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97th

Missouri FFA Convention

April 23-25, 2025

Columbia, Missouri

WELCOME

The 97th Annual State FFA Convention of the Missouri FFA Association is truly a special event that will be full of changes this year. Columbia, Missouri welcomes us to town for this special event where Missouri FFA members will be recognized and rewarded for their hard work and achievements throughout the past year. The Convention theme this year is "Dance With Opportunity...". For 97 years, agricultural education students have danced with opportunity through our organization in classrooms across the state to develop and expand their knowledge in the areas of applied science, technical and employability skills while learning about our nation's #1 industry: agriculture. Missouri FFA members have danced with opportunity by embracing their passion with Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs in areas such as animal agriculture, crop production, mechanics and agriscience. Over the years, FFA has adjusted to reflect our ever-changing society and has helped its members dance with opportunity to be leaders and innovators within our industry. We hope that as you represent your school and community, you wear your official dress with pride. We hope that you are able to "Dance With Opportunity..." toward your future as you thirst for knowledge and sharpen the skills FFA has helped you develop, and you are empowered to influence those around you about the vastness of the agriculture industry.



2024-2025 STATE FFA OFFICERS

Front Row (left to right): (standing)-Amelia Hawkins, Ashland; (seated) Mikaela Rojas, Linn Co. {First Vice-President}; Andi Belt, North Shelby {President}; Gavin Rhode, East Buchanan {Secretary}; (standing) Emma Robinson, Republic.

Second Row (L-R): Madilynn Wehmeyer, Columbia; Carmen Wilburn, Van-Far; Annabelle Carlisle, Senath-Hornersville; Matthew Lakey, Ava; Alexis Mullins, St. James; Langston Mitchell, Cassville.

Third Row (L-R): Kennedy Heil, Norborne; Claire Walker, Chillicothe {State Officer Mentor}; Kade Jenkins, Mt. Vernon; Jackson Rhine, Joplin; Braden Havlik, Silcox; Gentrie Davis, Marshall.

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FFA IN MISSOURI

The FFA is a national organization of, by and for students enrolled in Agricultural Education. It was organized in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1928 and is an integral part of the program of career education in agriculture in public schools. The Missouri FFA Association was organized and elected its first officers on May 4, 1928. The state charter was issued by the National Office in 1929. Membership in the National FFA Organization includes more than 1,027,273 students in 9,235 chapters. Currently, Missouri FFA is home to 26,900 members in 365 chapters across the state.

The Missouri FFA Association holds its Convention in April each year. More than 8,000 FFA members and guests take part in Leadership Development Events, Career Development Events, award programs, workshops and convention sessions. Participants include adults representing the agriculture industry; MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; NWMSU; MSU; school officials; the press; parents; and guests.

The State FFA Officers plan and conduct the Convention sessions, including the business meetings, award programs, entertainment and inspirational activities. The 730 delegates, two from each chapter, transact all business.

Supervision of Convention and Career Development Events

The Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education staff of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education assist in the planning and supervision of the convention and competitions. These staff members, along with the State FFA Officers, form the State FFA Executive Committee:

Keith Dietzschold	State Advisor
Teresa Briscoe	State Executive Secretary
Lee Crabtree	District Supervisor, State Executive Committee
Marie Davis	District Supervisor, State Executive Treasurer
Lisa Evans	District Supervisor, State Executive Committee
David Higgins	District Supervisor, State Executive Committee
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Tracy Bieri	Administrative Assistant
Kathy Kilmer	Administrative Assistant
Heather Dimitt-Fletcher	Executive Director, Missouri FFA Foundation



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration/Information Desk – The information desk, located near the East Entrance door, will be open at all times. Staff can provide information and directions for various activities. An advisor from each chapter should register and indicate the number of FFA members and guests in attendance from their chapter.

Parking – Personal vehicles ONLY use the parking lots on the south and southeast side of the Hearnes Center. Busses should park in Lot RP10 (also known as Truman's Landing) and shuttles will be provided for the Driver and/or Instructor.

Sponsors and Guests – Please check in at the Registration / Information desk for directions and seating information.

Delegates – The two delegates from each chapter should register on the floor of the auditorium prior to the Delegate Session starting at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 24 (See page 12).

FFA Career Show – Businesses and organizations will have exhibits set up for educational purposes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday in the Mizzou Arena Concourse. FFA members and guests are encouraged to visit these exhibits.

News Media Office – Representatives of the news media may obtain information about all Convention activities and competition results at the press room backstage. Check in at the Registration/Information Desk for directions or assistance. The Convention media website is: <https://convention.missouriffa.org/>.

