No. of Teachers	09-10 Membership	
Morgan	Hartselle City	Hartselle HS	AL0267	1	43	
		Hartselle Jr HS	AL1330	1	16	
	Morgan County	A. P. Brewer HS/A. P. Brewer "Blue" FFA	AL0004	1	48	
		Danville HS	AL0073	1	124	
		Falkville HS	AL0088	1	132	
		Priceville HS	AL0198	1	39	
		Union Hill Jr HS	AL1326	1	70	
		West Morgan HS	AL0081	1	16	
Walker	Walker County	Carbon Hill HS	AL0038	1	39	
		Curry HS	AL0070	1	88	
		Oakman HS	AL0182	1	84	
		Parrish HS	AL1235	1	16	
Winston	Haleyville City	Haleyville Center of Technology	AL0291	1	48	
	Winston County	Addison HS	AL0002	1	28	
		Lynn HS	AL0155	0.5	21	
		Meek HS	AL0164	0.5	28	
		Winston County HS	AL0256	1	85	
			Total North District:		6,204	
Central District						
Autauga	Autauga County	Autauga County TC/Prattville FFA	AL0015	1	70	
		Billingsley HS	AL0028	1	30	
		Marbury HS	AL0160	1	43	
Bibb	Bibb County	Bibb County CTC/West Blocton FFA	AL0371	1	72	
		Bibb County CTC/Bibb County Forestry FFA	AL1284	1	22	
		Bibb County CTC/Centreville FFA	AL0026	1	74	
Calhoun	Calhoun County	Alexandria HS	AL0007	1	35	
		Ohatchee HS	AL0183	1	26	
		Pleasant Valley HS	AL0418	1	81	
		Walter Welborn HS	AL1333	1	11	
		White Plains HS	AL0252	1	48	
	Jacksonville City	Jacksonville HS	AL0311	2	15	
	Piedmont City	Piedmont HS	AL0417	1	33	
	Chambers	Chambers County	Chambers County CTC	AL1138	1	13
			Five Points Elementary School	AL1339	1	9
			J P Powell Middle School	AL0090	1	10
Valley HS			AL1345	1	31	
W F Burns Middle School			AL0405	1	11	
Chilton	Chilton County	Chilton County HS	AL0049	2	73	
		Isabella HS	AL0129	1	107	
		Jemison HS	AL0134	1	57	
		Jemison Middle School	AL1335	1	21	
		Maplesville HS	AL0159	1	88	
		Thorsby HS	AL0351	1	45	
		Verbena HS	AL0239	1	27	
		W A Bing LeCroy CTC	AL0308	1	40	
Clay	Clay County	Clay County HS	AL0053	1	80	
		Lineville HS	AL0148	1	99	
Cleburne	Cleburne County	Cleburne County HS	AL0054	1	38	
		Ranburne HS	AL0199	1	37	
Coosa	Coosa County	Coosa Central Science and Technology	AL0103	1	47	
Dallas	Selma City	Selma HS	AL0005	1	10	

