



Alabama FFA Annual Report 2015-2016



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



2015-2016 State FFA Officer Team (left-right) Wade Gossett, State FFA President, Hokes Bluff; Jordan Stowe, State FFA Vice President, Enterprise; Cassidy Catrett, State FFA Secretary, Brantley; Anna Pollard, State FFA Treasurer, Jacksonville; Ivy Harbin, State FFA Reporter, West Limestone; and Whitney Hamby, State FFA Sentinel, Ohatchee.

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

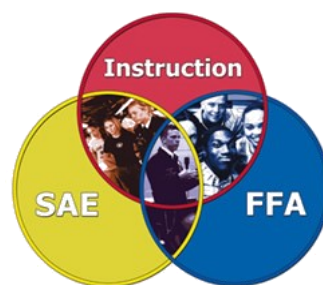
state officers serve on the Executive Committee of the Alabama FFA Association and conduct the business of the organization. The state officers also visit chapters and attempt to inspire chapters to be in a perpetual state of improvement.

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.



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
2015-2016	309	270*	34,295	271	14,123
2014-2015	305	332	34,760	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 are the more than 700 of the 798 members of the Alabama FFA delegation to the 88th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Alabama FFA Event Participation

Event	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Chapter Officer Leadership Workshops	360	549	543	556	607
FFA Proficiency Applications	88	137	206	237	236
State FFA Degree Recipients	121	209	215	197	284
American Degree Recipients	6	7	19	10	17
District Elimination Attendance	2,463	2,683	3,113	3,610	3,624
State Convention Attendance	1,510	1,823	2,055	1,752	2,020
State FFA Membership	13,451	13,915	14,541	14,609	14,123
State Superior Chapter Award	14	18	17	43	45
Agriscience Fair Participants	NA	2	23	13	8

* The reduction in number here is due in part to the reduction of program areas taught by a teacher rather than the loss of an entire Agriscience program itself.



Alabama FFA Partner Levels and Recognition

Platinum Partners (\$15,000 +)



Gold Partners (\$10,000 — \$14,999)



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Silver Partners (\$5,000 — \$9,999)



Bronze Sponsors (\$2,500 — \$4,999)

Alabama Poultry and Egg Association

Alabama Cattlemen's Association

Alabama Contract Poultry Growers Association

River Brite Citrus

Alabama Association of Conservation Districts

Home Builders Association of Alabama

Southern Heritage Fundraising

Wm. J. Redmond and Son, Inc.

Alabama FFA Partner Levels and Recognition Continued...

Five Star Partners (\$1,000 — \$2,499)

Tri-Green Equipment	Arab High School FFA	Mrs. Sarah Murchison
Alabama Pork Producers	Tractor Supply Company	Florida Fruit Association
Cargill Nutrena Feed Division	Alabama Rural Electric Association	Alabama Catfish Producers
Alabama Farmers Federation	Alabama Forestry Foundation	Alabama Sheriffs Association
Mr. Jerry Newby	Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stringer	Southeastern Livestock Expo
Florida Farm Bureau Fundraising	Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee	

Four Star Partners (\$500 — \$999)

Alabama Council of Cooperatives	Thompson Tractor Company	Alabama Power Company
First South Farm Credit	Alabama Forest Producers	Alabama Wildlife Federation
Dr. and Mrs. John P. Summerford	Alabama Wheat and Grain Producers	Alabama Agribusiness Council
Alabama Dairy Producers	Alabama Turfgrass Association	Doug Rigney
Gossett Corporation	Holly Pond High School FFA	
Agricultural Alumni Association of Auburn University		
Alabama Crop Management Association		

Three Star Partners (\$250 — \$499)

Alabama Meat Goat and Sheep Producers	Mary Johnson	ALFA Young Farmers
Jeff Newman	K. L. Brown	Shelly Farms
Sumter County Famers Federation	Tallapoosa County Farmers Federation	

Two Star Partners (\$100 — \$249)

Autauga County Farmers Federation	Lamar County Farmers Federation	Alabama Veterinary Medical Association	Mahlon Richburg
Blount County Farmers Federation	Lowndes County Farmers Federation	Alan Thrash	Milton Wendland
Butler County Farmers Federation	Madison County Farmers Federation	Appalachian High School FFA	Morris Farm
Baldwin County Farmers Federation	Mobile County Farmers Federation	Bill Lipscomb	Noel Chambliss
Clay County Farmers Federation	Monroe County Farmers Federation	C Kelly	Paul Pinyan
Colbert County Farmers Federation	Pickens County Farmers Federation	Charles Turner	Reed Rogers
Covington County Farmers Federation	St Clair County Famers Federation	David Sessions	Rivers Myers
Dale County Farmers Federation	Talladega County Farmers Federation	Dr. Billy Powell	Ted Grantland
Dallas County Farmers Federation	Tuscaloosa County Farmers Federation	Dr. Don Mulvaney	T.D. Ray
Elmore County Farmers Federation	Wilcox County Farmers Federation	John Dorrill	Thomas Ellis
Henry County Famers Federation	Cherokee Electric Cooperative	John Suddeth	Tommy Martin
Houston County Farmers Federation	Snead Ag Supply	Kirk Smith	Zoetis
Jackson County Farmers Federation	Willard Reed	L.O. Bishop	