Food Service – Beverages, pizza, hamburgers and sandwiches are available at the refreshment stands located on the Main Concourse. Food trucks will also be available outside of the Hearnes Building during busy times.

FFA Book Display – The first-place Scrapbook, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book and SAE Record Books from each of the FFA areas in the state are on display in the north corridor of the Hearnes Building East Entrance.

FFA Apparel Booth – The Mizzou FFA Collegiate Chapter is sponsoring a booth offering FFA items. The booth will be at the main concourse on Thursday and Friday.

Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau – The Registration/Information Desk located just inside the East Entrance will be providing informational packets about Columbia. They will gladly assist you with information regarding restaurant locations and other Columbia attractions.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

State FFA Chorus – The State FFA Chorus is under the direction of Beth Dampf and Beth Eckles, both of Jefferson City. Chorus members belong to FFA chapters throughout Missouri and are selected based on individual applications. The chorus holds rehearsals and will perform at 3:30 p.m. prior to the 5th session on Friday.

Courtesy Corps and Ushers – Volunteer groups from various chapters serve in this capacity with supervision by postsecondary agriculture students.

Career Development Events – We want to thank the army of volunteers, MU Agricultural Education faculty and staff along with each advisory committee for their coordination and operation of the Career Development Events. Those assisting can be found on pages 14-16, along with Dr. Bryan Garton, Dr. Jon Simonsen, Dr. John Tummons, Dr. Rebecca Mott, Mrs. Heather Eberlin, Mrs. Alex Ebbesmeyer, Mr. Bruce Fowler and administrative staff.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

WHITNEY WHITAKER

Meet Whitney, the 2025 Missouri FFA State Convention photographer. She and her team will be capturing photos throughout convention to celebrate on-state victories and select award winners. Check out the following FAQs to navigate this experience!



FAQs

Q: How do I purchase images?

A: You can find all of the image at whitneywhitaker.org

Q: How much will images cost?

A: Digital downloads are \$25 and prints start at \$8. Packages are available too!

Q: When will photos be available to purchase?

A: All photos should be online within 24 hours of each session.

Q: Where can I go to take a group photo of my FFA chapter?

A: Backdrops will be provided throughout the halls around the arena. You can also contact Whitney to schedule a time outside of sessions to get one taken with her.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

Mrs. Kathy Kilmer



The Missouri FFA Association is pleased to recognize Mrs. Kathy Kilmer for her service to agricultural education and the Missouri FFA Association. Kathy has served agricultural education from 2005 to 2025 as the administrative assistant for Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources in the Office of College and Career Readiness at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Kathy grew up on a family farm in Clarksburg, Missouri. She attended California High School, where she was a member of the California FFA, State FFA Chorus and Flag Corps for four years.

Her background in agriculture and experience working with students led her to a career supporting agricultural education in Missouri.

During her years of service at DESE, Kathy devoted countless hours to assisting in the annual preparations for the Missouri FFA State Convention. During the conventions, she managed the registration desk and helped ensure everything ran smoothly. Beyond her many Convention responsibilities, Kathy was the lead staff member for State FFA Camp registrations and preparations, as well as managing the state award application submission process. She also oversaw the Missouri FFA membership system and dues collection.

Kathy was an instrumental part of the Ag Ed team. She compiled state reports on agricultural education, processed program requests, and provided technical support for staff and FFA advisors. Additionally, she managed financial accounts for the Missouri Young Farmer/Young Farm Wives Association and prepared regular financial reports.

Kathy will complete 30 years of service to the State of Missouri upon her retirement on May 1, 2025. She and her husband, Wayne, live in Clarksburg, Missouri, on the Hodges family farm. They plan to continue enjoying their hobbies, including camping, hiking, crafting, following the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, and spending quality time with family. The Oakland Baptist Church will remain an important part of her life, where she has served as the clerk and music director for more than 20 years.

In 2009, Kathy received the Missouri Honorary State FFA Degree, and in 2015, she was awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree. She has also been recognized for her dedicated service to DESE. Because of her many years of service to agricultural education, the Missouri FFA is pleased to honor Mrs. Kathy Kilmer with the Distinguished Service Citation.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

First General Session – Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Chris Chinn, Director
Missouri Department of Agriculture
Jefferson City, Missouri

Fifth-generation farmer Chris Chinn was named Missouri Director of Agriculture in 2017. Director Chinn has been an agriculture leader on the local, state and national level, in roles such as the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Faces of Farming, American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers chair and Missouri Farm Bureau board of directors.



As a trailblazer in agriculture advocacy, Chinn established her brand through social media and public speaking. Through her outreach, she bridges the gap between farmers and consumers.

