

**31,575**  
agricultural  
education  
students in  
Missouri

## SCHOOL-BASED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION



### INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM

Students explore natural and social sciences, entrepreneurship and other careers through a classroom, greenhouse, laboratory or outdoor setting.



### SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

SAEs enhance student experience and allow for classroom application. Unique to each student, SAEs are personalized learning and based on career interests and aspirations.



### LEADERSHIP THROUGH FFA

Organizations like FFA help prepare students for career success through agricultural education by ensuring members are career-ready when they graduate high school.

## OUR VISION:

Agricultural education envisions a world where all people value and understand the vital role of agriculture and natural resources in advancing personal and global well-being.

## 5 FAST FACTS:

- **361** —Missouri high schools, career centers and community colleges offering agriculture classes.
- **5,243** —high school agriculture graduates in 2022 with 60% pursuing agriculture as a career.
- **\$69,827,157** —2024 SAE-generated statewide income.
- **93.7%** —Missouri ag education graduates placed in some way after high school.
- **17,450+** —volunteer service hours from agricultural education students in community-related activities.

### Classroom / Laboratory

### Experiential Learning

Supervised Agricultural Experiences (Entrepreneurship, Placement, Agriscience, Apprenticeships, Internships)

### Leadership

FFA, Professional Agriculture Students, Young Farmers, MO Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association



## GROWING LEADERS



Agricultural education programs and FFA chapters are critical partners for

promoting agriculture, food and forestry careers. Missouri agriculture and forestry contributes **\$93.7** billion annually to the state's economy, accounting for **456,618** jobs.\*

\* Economic Contribution of Missouri, 2021

"FFA wasn't just about farming and production agriculture; it was about building the skills and foundation for my ag career. It was the place where I learned public speaking, the business side of agriculture, to think critically about agricultural issues, and to work effectively as part of a team. The technical knowledge I gained in the classroom gave me a real edge and the network of connections I made – fellow members, advisors, industry professionals – those relationships have opened doors throughout my journey. I wouldn't be where I am today without the experiences, skills and opportunities that FFA provided."

—Rob Guinn, Chief Executive Officer  
FCS Financial



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## BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Through local Missouri FFA chapters, agricultural education students build community partnerships. Across the state, members engaged in four areas of community service:

- Hunger, Health and Nutrition
- Community Engagement
- Environmental Responsibility
- Community Safety

**41** Chapters

**4,962** Volunteers

**17,450+** Service Hours

**\$540,950**  
Economic Impact\*\*

\*\* Based on 2024 data, the most recent available.

Learn real-world skills.  
Get hands-on experience.  
Explore careers. Find a career mentor.  
Be college- and career-ready.  
Find your passion.  
Earn \$ while you learn.  
Be an entrepreneur.  
Put your talents to work.



## STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE

Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs) help students explore careers, refine their future choices, meet real-world job expectations and develop specific skills to be successful in the agricultural industry. By applying what students learn in the classroom through their SAEs, students gain an enhanced experience based from personalized learning.

### 2024 ECONOMIC IMPACT:

**\$69,827,157**

statewide SAE-generated net income

**\$3,967**

SAE net income per student

### Graduate Placement:\*\*\*

**93.7%** of Missouri ag education graduates were placed in some way after high school.

**55%** Continuing Education

**36%** Employed **2%** Military

\*\*\* Based on 2022 data, the most recent available.



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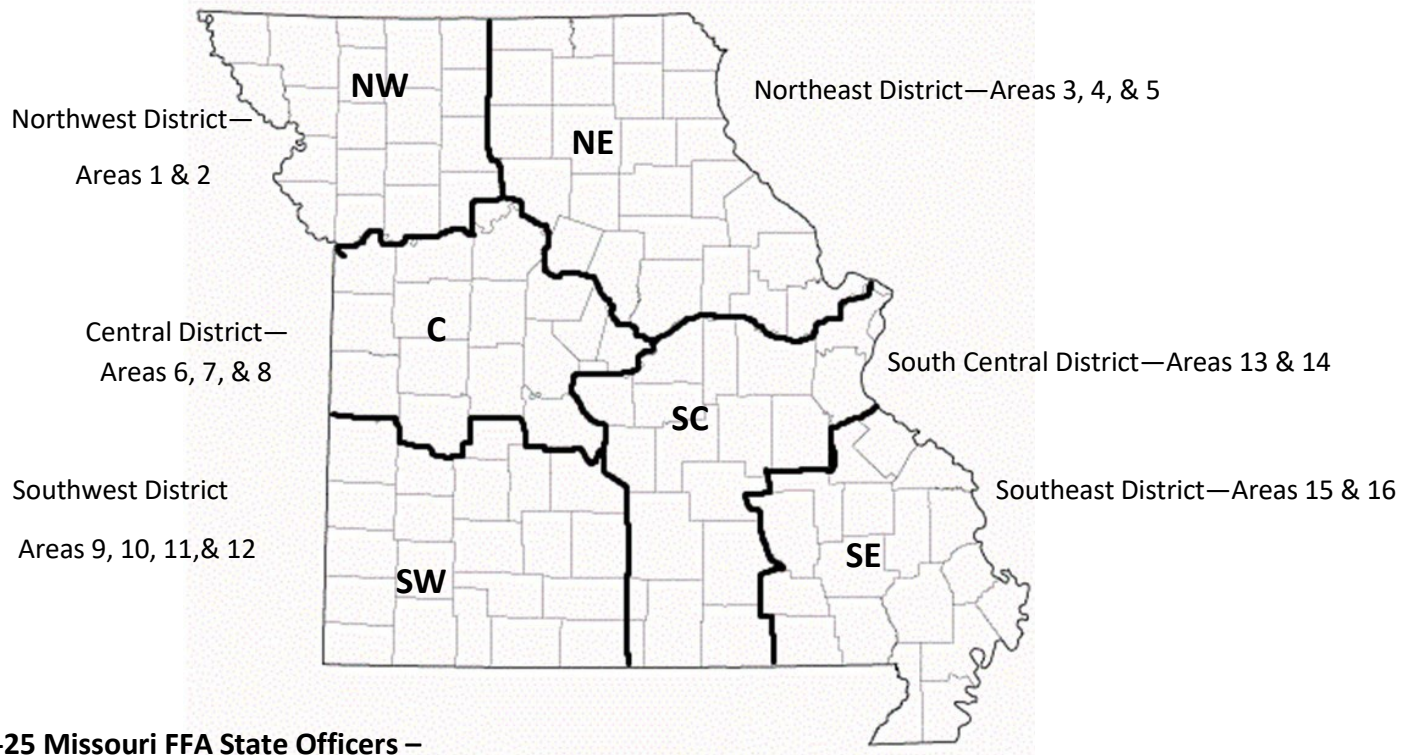
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# Missouri FFA & Agricultural Education Facts

