

# Alabama FFA Foundation

## Annual Report

July 2019– June 2020

### OVERVIEW

Agriscience Education in Alabama follows a three-part model to ensure students have opportunities to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. The components of this model include **Classroom and Laboratory Instruction**, **FFA**, and **SAE** (Supervised Agricultural Experience).

### CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY

Classroom and laboratory instruction are the foundation of a successful ag education program. From greenhouses, shops, school farms, aquaculture facilities, or other lab settings, agricultural educators in Alabama are utilizing multiple resources to prepare students for successful careers. This helps students make informed choices in the diverse global market of agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources.

### FFA

The National FFA Organization is among the largest Career Technical Student Organizations in the U.S. boasting over 760,000 members. It provides students opportunities to take skills they learn in the classroom and apply them through activities designed to develop not only their technical skill sets, but also their leadership development. This includes community service activities, Career and Leadership Development Events (contests), leadership positions, and much more. Alabama is structured into three districts where members have multiple opportunities to grow and serve.

### SAE

A Supervised Agricultural Experience or SAE is a work-based, school-based, or service-based learning program that enables students to take the skills they learn in agricultural education and apply them in a real-world setting. SAE's are available for every student and often begin by exploring future careers through a foundational project. As their time and experiences in agricultural education grows, students are able to immerse themselves into a more technical project that helps guide them to career success.

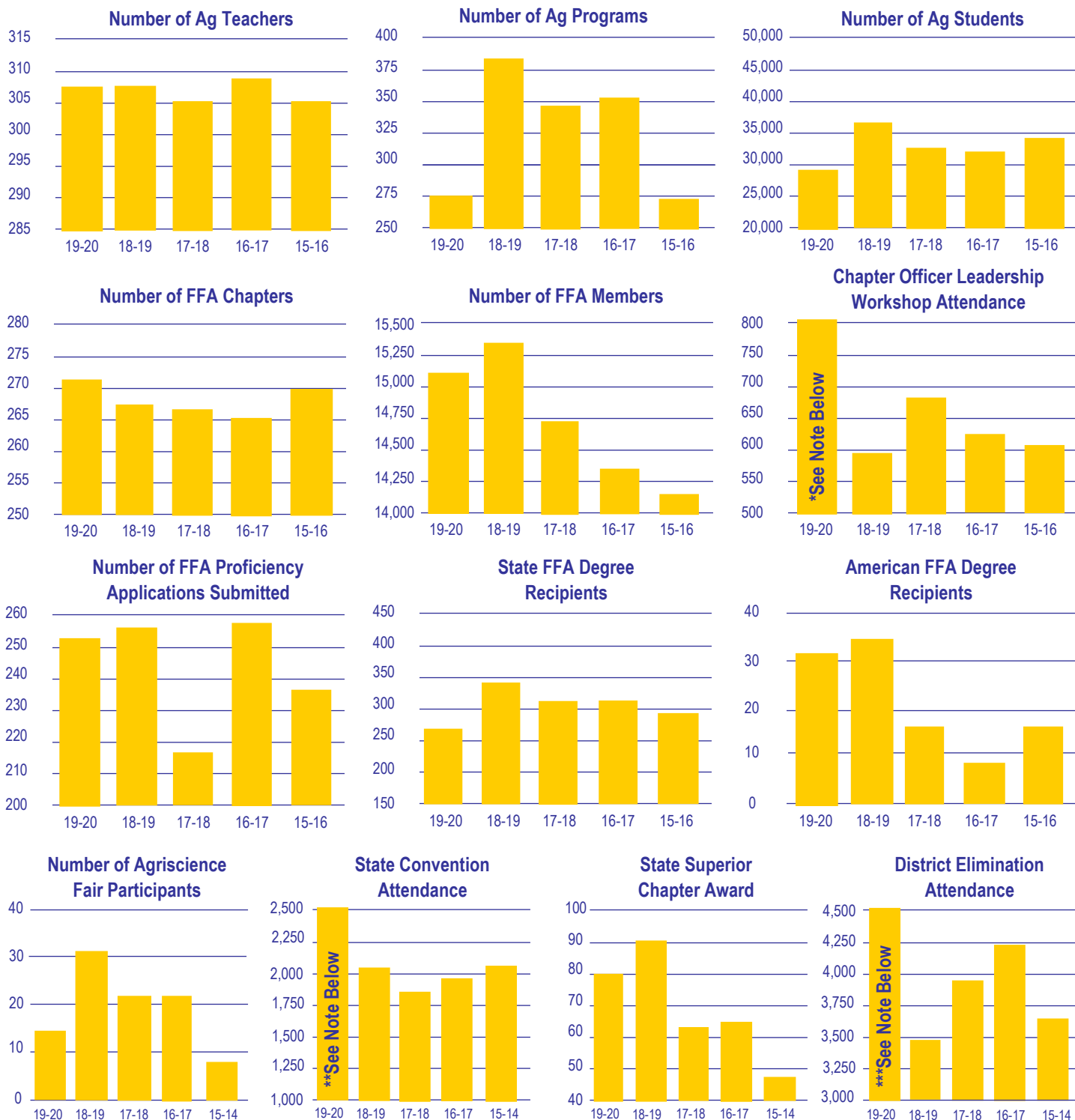


2019-2020 State FFA Officer team members are (from top left), president, Will Aycock; sentinel, Garrett Springs; (second row), reporter, Ka'Shiya McKinney; secretary, Terrance Crayton; (bottom row) treasurer, Megan Woodall; vice president, Alyssa Glover.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Alabama FFA selects its best to represent the organization each year. Six state officers are elected to serve the organization at the annual state convention. The state officers serve on the Executive Committee of the Alabama FFA Association and conduct the business of the organization. They also visit chapters, inspire members and engage with our stakeholders. Additionally, the districts select officer teams each year through an application and interview process. These officers also conduct chapter visits, give speeches and conduct workshops for chapters.

# Agriscience Education and FFA By The Numbers



**Our graphs look a little different this year...** COVID-19 has presented challenges for all of us. We have met those challenges head-on, finding ways to meet, compete and learn utilizing technology and practicing safe distancing. Schools were moved to a virtual option early this spring, therefore some of the figures were naturally affected. Nonetheless, we are proud of our success during this most unusual year.

\*Chapter Officer Leadership Workshop—A virtual option was provided to all students by a committee of teachers. The number of participants is unknown.

\*\*State Convention Attendance—Convention was held virtually on YouTube this year. To date, there are more than 5,000 views!

\*\*\*District Elimination Attendance—District eliminations were scheduled for early April, right about the time COVID-19 brought everything to a halt. However, we were able to offer a virtual contest option and nearly 1,371 students participated.

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## Alabama FFA Foundation Recognizes Outstanding Individuals

Several distinguished men and women were honored by the Alabama FFA Foundation in 2019-2020 for hard work and outstanding achievement. Those award areas and individuals are listed below.

### Advisors of the Year



From Left: North, Lucas McCollum, Cullman Middle School; Central, Jessica Hodnett Horseshoe Bend; South, Bill Enfinger, George W. Long

### New Teacher Award



Josh Williams, Benjamin Russell



More than 800 Alabama FFA members attended the 92nd National Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.



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

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State Superintendent of Education

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