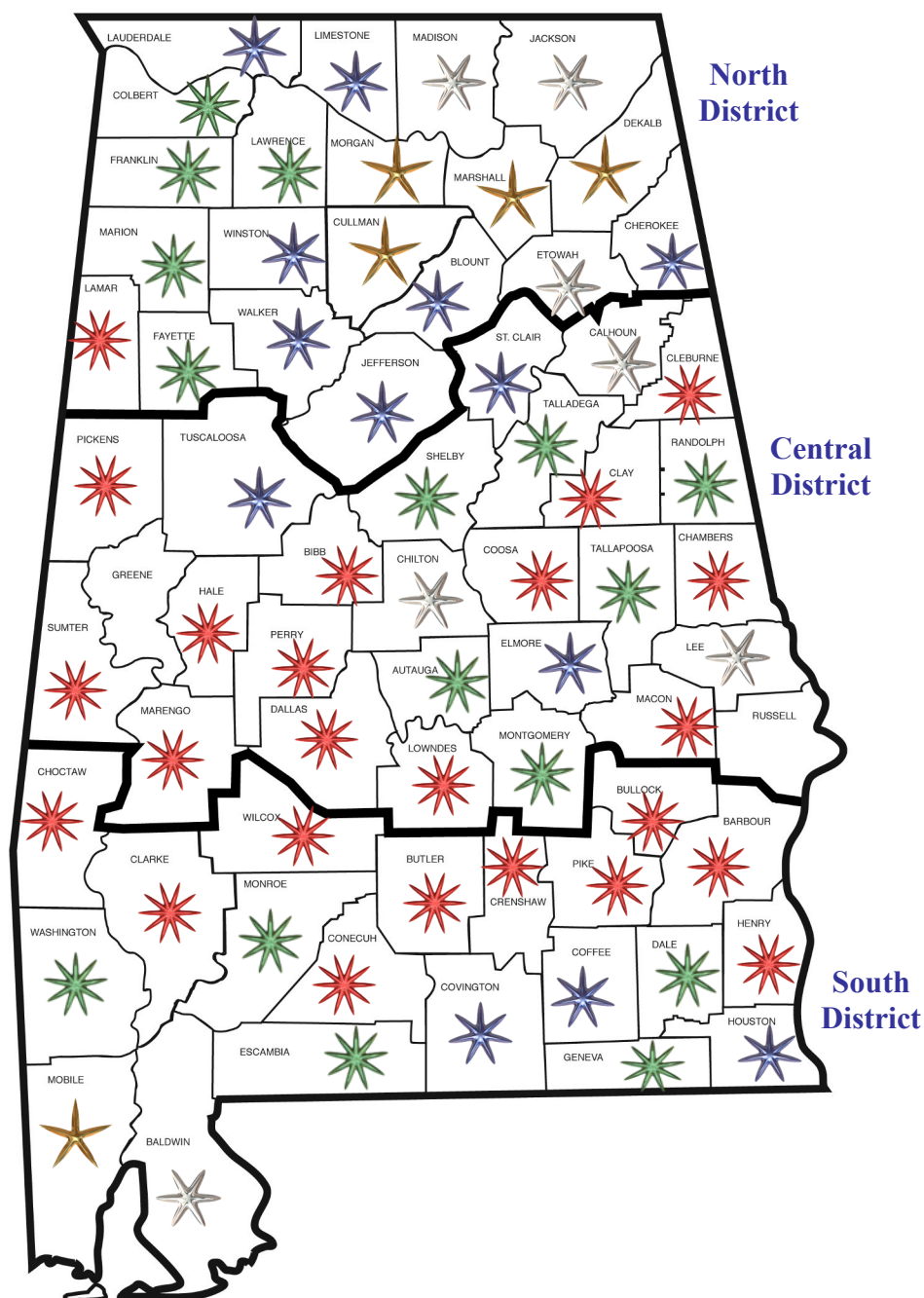
One Star Partners (\$99 or less)

Mike Jones	Alpha Gamma Rho of Auburn University	Rafter J Ranch	Wayne Davis
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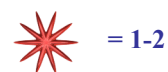


FFA Membership

FFA Chapters By County:



Legend for number of FFA chapters per county:



= 1-2



= 3-4



= 5-6



= 7-8



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

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FFA Motto:

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



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