Chinn and her husband, Kevin, raise hogs, cattle, corn and soybeans, as well as operate their family feed mill in northeast Missouri. They have two children, Rachele and Conner, who are both involved in production agriculture.

Thaddeus Bergschneider, President
National FFA Organization
Franklin, Illinois

Franklin, Illinois native Thaddeus Bergschneider didn't plan to join FFA, but his dad suggested he give it a try. Even though he was raised on a farm, he didn't see himself staying there.

"I did find my place in agriculture and back home with my six siblings on the family farm," Bergschneider says. "I had to follow my passions and interests — my love of poetry grew into extemporaneous public speaking, my competitive spirit in basketball grew into a strong Agricultural Sales Career Development Event Team, my agricultural roots founded my SAEs, and my love for learning, reading, and talking to others led me into leadership."



Bergschneider wants all FFA members from any background and all walks of life to know they have an opportunity and place wearing the blue jacket and in agriculture.

A black and white advertisement featuring a woman with blonde hair smiling and wearing a dark vest over a light-colored shirt. The vest has a small circular logo on the left chest. In the background, there is a large building with a corrugated metal roof. To the right of the woman, there is a large Key logo with the text "KEY FOR BUSINESS" inside it. Above the logo, the text "Custom Branded Apparel", "Uniform Solutions", "Marketing Gear", and "Employee Purchase Program" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Second General Session – Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

Christopher R. Daubert, Vice Chancellor and Dean

**University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
Columbia, Missouri**

Christopher R. Daubert, Ph.D., serves as the Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at the University of Missouri. He is also a Professor of Food Science and Engineering in the Division of Food, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Daubert joined Mizzou from North Carolina State University, where he served as a professor and head of the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences; director of the Food Rheology Laboratory; and system co-chair of Food, Biochemical and Engineered Systems.



Daubert has served as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Texture Studies and on the editorial board of the Journal of Food Process Engineering. He is a fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) and became IFT President in 2024.

Daubert also serves on the board of trustees for the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) and was recently selected as incoming chair for the academic heads section of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). Daubert received his Ph.D. in agricultural engineering and food science at Michigan State University, and has been recognized with distinguished alumnus awards from both Pennsylvania State University and Michigan State University.

Third General Session – Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Karla Eslinger, Commissioner of Education

**Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
Jefferson City, Missouri**

Dr. Karla Eslinger is a lifelong educator with more than 30 years of experience in a variety of educational settings. She started her career as an elementary school teacher before serving as a building principal and superintendent in Ava and West Plains. After retiring as superintendent, Dr. Eslinger came to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to serve as the assistant commissioner in the Office of Educator Quality. She then went on to work for the AEM Corporation, serving as a senior analyst for education services and providing technical assistance to the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Eslinger most recently represented District 33 in the Missouri Senate from 2021-2024. Prior to that, she represented District 155 in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2019-2020.

A graduate of Gainesville High School, Dr. Eslinger holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from The College of the Ozarks. She also earned a master's degree in education administration and a specialist degree in superintendency and educational system administration from Missouri State University. Dr. Eslinger received her doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Dr. Eslinger is a long-term resident of Wasola, where she and her husband, David, reside on the family farm. They have also owned and operated a small business for over 35 years. They have two daughters, who are public school educators, and four grandchildren.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Fifth General Session – Friday, 4:00 p.m.

Mun Choi, President

University of Missouri

Columbia, Missouri



Mun Y. Choi, PhD serves as the 24th president of the University of Missouri — a dual role as chancellor of the University of Missouri and president of the University of Missouri System. He oversees the academic, business and financial aspects of the four universities, as well as a health care system and statewide extension program.

As President, he helped transform the perception of higher education's value with the university community, alumni, legislators and Missourians. Choi has led efforts to strategically grow MU's stature as AAU (Association of American Universities), land-grant flagship research university. In 2021, he launched MizzouForward, a \$1.5 billion, 10-year investment in faculty excellence, student success and modern infrastructure.

Choi's MU leadership team, working closely with faculty, staff and committed stakeholders, has set Mizzou on a record-breaking path. MU is committed to supporting Missouri agriculture through innovation, and secured the largest federal research, education and extension grant in university history, as well as an additional grant (\$35 million total) to pair farmers with scientists.

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2025 CAREER SHOW INFORMATION & EXHIBITORS

For the first time, the Career Show will be held in the Mizzou Arena Concourse with the hours being from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Talent Review this year will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. in the southwest corner inside Mizzou Arena. Mizzou Arena is within walking distance of the Hearnes building. No food stands will be open in Mizzou Arena during the Career Show. There will be food trucks available near Hearnes for the students. Please use the provided QR code to see the list of exhibitors along with a map of location.