County	School System	School Name/FFA Chapter	Chapter Number	No. of Teachers	09-10 Membership
Elmore	Elmore County	Elmore County CTC	AL0416	1	8
		Elmore County HS	AL0078	1	36
		Holtville HS	AL0125	1	25
		Stanhope Elmore HS	AL0347	1	30
		Wetumpka HS	AL0251	2	159
	Tallassee City	Tallassee HS	AL0273	1	78
Greene	Greene County	Greene County HS	AL0106	1	13
Hale	Hale County	Greensboro Public School, East	AL0299	1	10
		Hale County CTC	AL0336	1	10
		Hale County HS	AL0111	1	58
		Sunshine HS	AL0370	1	10
Lee	Auburn City	Auburn HS	AL0014	1	39
	Lee County	Beauregard HS	AL0021	2	13
		Beulah HS	AL0025	1	10
		Loachapoka HS	AL0264	1	11
		Smiths Station HS	AL0219	6	118
	Opelika City	Opelika HS	AL0265	2	220
Lowndes	Lowndes County	Lowndes County CTC/Central FFA	AL0309	1	10
		Calhoun FFA	AL0152	1	15
Macon	Macon County	Booker T. Washington HS	AL0403	2	32
		Notasulga HS	AL0348	1	12
Marengo	Linden City	Marengo County Technology Center	AL1346	1	12
	Marengo County	Amelia L. Johnson HS	AL0161	1	17
		Marengo HS	AL0261	1	34
Montgomery	Montgomery County	Dunbar-Ramer School	AL0172	1	25
Perry	Perry County	Francis Marion HS	AL0190	1	10
		Robert C. Hatch HS	AL0315	2	36
Pickens	Pickens County	Aliceville HS	AL0008	1	137
		Gordo HS	AL0104	1	23
		LaDow Technical Center	AL0368	1	10
		Pickens County HS	AL0193	1	117
Randolph	Randolph County	Randolph County HS/Wedowee FFA	AL0200	1	10
		Randolph-Roanoke CTC	AL0300	1	23
		Wadley HS	AL0243	1	59
		Woodland HS	AL0258	1	64
Shelby	Shelby County	Montevallo HS	AL0171	1	37
		Shelby County HS/Columbiana FFA	AL0216	1	70
		Shelby County School of Tech	AL0020	2	16
		Vincent HS	AL0366	1	26
St. Clair	Pell City	Pell City HS	AL1189	2	115
	St. Clair County	Ashville HS	AL0013	1	22
		John Pope Eden CTC	AL0294	1	*
		Moody HS	AL0412	1	22
		Ragland HS	AL0363	1	23
		Springville HS	AL0386	1	21
		St. Clair County HS	AL0209	1	32
Sumter	Sumter County	Bell-Brown CTC	AL0323	1	10
		Livingston HS	AL0149	1	22
		Livingston Jr HS	AL0329	0.5	*
		North Sumter Junior HS	AL0180	0.5	22
		Sumter County HS	AL0298	1	30
		York West End Jr. HS	AL0373	1	24

*No Membership Reported

2009-2010 FFA Membership

County	School System	School Name/FFA Chapter	Chapter Number	No. of Teachers	09-10 Membership	
Talladega	Talladega City	Talladega HS	AL0330	1	20	
	Talladega County	Childersburg HS	AL0316	1	15	
		Lincoln HS	AL0146	1	10	
		Munford HS	AL0176	1	33	
Tallapoosa	Tallapoosa County	Dadeville HS	AL0071	1	76	
		Horseshoe Bend HS	AL0179	1	65	
		Reeltown HS	AL0203	1	67	
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa City	Tuscaloosa Center for Technology	AL0419	1	22	
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County	Brookwood HS	AL0034	1	47	
		Brookwood Middle School	AL0341	1	23	
Total Central District:					3,770	
South District						
Baldwin	Baldwin County	Daphne HS	AL0384	1	192	
		Elberta MS	AL1337	1	61	
		Foley HS	AL0092	1	110	
		North Baldwin Center for Tech	AL0410	1	25	
		South Baldwin Center of Tech	AL0036	1	59	
Barbour	Barbour County	Barbour County HS	AL0099	1	*	
	Eufaula City	Eufaula HS	AL0082	1	128	
Bullock	Bullock County	Bullock County CTC/Bullock County "B" FFA	AL0359	1	7	
		Bullock County CTC/Bullock County "A" FFA	AL0271	1	18	
Butler	Butler County	Georgiana HS	AL0100	1	19	
		Greenville HS	AL0108	1	12	
		McKenzie HS	AL0157	1	49	
Choctaw	Choctaw County	Choctaw County HS	AL0050	1	69	
		Southern Choctaw HS	AL0220	1	83	
Clarke	Clarke County	Clarke County HS/Clarke County "Gold" FFA	AL0339	1	29	
		Coffeeville HS	AL0058	1	53	
		Jackson HS/Jackson "Gold" FFA	AL0132	1	69	
Coffee	Thomasville City	Thomasville HS	AL0235	1	34	
	Coffee County	Kinston HS	AL0137	1	92	
		New Brocton HS	AL0398	1	54	
		Zion Chapel HS	AL0321	1	50	
		Elba City	Elba HS	AL0077	1	50
Conecuh	Enterprise City	Enterprise HS	AL0079	2	180	
	Conecuh County	Hillcrest (Evergreen)/Hillcrest "Gold" FFA	AL0354	1	23	
Covington	Andalusia City	Andalusia HS	AL0361	1	34	
	Covington County	Floral HS	AL0067	1	54	
		Pleasant Home HS	AL0197	1	31	
		Red Level HS	AL0202	1	76	
		Straughn HS	AL0226	1	128	
		Opp City	Opp HS/Opp "Gold" FFA	AL0272	1	25
	Crenshaw	Crenshaw County	Opp HS/Opp "Blue" FFA	AL0184	1	37
			Brantley HS	AL0031	1	107
Highland Home HS			AL0122	1	39	
Dale	Dale County	Luverne HS	AL0153	1	20	
		Ariton HS	AL0011	1	91	
		Dale County HS	AL0166	1	78	
		G W Long HS	AL0098	1	23	
	South Dale MS	AL0353	1	44		
	Daleville City	Daleville HS	AL0170	2	48	
Ozark City	Carroll HS CTC	AL1040	1	76		

