



Alabama FFA Annual Report 2014-2015



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 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.

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. District FFA Eliminations are conducted each year 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.



2014-2015 State FFA Officer Team (rear: l-r) Colten Farley, State Sentinel; Cody Maddox, State Treasurer; and Will Graves, State President; (front: l-r) Clay Tew, State Reporter; Lacey Newman, State Secretary; and Levi Colquitt, State Vice President.



Agriscience Education/FFA Statistical Information

School Year	No. of Agriscience Teachers	No. of Agriscience Programs	No. of Agriscience Students	No. of FFA Chapters	No. of FFA Members
2014-2015	305	332	*	270	14,609
2013-2014	309.5	378	44,302	277	14,541
2012-2013	296	364	42,143	269	13,915
2011-2012	302	353	37,386	270	13,451
2010-2011	304	346	35,910	278	13,868
2009-2010	308	322	35,795	279	14,633
2008-2009	313	286	34,643	283	15,067
2007-2008	315	302	34,520	289	15,132
2006-2007	321	303	35,079	287	14,024
2005-2006	327	397	35,132	276	14,592



Pictured above is a majority of the more than 780 members of the Alabama delegation to the 87th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Alabama FFA Event Participation

Event	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Chapter Officer Leadership Workshops	360	549	543	556
FFA Proficiency Applications	88	137	206	237
State FFA Degree Recipients	121	209	215	197
American Degree Recipients	6	7	19	10
District Elimination Attendance	2463	2683	3113	3610
State Convention Attendance	1,510	1,823	2,055	1,752
State FFA Membership	13,451	13,915	14,541	14,609
State Superior Chapter Award	14	18	17	43
Agriscience Fair Participants	NA	2	23	13

* 14-15 Enrollment data had not been released at the time of printing.



Alabama FFA Sponsor Recognition

Gold Sponsors (\$10,000 +)



Bronze Sponsors (\$1,000 - \$5,000)

Alabama Association Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Alabama Cattlemen's Association

Alabama Contract Poultry Growers Association

Alabama Farmers Cooperative

Alabama Forestry Foundation

Alabama Poultry & Egg Association

Alabama Rural Electric Association

Alabama Sheriff's Association

ALFA Foundation

First South Farm Credit

Florida Farm Bureau

Florida Fruit Association

Home Builder's Association of Alabama

National FFA Foundation

Jerry Newby

Laymon Phillips

River Brite Citrus

Southeastern Livestock Exposition

Southern States Cooperative

Edgar and Peggy Stringer

Kyle Tharpe

Tractor Supply Company

Alabama FFA Sponsor Recognition

Blue & Gold Sponsors

(less than \$1,000)

Alabama Crop Management Association

Alabama Agribusiness Council

Alabama Council of Cooperatives

Alabama Veterinary Medical Association

Alabama Wildlife Federation

Ty Ashberry

Auburn University Agricultural Alumni
Association

Daryl Baxley

Wallace Belcher

L.O. Bishop

Mark Boothe

K.L. Brown

Derek Bryan

Bullock Co. Farmers

Federation

Jason Cain

Ben Courson

Bradley Cox

Jimmy Cravey

Lavord Crook

Wayne Davis

Jacob Davis

Jon Davis

Dixie Mechanical

Taber Ellis

Gibbs Farm

Brian Glenn

Ted Grantham

Samuel (Thomas) Hall

Dan Hudson

Hudson Alpha

M. N. Humphries

Mary Johnson

Bill Lipscomb

Shep Morris

Sarah Murchison

Jeff Newman

Troy Newton

Gerald Padgett

Keith Phillips

Paul Pinyan

Joe Potter

William Powell

Dan Presley

Christopher Randolph, Jr.

Mahlon Richburg

Doug Rigney

Carl Sanders Farm

Scott Attorney's

Southern Heritage

Thompson Tractor Company

Tennessee River Music

Doug Thiessen

Alan Thrash

Tractor Supply

Pete Turnham

Roger Waller

Milton Wendland

Wilcox County ALFA

Jackie Williams

Johnnie Wood



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.