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CAMPUS MAP & EVENT VENUES



Event venues on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus can be viewed by scanning the QR code at left. Off-site Leadership Development Event and Workshop location addresses can be found at the bottom of page 14.

HISTORIC TOUR OF MU CAMPUS

Join us for a historic tour of the University of Missouri's campus. The tour provides a blend of architectural beauty, cultural significance, and historical context, making it a captivating journey through the heart of Mizzou's legacy. Please scan the provided QR code for available dates and times.



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2025 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, April 23

TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER	WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION
2:00 p.m. AND 3:15 p.m.	Hampton Inn Columbia Room	Taylor Howell, Program Manager / Industry Design & Execution, Agriculture Future of America (AFA)	You Belong in Ag Agriculture offers a world of possibilities, and there's a place for you! Through interactive activities and real-world insights, you'll learn about the variety of careers available and gain tips for building your future.
2:00 p.m. AND 3:15 p.m.	Hampton Inn Stephens Room	Grant Norfleet, Past National FFA Secretary	Cultivating Career Success Join us for a dynamic workshop where students will explore in-demand careers in agriculture, food and natural resources.
2:00 p.m. AND 3:15 p.m.	Hampton Inn Missouri Room	Thaddeus Bergschneider, National FFA President	On the Road Our goals may seem far off... but we are on the road to get there! In this workshop, we will explore our identity and actions that guide us on our journey.

Thursday, April 24

TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER	WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION
12:00 p.m. AND 1:15 p.m.	Hampton Inn Columbia Room	Nancy Wilkerson, Past FFA Member	Community Service Project Each session will count as one hour of Community Service. Students will be making jump ropes for "Samaritans Purse" to be placed in Shoebox Gift boxes for youth all over the world. Each attendee should bring 2 old CLEAN, colorful t-shirts to use in this project.
12:00 p.m. AND 1:15 p.m.	Hampton Inn Stephens Room	Kim Bellah, State Relations Specialist, National FFA Association	National FFA Grant Opportunities Come learn about grant opportunities to help grow communities, chapters and SAEs through the National FFA Organization! Tips for finding and applying for several grants throughout the year.
12:00 p.m.	Hampton Inn Missouri Room	Lindsey Ball and Kailey Narron, Missouri Teach Ag Ambassadors	The Roots of Opportunity Do you want to be part of the bigger picture by helping to shape the future of agriculture? Then Teach Ag! In this fun, hands-on workshop, we will highlight the amazing opportunities ag educators provide for students. Learn how you can be part of shaping the future of agriculture through Ag Education.
1:15 p.m.	Hampton Inn Missouri Room	Kearsten Peterson and Abigail Dahmer, Missouri Teach Ag Ambassadors	Teach Ag: The Ultimate Challenge! Think you have what it takes to lead the next generation of ag experts? This high-energy, hands-on workshop will put your skills to the test! Discover how teaching ag is more than a job — it's a way to change lives, lead and have fun.

2025 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Friday, April 25

TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER	WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION
9:00 a.m. AND 10:15 a.m.	Hampton Inn Columbia Room	Aubrey Schreckhise and Cody Jedlicka, PAS State Officers	Dance with Career Opportunities In this fun and interactive workshop members will learn to network with professionals in the field of agriculture. They will also discuss how they can use the connections they made through networking to "Dance with Opportunities" in their chosen career path.
9:00 a.m.	Hampton Inn Stephens Room	Lily Weber, Past State Officer	Accountability—The Glue that Binds In this interactive workshop, members will discuss the 3 C's of accountability — Clarity, Communication and Consequences. Learn how to set a framework for expectations, dialogue for intended outcomes
9:00 a.m. AND 10:15 a.m.	Hampton Inn Missouri Room	Thaddeus Bergschneider, National FFA President	On the Road Our goals may seem far off... but we are on the road to get there! In this workshop, we will explore our identity and actions that guide us on our journey.
10:15 a.m.	Hampton Inn Stephens Room	Malerie Schutt, Past State Officer	Dance to Your Own Drummer When we dance to our own drummer, we act independently, and do things our own way. Through FFA, members can shape their experiences to make them more personal. In this interactive workshop, members will explore how to personalize their FFA experience.
1:30 p.m.	Hampton Inn Missouri Room INVITATION ONLY	Avery Deevers, CTE Assistant Instructor, UCM, and Pam Proffitt- Rowland, Coordinator, Missouri Teach Ag	Rooted in Education (Invitation Only Workshop, Nominated by Instructors) Inspire and influence the next generation who will feed and shape the world of agriculture. Get ready for a fun and interactive workshop where FFA members will learn how to become the next group of passionate agriculture teachers. Through exciting, real-world activities we hope you will leave motivated and ready to pursue the life changing and important career of Agriculture Education!