*No Membership Reported

County	School System	School Name/FFA Chapter	Chapter Number	No. of Teachers	09-10 Membership
Escambia	Escambia County	Escambia-Brewton CTC	AL0280	1	*
		Flomaton HS	AL0091	1	26
		W S Neal HS	AL0296	1	114
Geneva	Geneva City	Geneva HS	AL0097	1	108
	Geneva County	Geneva County HS/Hartford FFA	AL0345	1	88
		Samson HS	AL0210	1	129
Henry	Henry County	Slocomb HS	AL0218	2	265
		Abbeville HS	AL0001	1	89
		Headland HS	AL0120	1	105
Houston	Houston County	Ashford HS	AL0263	1	190
		Cottonwood HS	AL0066	1	33
		Houston County HS/Columbia FFA	AL0126	1	59
		Rehobeth HS	AL0204	1	75
		Wicksburg HS	AL0253	1	73
Mobile	Mobile County	Alma Bryant HS/Hurricane FFA	AL0169	1	25
		Alma Bryant HS/Mudbug FFA	AL0421	1	32
		Augusta Evans School	AL0375	2	8
		Citronelle HS/Citronelle "Blue" FFA	AL0051	2	97
		G H Bryant CTC/ G H Bryant "Gold" FFA	AL0408	1	54
		G H Bryant CTC/G H Bryant "Blue" FFA	AL0065	1	41
		Mary G Montgomery HS	AL0215	2	11
		Semmes Middle School	AL0415	1	17
Monroe	Monroe County	Excel HS	AL0085	1	76
		J U Blacksher HS	AL0131	1	70
		Monroe County CTC/Monroe County CTC "Gold" FFA	AL0413	1	61
Pike	Pike County	Goshen HS	AL0105	2	110
	Troy City	Charles Henderson HS	AL0045	1	58
Washington	Washington County	Fruitdale HS	AL0390	1	20
		Leroy HS	AL0142	1	56
		McIntosh HS	AL0376	1	46
		Millry HS	AL0168	1	44
		Washington County HS	AL0246	1	15
Wilcox	Wilcox County	Camden School of Arts & Tech/Camden Academy FFA	AL0188	1	22
		Wilcox Central HS	AL0195	3	65
Total South District:					4,659

*No Membership Reported

Total 09-10 FFA Membership: 14,633

2010 State FFA Convention Results

Agricultural Proficiency Awards

Agricultural Mechanics

1st	Christopher Cody Herring	McAdory
2nd	Sawyer Spratlin	Wedowee
3rd	Russell Carr	Clay County
4th	Levi George	Danville

Agricultural Sales and/or Service

1st	Brex Jeffreys	Lawrence County
2nd	Hunter Garnett	Danville
3rd	Anna Leigh Peek	West Limestone
4th	Brandon McDonald	Clay County

Beef Production

1st	Justin Riddle	East Limestone
2nd	Robert Summerford	Falkville
3rd	John M. Eberhart	Fort Payne
4th	Garrett Prater	Lawrence County

Dairy Production

1st	Jake Wilbourn	Danville
2nd	Austin Hagood	Lawrence County
3rd	Robert Micheal Giddens	Clay County
4th	Ali Abercrombie	Union Hill Jr. HS

Diversified Crop Production

1st	Rodney Byrd	Danville
2nd	Dalton Dalrymple	Enterprise
3rd	Drew Adams	Lawrence County
4th	*	

Environmental Science & Natural Resource Management

1st	Sawyer Spratlin	Wedowee
2nd	Timothy Smith	Clay County
3rd	John C. Kincer, III	Fort Payne
4th	Hunter Garnett	Danville