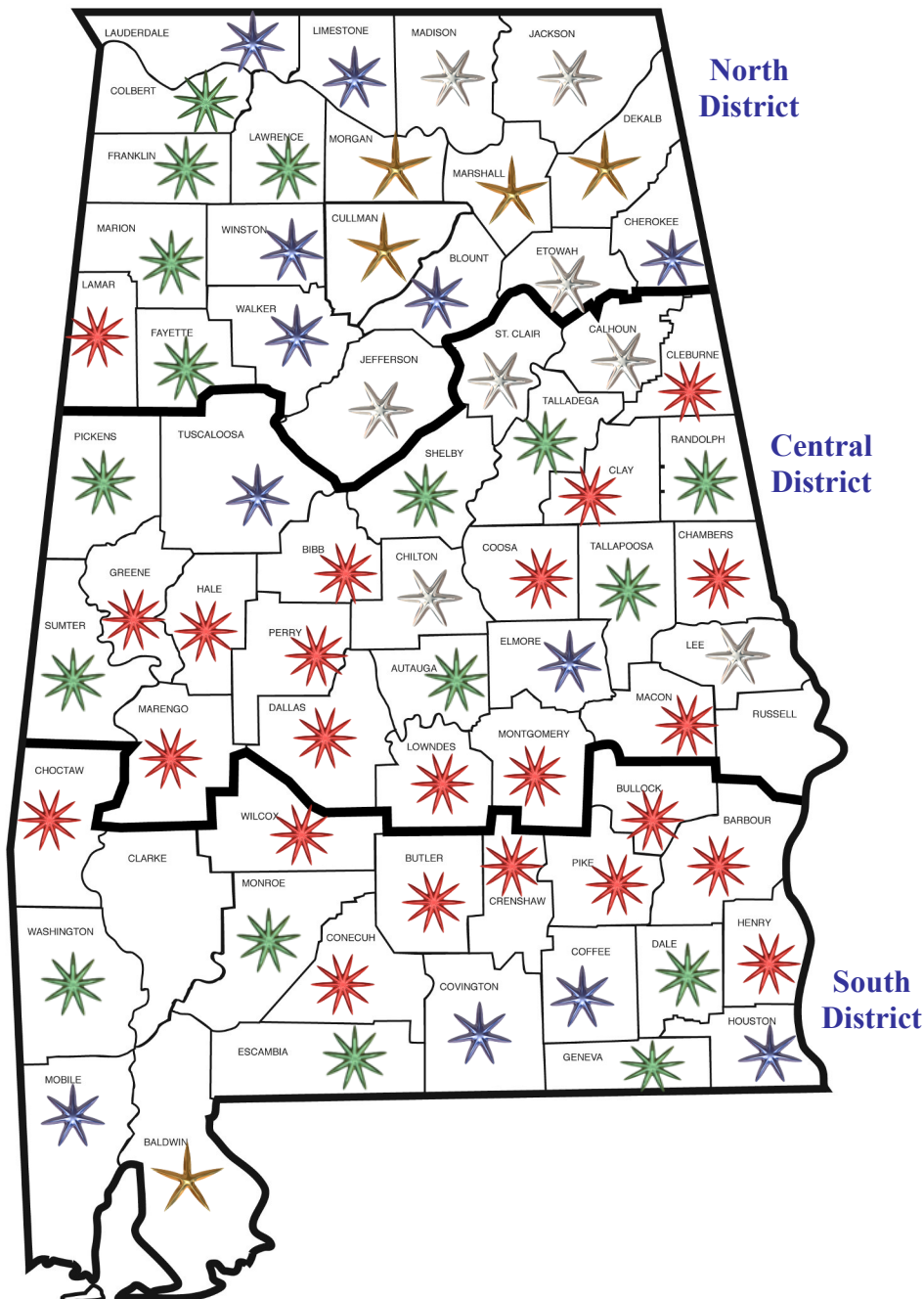
One of the benefits of membership is the *FFA New Horizons* magazine. The magazine includes highlights of chapter activities across the nation, articles of famous athletes, career spotlights, and important FFA news. FFA offers so many opportunities for recognition at the state, local, and national

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.

FFA Chapters By County:





Agriscience Education is one of the units in the Career and Technical Education Section of the Alabama Department of Education.

State Superintendent of Education

Dr. Tommy Bice

Deputy State Superintendent
of Career and Technical Education
and Workforce Development

Dr. Philip Cleveland

Agriscience Education - Montgomery Office

Education Administrator/State FFA Advisor
Education Specialist
Administrative Assistant

Jacob Davis
Andy Chamness
Pam Kilpatrick

Agriscience Education- Auburn Field Office

Education Specialist/FFA Executive Secretary
Graphic Arts Technician

Philip Paramore
Kenny Boyd

Alabama FFA Association

P. O. Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

Phone: 334-242-9114
Fax: 334-242-0234

We're on the web:

www.alabamaffa.org
www.ffa.org

FFA Motto:

**Learning To Do
Doing To Learn
Earning To Live
Living To Serve**



The Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, religion, national origin, or age in its programs, activities, or employment and provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person is responsible for handling inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Title IX Coordinator, Alabama State Department of Education, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL 36130-2101, telephone (334) 242-8165.



Alabama FFA Foundation Executive Committee 2014-2015

Paul Pinyan

AL Farmers Federation (President)

Jim Cravey

AL Farmers Federation-retired (V. P.)

Dr. Billy Powell

AL Cattlemen's Association (Sec./Treas.)

Jacob Davis

State FFA Advisor

Doug Rigney

AL Farmers Federation-retired

Sarah P. Murchison

AL Team AgEd

Chris Isaacson

AL Forestry Association

H. N. Lewis

AL Young & Adult Farmers Educ. Assoc.

Josh Johnson

WSFA

Jerry A. Newby

Newby Farms

Will Graves

President-AL FFA Association

Brittany Hill

AAAE President (Pell City HS)

Andrew Brock

AAAE President-Elect (A P Brewer HS)

Kelly Mullins

AAAE Past President (Park Crossing HS)

Douglas Thiessen

Alabama Ag Credit