## 2025 FFA Knowledge LDE Resource

### Missouri FFA Districts & Areas –



### 2024-25 Missouri FFA State Officers –

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| President – Andi Belt, North Shelby                      | Vice President – Matthew Lakey, Ava               |
| 1st Vice President – Mikaela Rojas, Linn County          | Vice President – Langston Mitchell, Cassville     |
| Secretary – Gavin Rhode, East Buchanan                   | Vice President – Alexis Mullins, St. James        |
| Vice President – Annabelle Carlisle, Senath Hornersville | Vice President – Jackson Rhine, Joplin            |
| Vice President – Gentrie Davis, Marshall                 | Vice President – Emma Robinson, Republic          |
| Vice President – Amelia Hawkins, Ashland                 | Vice President – Madilynn Wehmeyer, Columbia      |
| Vice President – Braden Havlik, Silex                    | Vice President – Carmen Wilburn, Van-Far          |
| Vice President – Kennedy Heil, Norborne                  | State Officer Mentor – Claire Walker, Chillicothe |
| Vice President – Kade Jenkins, Mount Vernon              |   |

### 2024-25 Missouri Agricultural Education & FFA State Staff –

- Keith Dietzschold - Director of Agricultural Education/State FFA Advisor
- Teresa Briscoe – Agricultural Education Leadership Supervisor/State FFA Executive Secretary
- Lee Crabtree - NW District Supervisor
- Marie Davis - NE District Supervisor/State FFA Executive Treasurer
- Lisa Evans - Central District Supervisor
- David Higgins - SC & SE District Supervisor
- Jim Spencer Jr. - SW District Supervisor



## Missouri FFA Demographics –

Agricultural Education Enrollment – 31,575

Number of FFA Chapters – 361

2023-24 State FFA Membership – 26,968

## Missouri FFA Leadership Events –



Greenhand Motivational Conferences (GMC) – Held annually in January, State FFA Officers educate and motivate new FFA members to become active in the organization and set personal goals during this conference.

State FFA Convention – Held annually in Columbia during April, State FFA Convention provides an opportunity for members to gain leadership skills, compete in Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events, explore careers and educational opportunities, and receive recognition for personal and chapter achievements.

LEAD (Lead, Educate, Advance, Develop) Conference for Chapter Officers – Held each May at various locations across the state, the LEAD Conference prepares chapter officer teams for their year of service through team building activities, POA planning, and developing a chapter recruitment plan.

Public Speaking Academy (PSA) – Each June, FFA members can participate in this three-day event designed for speakers of all experience levels. Each student develops and presents their speech on an agricultural topic.

State FFA Leadership Camp – Held each summer for six weeks at Camp Rising Sun on the Lake of the Ozarks, State FFA Leadership Camp provide members with opportunities for personal leadership development, interaction with State FFA Officers and other members, and recreational activities.

Area Officer Institute (AOI) – Each June, Area FFA Officer teams are invited to participate in AOI to develop team goals, establish officer responsibilities and gain valuable experience needed for success as Area Officers.

HYMAX Academy – **H**elping **Y**outh **M**aximize **A**gricultural **eX**periences, HYMAX was established as a tribute to long-time State FFA Advisor, Dr. Terry Heiman. HYMAX attendees are Greenhands (100 strong) who gain experience in developing an agriculture advocacy plan, tour unique agricultural operations, and develop friendships with other members.

HYPE Academy – **H**elping **Y**outh **P**repare for **E**xcellence, HYPE was established in partnership with the Missouri Corn Growers to give students hands-on experiences in communicating and advocating for the agricultural industry. Thirty (30) incoming seniors will leave with tools to help others tell the agriculture story!

Public Speaking Institute (PSI) – Two weekends in January there is a one day institute that targets freshmen through seniors to improve their public speaking skills. Attendees gain knowledge in FFA speaking CDE's, tips on advocating for agriculture, and the essentials to better verbal communication.

Food Insecurity Day at the State Fair – In 2024, 725+ MO FFA members from 88 chapters packed 193,084 meals. This State Day of Service event was one piece of the Drive to Feed Kids (DTFK) Program in partnership with MO Farmers Care, MO State Fair, MO Department of Agriculture, MO 4-H and other agricultural organizations across Missouri. The purpose of DTFK is to assist those in need and bring awareness to food insecurity in Missouri where it is estimated in rural Missouri, as many as one in five people face food insecurity and in parts of Missouri, one in three children face food insecurity on a regular basis.