Equine Science

1st	Kristina Brianna Ratley	Ardmore
2nd	Megan Boyles	Arab
3rd	Rowdy Mayes	Lawrence County
4th	Stedman Hunt Garner	Danville

Floriculture

1st	*	
2nd	Katherine Rouse	Skyline
3rd	Morgan McNatt	Clay County
4th	Nick McCarley	Lawrence County

Forest Management & Products

1st	Cody Smith	Falkville
2nd	Will Walker	Clay County
3rd	Nick McCarley	Lawrence County
4th	Justin Holmes	Abbeville

Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

1st	Dakota Tillis	Abbeville
2nd	Drew Adams	Lawrence County
3rd	Kenlyn Freeman	Clay County
4th	Corey Wilkins	Holly Pond

Home and/or Community Development

1st	Daniel Benefield	Clay County
2nd	Josh Jones	Danville
3rd	Bailey Blankenship	Lawrence County
4th	Brady Peek	West Limestone

Landscape Management

1st	*	
2nd	Erin Smith	Clay County
3rd	Conner Boyd	Danville
4th	Zachary Jones	Spring Garden

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Nursery Operations

1st	Mark Anthony Cook	Brantley
2nd	Josh Jones	Danville
3rd	Erika Smith	Clay County
4th	*	

Poultry Production

1st	Bailey Nicole Hall	Fort Payne
2nd	Jacob Holtum	Samson
3rd	Joey Stabler	Daphne
4th	Rodney Byrd	Danville

Sheep Production

1st	Jamie Thrower	Clay County
2nd	Cameron Hill	Skyline
3rd	Caleb McNeal	Marbury
4th	*	

Specialty Animal Production

1st	Patrick Howard	McAdory
2nd	Drew Adams	Lawrence County
3rd	Tyler Tucker	Falkville
4th	Will Lawrimore	Danville

Swine Production

1st	Scott Blake Gregory	Shelby County HS
2nd	Austin Hagood	Lawrence County
3rd	Cody Clemons	Danville
4th	Briana Harrison	West Limestone

Turf Grass Management

1st	Jason Walker	Clay County
2nd	Blake Bohanon	Lawrence County
3rd	Colton Lovvorn	Wedowee
4th	Nathan Zane Brooks	Brewer

Wildlife Production and Management

1st	Ashley Holmes	Falkville
2nd	Bailey Blankenship	Lawrence County
3rd	Katie Edwards	West Point
4th	Bethany Carr	Clay County

Specialty Proficiency Awards

Agricultural Communications

1st	Bailey Blankenship	Lawrence County
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Agricultural Education

1st	Matt Roberts	Lineville FFA
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Agricultural Processing

1st	Caleb McNeal	Marbury
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Diversified Agricultural Production

1st	*	
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Diversified Horticulture

1st	*	
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Diversified Livestock Production

1st	Christopher Black	Lawrence County
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Emerging Agricultural Technology

1st	*	
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Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

1st	Curt Riley	Clay County
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Food Science and Technology

1st	*	
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Specialty Proficiency Awards Continued

Forage Production

1st *

Grain Production

1st Hunter Garnett Danville

Outdoor Recreation

1st *

Small Animal Production and Care

1st Corey Cox Clay County

Specialty Crop Production

1st *

Veterinary Science

1st *

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Future Farmer/Agribusinessman of the Year

Hunter Garnett Danville FFA

M. K. Heath Animal Health Award

Robert Summerford Falkville FFA

Mindy Stringer Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Holmes Falkville FFA

Frances Mizell Memorial Scholarship

No Applicants

National Chapter Awards

Superior Chapters:

Alma Bryant "Hurricane" FFA	Cherokee HS FFA
Danville FFA	Falkville FFA
Eufaula FFA	East Lawrence HS FFA
Fort Payne FFA	Geraldine FFA
Lawrence County HS FFA	White Plains FFA

Gold Metal Chapters:

Brantley FFA	Falkville FFA
Cherokee HS FFA	Geraldine FFA
East Lawrence HS FFA	Lawrence County HS FFA
Eufaula FFA	Fort Payne FFA

Crime Prevention Awards

District Awards:

North:	Fort Payne FFA
Central:	*
South:	Wilcox Central FFA

State Awards:

1st:	Fort Payne FFA
2nd:	Wilcox Central FFA
3rd:	*
4th:	*

*Not awarded due to lack of qualified applicants

100% Membership Chapters

Aliceville	Kinston
Ashford	Slocumb
Curry	Sulligent Consolidated
Danville	Dadeville
Daphne	Goshen
East Lawrence	Straughn
Falkville	Eufaula
Fort Payne	Geneva

District/State Star Farmer Awards**State Star Farmer**

Corey Wilkins	Holly Pond FFA
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District Star Farmers

North	Courtney Buchanan	Cleveland FFA
North	Jake Wilbourn	Danville FFA
North	John Eberhart	Fort Payne FFA
North	Corey Wilkins	Holly Pond FFA
South	Jake Blackmon	Samson FFA

Career Development Events (CDEs)**Agricultural Construction CDE**

1st	Lexington
2nd	Smiths Station
3rd	A.P. Brewer
4th	Douglas

High Scoring Individual:

Lee Walker	Smiths Station
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Agricultural Mechanics CDE

1st	Douglas
2nd	McAdory
3rd	Ashford
4th	Falkville

High Scoring Individual:

Kyle Kubik	Douglas
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Creed Speaking CDE

1st	Nicole Taylor	Wadley
2nd	Drew Revels	Samson
3rd	Blaire Landry	Marbury
4th	Daniel Burton	Sand Rock

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

1st	Wadley
2nd	Vernon
3rd	Arab
4th	Appalachian

High Scoring Individual:

Rebekah Waley	Wadley
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Extemporaneous Speaking CDE

1st	Elizabeth Wilson	Jacksonville
2nd	Sydney Steele	Priceville
3rd	Patrick McConnon	Pleasant Valley
4th	Brandon Bates	McAdory

Floriculture CDE

1st	Pleasant Valley
2nd	Fort Payne
3rd	Oak Grove
4th	Slocumb

High Scoring Individual:

Bridget Taylor	Pleasant Valley
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Forestry CDE

1st	Winfield
2nd	Lawrence County
3rd	Curry
4th	Falkville

High Scoring Individual:

Jud Cummings	Winfield
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Horse Evaluation CDE

1st	Pell City
2nd	West Point
3rd	Goshen
4th	Flomaton

High Scoring Individual:

Nicole Adams	Pell City
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Land CDE

1st	Winfield
2nd	Brantley
3rd	Horseshoe Bend
4th	Clay County HS

High Scoring Individual:

Jared Lenahan	Winfield
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High Scoring Forestry:

Will Walker	Clay County HS
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Livestock CDE

1st	Holly Pond
2nd	Danville
3rd	J.B. Pennington
4th	Auburn

High Scoring Individual:

Hunter Garnett	Danville
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Nursery/Landscape CDE

1st	Lawrence County HS
2nd	Falkville
3rd	Wetumpka
4th	Pleasant Valley

High Scoring Individual:

Emerald Ford	Lawrence County HS
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Parliamentary Procedure CDE

1st	Marbury
2nd	McAdory
3rd	Geraldine
4th	Brantley

High Scoring Individual:

Steve Lawrence	Marbury
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Poultry CDE

1st	Pell City
2nd	Enterprise
3rd	Sylvania
4th	Geraldine

High Scoring Individual:

Hayden Staples	Pell City
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Prepared Public Speaking CDE

1st	Zachary Jones	Spring Garden
2nd	Duece Donaldson	Brantley
3rd	Lydia Urick	Falkville
4th	Catherine Newton	Jacksonville

Quartet CDE

1st	Oak Grove
2nd	Tallassee
3rd	Arab
4th	N/A

Quiz Bowl

1st	Samson
2nd	Red Bay
3rd	Lawrence County HS
4th	McAdory

High Scoring Individual:**Safe Tractor Driving CDE**

1st	Mitchell Graves	Enterprise
2nd	Justin Bauer	Chilton County HS
3rd	Cory Hall	Samson
4th	Gus Hardwick	Ariton

Small Engines CDE

1st	Berry
2nd	Daphne
3rd	Lawrence County HS
4th	Ashford

High Scoring Individual:

Drew Self	Berry
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String Band CDE

1st	Arab
2nd	Enterprise
3rd	Eufaula
4th	Reeltown

2010 National FFA Convention Results

American FFA Degree Candidates

James Paul Bailey	Sand Rock
William Brandon Smith	Slocumb
Cory Terry	Lawrence County HS
Dexter B. Vines	Sand Rock

Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients

Mr. Paul Pinyan	Executive Director	Alabama Farmers Federation
Mrs. Sherry Key	Director-Career and Technical Educ.	Alabama Department of Education
Representative Richard J. Lindsey	Alabama House of Representatives	District 39
Mr. Jacob Davis	FFA Executive Secretary	Alabama Department of Education

Career Development Events (CDEs)

Agricultural Mechanics	Douglas	Silver	
Creed Speaking	Wadley	Bronze	(Nicole Taylor)
Dairy Cattle Evaluation	Wadley	Bronze	
Extemporaneous Speaking	Jacksonville	Silver	(Elizabeth Wilson)
Floriculture	Pleasant Valley	Bronze	
Forestry	Winfield	Gold	6th in Nation
Horse Evaluation	Pell City	Bronze	
Livestock Evaluation	Holly Pond	Silver	
Nursery and Landscape	Lawrence County HS	Bronze	
Parliamentary Procedure	Marbury	Bronze	
Poultry Evaluation	Pell City	Silver	
Prepared Public Speaking	Spring Garden	Silver	(Zachary Jones)

Alabama FFA Association Budget

Income:

	Past Year Budget	Actual Last Year	Budget This Year
Membership	160,000	143,797	180,000
Interest Income	150	117	100
Alabama FFA Foundation	0	1,000	1,000
Contests and Awards/Donations	25,000	25,762	25,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	0	1,000
State Convention Donations	12,750	14,467	12,750
FFA Promotional - Citrus	15,000	9,961	10,000
Registration Fees	30,000	36,941	35,000
Alabama Power Dividends	500	590	500
Leadership Development	2,500	1,885	1,750
Sale of Instructional Supplies	13,000	14,738	14,000
	\$259,900	\$250,040	\$281,100

Expenses:

	Past Year Budget	Spent Last Year	Budget This Year
Contests and Awards	30,000	40,525	40,000
Executive Committee	10,000	19,261	15,000
Miscellaneous	8,000	26,271	4,000
FFA Promotional - Citrus	3,500	5,081	3,500
Printing and Supplies	10,000	16,341	15,000
Public Relations	2,500	230	2,500
State FFA Convention	30,000	46,363	45,000
Membership - District/National Dues	95,000	104,690	130,000
Leadership Development	11,000	7,673	8,000
Professional Services	4,500	7,159	4,500
National FFA Convention	6,500	7,305	7,500
Repairs and Maintenance	1,500	2,089	2,000
Training and Travel	1,000	586	0
	\$213,500	\$283,574	\$278,500

Alabama FFA Leadership Development

The Alabama FFA's philosophy is that great leaders are not just born with an innate ability to lead, they are developed. The organization has designed a program for individuals to promote the development of those skills deemed necessary to be an effective leader.

Chapters across the state begin the development of these skills with their daily operation. A select few chapter members have the opportunity to serve as state officers. The six state officers attend two leadership conferences to prepare them for service. Blast Off is an introductory workshop that delves into the skills necessary to perform the duties of a state officer. The National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO) prepares the state officers to train others in skills they have acquired.

After the NLCSO, the state officers are busy preparing for the District Officers' Leadership

Conference. This conference assists the district officers in preparing for the next level of leadership training, the Chapter Officer Leadership Workshops (COLWs). The COLWs are held around the state in the three districts to allow the chapter officer teams to attend and build the skills they need in order to run an effective chapter in their communities.

After the summer workshops are completed, the state officers are busy visiting chapters and making appearances across the state during the year. They also are eligible to attend the national convention as delegates. This honor affords even more opportunities for them to gain team building and relationship building skills that are so essential.

A few of Alabama FFA's best have even gone on to attain the ultimate leadership position in our organization, a national office. This privilege requires a year of service to the organiza-

tion. The national officers must put a hold on college or work and dedicate themselves to the office. In their year of service, while traveling over 100,000 miles, they will visit Japan and about 40 of the 50 states.

The FFA has many opportunities for students to excel other than officer positions, supervised agricultural experiences, and competitions. The members can get involved in their communities through their chapters by working with blood drives, habitat for humanity, community cleanup, community landscaping projects, and the list goes on. Effective FFA programs can have a huge impact on their community in a variety of ways.