NEW FFA CHAPTERS

**New FFA chapters for the 2024-25 school year will be chartered during the
Second Session, 2 p.m., Thursday, April 24.**

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Congratulations and welcome to Missouri FFA!

GENERAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 23

*** ALL LDE AND CDE EVENT INFORMATION IS LISTED ON PAGES 14-16, including registration & start times and locations.

LDEs—Ag Issues, Parliamentary Procedure, and Conduct of Meetings

CDEs—Nursery/Landscape, Dairy Foods, Livestock and Agronomy

- 1:00 p.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
- 2:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn) — See page 10 for details
- 3:15 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn) — See page 10 for details
- 4:00 p.m. Wednesday FFA Talent Performers Meeting
(Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)
- 5:30 p.m. Pre-Session and FFA Talent
- 6:00 p.m. **FIRST SESSION of the 97th Missouri FFA State Convention**
See page 18 for session details

Thursday, April 24

*** ALL LDE AND CDE EVENT INFORMATION IS LISTED ON PAGES 14-16, including registration, start times and locations.

LDEs—Creed Speaking, Division 1 Speaking, Division 2 Speaking, Advanced Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking and Employment Skills

CDEs—Forestry, Ag Mechanics, Soils, Dairy Cattle, Floriculture, Food Science, Horse Evaluation and Poultry

- 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Thursday and Friday FFA Talent Rehearsal
(Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)
- 8:00 a.m. FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship Interviews (Columns Club, North Suite)
- 9:00 a.m. New Officer Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium, Backstage)
- 10:00 a.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
- 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday FFA Talent Performers Meeting
(Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)
- 11:00 a.m. State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Mizzou Arena Foyer)
- 11:00 a.m. Delegate check in begins (Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)**
- 12:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn)
See page 10 for details
- 12:00 p.m. Delegate Orientation and Business Session
(Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)**
- 1:15 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn)
See page 10 for details
- 1:30 p.m. Pre-Session and FFA Talent
- 2:00 p.m. SECOND SESSION of the 97th Missouri FFA State Convention**
See page 19 for session details
- 4:00–5:30 p.m. Dinner for Past State Officers and Current State Officers
(Columns Club – Memorial Stadium Eastside)
- 5:30 p.m. Pre-Session and FFA Talent
- 6:00 p.m. THIRD SESSION of the 97th Missouri FFA State Convention**
See pages 20-21 for session details

GENERAL SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25

*** ALL LDE AND CDE EVENT INFORMATION IS LISTED ON PAGES 14-16, including registration, start times and locations.

LDEs—FFA Knowledge

CDEs—Meats, Ag Sales, Entomology and Farm Management

8:00 a.m.	Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
8:00 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)
8:30 a.m.	Brunch and Meeting for Retiring/New State FFA Officers/Parents Courtesy of the Missouri Farm Bureau (Columns Club, East Tower - Memorial Football Stadium)
9:00 a.m.	FFA Career Show (Mizzou Arena Concourse, 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn)—See page 11 for details
9:00–11:00 a.m.	Talent Review (Mizzou Arena Concourse)
9:30 a.m.	Dessert Reception for Honorary Degree Recipients Courtesy of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (Columns Club, East Tower – Memorial Football Stadium)
10:15 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn) See page 11 for details
10:30 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center Room 324 if needed)
11:00 a.m.	Pre-Session and FFA Talent
11:30 a.m.	FOURTH SESSION of the 97th Missouri FFA State Convention See page 22 for session details
2:45 p.m.	Talent Review — (Hearnes Center Arena)
3:00 p.m.	Seating of State Degree Candidates
3:00 p.m.	Pre-Session and FFA Talent
3:30 p.m.	2025 State FFA Chorus Concert (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
4:00 p.m.	FIFTH SESSION of the 97th Missouri FFA State Convention See page 23 for session details

MISSOURI FFA FACTS

- ✓ Missouri FFA membership includes 26,900 agricultural education students.
- ✓ Missouri FFA will award 1,088 State FFA Degrees at this convention.
- ✓ This year, 519 FFA members will be recognized with an FFA Proficiency Award for the development of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 23

CDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
NURSERY/ LANDSCAPING 12:30–4:30 p.m.	11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C10, C11, C12, C13)	Memorial Union, N201 ABC & Stotler Lounge	Hearnes Center <i>Buses depart as filled</i>	Tom Moloney
DAIRY FOODS 1:30–4:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C10, C11, C12, C13)	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE & Jesse Wrench Auditorium	Hearnes Center <i>Buses depart as filled</i>	Dr. Bongkosh Vardhananbhuti
SOILS 1:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C8, C7, C6, C5)	Off Site	Hearnes Center by bus	Sam Lord
LIVESTOCK 12:00–4:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Show Arena	Advisor pick up at Trowbridge	Kelsey Fuller & Dakota Grellner
AGRONOMY 1:00–5:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Sales Arena & Livestock Bays	Advisor pick up at Trowbridge	Tim Reinbott Andrew Biggs
LDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	30 mins. prior to presentation time for prelims	Wyndham Executive Center	Wyndham Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	Tom Mooney
CONDUCT OF MEETINGS 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	30 mins. prior to presentation time for prelims	Wyndham Executive Center	Wyndham Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	Jeremy Haley
AGRICULTURAL ISSUES FORUM 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	30 mins. prior to presentation time for prelims	Wyndham Executive Center	Wyndham Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	Jill Fansler
FINALS (PARLI, CONDUCT & ISSUES) 1 hour after prelims end	---	Wyndham Executive Center	Wyndham Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	---

OFF-SITE CDE / LDE LOCATIONS:

Wyndham Executive Center — 2200 Interstate 70 Dr. SW

Forum Christian Church — 3900 Forum Boulevard

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CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 24

CDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
FORESTRY 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	7:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Sales Arena & Livestock Bays & off-site location	Hearnes Center by bus	Dr. Hank Stelzer
AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS 8:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections F, G, H, J)	Agricultural Engineering Building	Advisor pick up at Trowbridge	Dan Downing
DAIRY CATTLE 9:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections B, C, D, E)	Trowbridge Show Arena	Advisor pick up at Trowbridge	Dr. Scott Pook
FLORICULTURE 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C8, C7, C6, C5)	Memorial Union, N201 ABC & N204 & Stotler Lounge	Hearnes Center Buses depart as filled	Lesleigh Cravens
FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C10, C11, C12, C13)	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE	Plaza 900 Students Walk	Dr. Andrew Clarke

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

Lunch provided for students at Plaza 900.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., eight finalists will be announced at the amphitheater (weather permitting). Teachers are welcome to join for the announcement. Eight finalists will return to Memorial Union (no teachers), and the remaining 16 teams will be transported by two buses to the Hearnes Center in time for the Second Convention Session. Official Dress is requested for both preliminary and finals.

At the conclusion of the event, the finalists will be escorted back to the Hearnes Center.

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FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FINALS 2:00–4:00 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	Memorial Union N214	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE & N204	Advisor pick up Memorial Union (final 8 only)	Dr. Andrew Clarke
HORSE EVALUATION 11:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C8, C7, C6, C5)	Stephens College Equestrian Center 381-499 Old 63 N, Columbia, MO	Schools pickup at Stephens	Marci Crosby
POULTRY 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Sales Arena & Livestock Bays	Advisor pick up at Trowbridge	Eric Roller

REMINDER

Advisors and Students:

Please send thank you notes to our award sponsors.

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Thursday, April 24

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CREED 8:30 a.m. / Finals to follow	8:00 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Hilary Black
DIVISION I SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Elise Luebbering
DIVISION II SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Samantha Turner
ADVANCED SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Courtney Williams
EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Gene Cook
EMPLOYMENT SKILLS 8:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Kari Weis-Asbury
FINALS (For all except Creed) Start @ 1:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	

Friday, April 25

CDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
MEATS 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Eckles – Meat Processing Lab & Eckles Event Center	Advisor pick up at Trowbridge	Dr. Teagan Schnurbusch
AGRICULTURAL SALES 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	Hearnes Center (Section C9)	Memorial (football) Stadium – Tiger Lounge and West Side Suites (Floors 3, 4, & 5)	Hearnes Center	Dr. Bryan Garton Matt Arri Laura Friedrich
ENTOMOLOGY 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C10, C11, C12, C13)	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE and N204	Hearnes Center Buses depart as filled	Dr. Deborah Finke
FARM MANAGEMENT 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C8, C7, C6, C5)	Memorial Union Stotler Lounge	Hearnes Center Buses depart as filled	Bruce Fowler
LDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
KNOWLEDGE 10:30–11:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <i>Buses Depart</i>	Hearnes Center (Sections C10, C11, C12, C13)	Memorial Union, N201 ABC & Jesse Wrench Auditorium	Hearnes Center Buses depart as filled	Dr. Jon Simonsen

GOLDEN OWL AWARD

Presented by Nationwide® and the Missouri FFA Foundation, the Golden Owl Award® recognizes outstanding Missouri agricultural educators. students, parents, fellow teachers and other supporters submitted almost 400 nominations in this inaugural year for the award in Missouri. From those nominations, 18 teachers representing the 16 Missouri FFA areas and our post-secondary/ adult education programs were selected as semi-finalists. After the second round of competition, seven finalists were surprised at their schools with a \$500 cash prize. During Thursday evening's session, one of those finalists will be named the Missouri Agricultural Educator of the Year, receiving a \$3,000 cash prize and the coveted Golden Owl Award trophy.



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Designed to train students to be stronger advocates for agriculture, HYMAX Academy challenges students through hands-on activities while digging into the issues facing agriculture today. The program works to sharpen skills and strengthen voices of freshmen in high school.



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A youth leadership conference, HYPE is designed to challenge and equip 30 incoming high school senior FFA members to be advocates for agriculture. These 30 FFA members receive hands-on experiences to prepare them to communicate, lead and advocate for the agricultural industry. In addition, students gain strategies to continue strengthening their knowledge base in agricultural issues, sharpen their written and verbal communication skills and spark potential career interests. Most importantly, these students bring home tools to help themselves and other members in their FFA chapter tell agriculture's story.



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Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy (MAbA) provides 30 Missouri high school sophomores a chance to explore the vast agribusiness resources of our state. Academy members are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process.

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FFA members who graduated as a part of the 2024 MAbA class will be recognized during Thursday afternoon's Convention session.



FIRST SESSION PROGRAM

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23

Opening Ceremony — 2024-2025 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Gentrie Davis, State Vice-President, Marshall FFA Chapter

Invocation — Kennedy Heil, State Vice-President, Norborne FFA Chapter

National Anthem — Riley Wilson, Boonville FFA Chapter

Session Reflections — Mikaela Rojas, Amelia Hawkins, Braden Havlik, Carmen Wilburn

Remarks from Missouri Department of Agriculture — Director Chris Chinn

BOAC Missouri Department of Agriculture Grant Awards

Missouri Agribusiness Academy Recipients

Distinguished Service Awards

Convention Keynote Speaker — Thaddeus Bergschneider, National FFA President -
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FFA Talent

Proficiency Awards

Food Products & Processing Pathway

Food Service

Natural Resources/Conservation Systems Pathway

Environmental Science & Natural Resource Management

Forest Management & Products

Outdoor Recreation

Wildlife Production & Management

Power, Structural & Technical Systems Pathway - Sponsored by Heritage Tractor

Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication

Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance–Entrepreneurship

Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance–Placement

FFA Talent

Chapter Activity Awards — Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapters
Sponsored by FCS Financial

Closing Ceremony

SECOND SESSION PROGRAM

2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24

Opening Ceremony — 2024-2025 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Carmen Wilburn, State Vice President, Van-Far FFA Chapter

Invocation — Madilynn Wehmeyer, State Vice President, Columbia FFA Chapter

Session Reflections — Alexis Mullins, Annabelle Carlisle, Jackson Rhine, Kade Jenkins

Welcome to Mizzou — Dean Christopher Daubert, Vice Chancellor and Dean of CAFNR

FFA Talent

FFA Leadership Development Event — Wednesday Events (in order of presentation)

Agricultural Issues

Conduct of Meetings

Parliamentary Procedure

Missouri Teach Ag Fall Speaking LDE Winner — Jessie Bennett, Richland FFA Chapter

Missouri FFA Convention T-Shirt Results

Missouri Ruralist Larry Harper Young Writers Contest — Mindy Ward, Editor

FFA Talent

Swine Facility Management Contest — Missouri Pork Producers — Diane Slater

Soybean Innovation Challenge — Missouri Soybeans — Bailey Asbury

FFA Talent

Missouri Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Recognition

Charter Presentation to New FFA Chapters

Agriscience Fair

Animal Systems

Environmental Services/ Natural Resource Systems

Food Products & Processing Systems

Plant Systems Pathway - **Sponsored by FMC**

Power, Structure, and Technical Systems

Social Science Systems

Closing Ceremony

THIRD SESSION PROGRAM

6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24

Opening Ceremony — 2024-2025 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Matthew Lakey, State Vice President, Ava FFA Chapter

Invocation — Braden Havlik, State Vice President, Silex FFA Chapter

National Anthem — Centralia Fab 5

Session Reflections — Gavin Rhode, Emma Robinson, Gentry Davis, Madilynn Wehmeyer

Remarks from Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education —
Commissioner Dr. Karla Eslinger

Career Development Event Results — Pre-Convention Events (in order of presentation)
Agricultural Communications
Environmental and Natural Resources
Veterinary Science

Recognition of Past State FFA Officer Teams

FFA Talent

Proficiency Awards

Agricultural Business Pathway—Sponsored by BTC Bank

Agricultural Communications

Agricultural Education

Agricultural Processing

Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship

Agricultural Sales – Placement

Agricultural Services

Agriscience Research – Animal Systems

Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems

Agriscience Research – Plant Systems

Diversified Agriculture Production

FFA Talent

FFA Alumni — WLC Scholarships and Hagan Scholarship

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Proficiency Awards

Animal Science Pathway

Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
Beef Production – Placement
Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship
Dairy Production – Placement
Diversified Livestock Production
Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
Equine Science – Placement
Goat Production
Poultry Production
Sheep Production
Small Animal Production and Care
Specialty Animal Production
Swine Production – Entrepreneurship
Swine Production – Placement
Veterinary Science

FFA Talent

**Missouri FFA Foundation — Heather Dimitt-Fletcher
Golden Owl Award Presentation**

Proficiency Awards

Plant Science Pathway - Sponsored by MTI Greenhouse Solutions

Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship
Diversified Crop Production – Placement
Diversified Horticulture
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
Forage Production
Fruit & Nut Production
Grain Production
Landscape Installation
Nursery Operations
Specialty Crop Production
Turf and Landscape Maintenance
Vegetable Production

Closing Ceremony

FOURTH SESSION PROGRAM

11:30 a.m. Friday, April 25

Opening Ceremony — 2024-2025 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Emma Robinson, State Vice President, Republic FFA Chapter

Invocation — Carmen Wilburn, State Vice President, Van-Far FFA Chapter

Career Development Event Results — Wednesday/Thursday Events (in order of presentation)

Agricultural Mechanics

Agronomy

Dairy Cattle

Dairy Foods

Floriculture

Food Science and Technology

Forestry

Horse Evaluation

Livestock Evaluation

Nursery / Landscape

Poultry

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FFA Leadership Development Events — Thursday Events (in order of presentation)

Creed Speaking

Division 1 Speaking

Division 2 Speaking

Advanced Speaking

Extemporaneous Speaking

Employment Skills

FFA Talent

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

MVATA President Remarks — Travis Kramme, Sullivan

MVATA Teach Ag Scholarships

Honorary Degree Presentation

Honoring of State FFA Officers' Parents

FFA Talent

Introduction of New State FFA Officers

Installation of New Officers

State Officer Retirement

Closing Ceremony

2025 CHORUS CONCERT

3:30 p.m. Friday, April 25

State FFA Chorus

Director: Beth Dampf, Choral Director, California

Accompanist: Beth Eckles, Jefferson City

“Give Us Hope” — Papoulis

“You Cannot Lose My Love” — LaBarr

“He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother” — Althouse

“If You’re Out There” — Brymer

FIFTH SESSION PROGRAM

4:00 p.m. Friday, April 25

National Anthem “Star Spangled Banner”

Arrangement, Jamey Ray — 2025 State FFA Chorus

Opening Ceremony — 2024-2025 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Braden Havlik, State Vice President, Silex FFA Chapter

Invocation — Emma Robinson, State Vice President, Republic FFA Chapter

Session Reflections — Andi Belt, Kennedy Heil, Langston Mitchell, Matthew Lakey

Introduction of Guests

Remarks from University of Missouri — President Mun Choi

FFA Talent

Career Development Event Results — Friday Events (in order of presentation)

Agricultural Sales

Entomology

Farm Management

Meats

FFA Leadership Development Event Results — Friday Event

FFA Knowledge

Missouri FFA Foundation — Heather Dimitt-Fletcher

State FFA Degree Ceremony

State FFA Talent

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FFA Talent

Awarding of the State FFA Degree — Sponsored by MFA Inc.

Closing Ceremony

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Gallatin
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Brunswick
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Rich Hill
Area 7

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Area 9

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Lebanon
Area 10

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McDonald Co.
Area 11

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Area 12

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Area 13

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Hermann
Area 14

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Fredricktown
Area 15

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Eldon
Area 8

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Miller
Area 9

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Pleasant Hope
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Area 15

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Area 8

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Area 9

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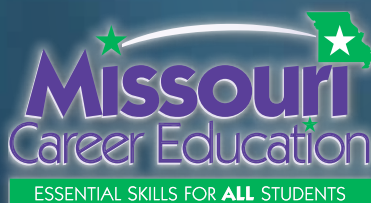
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