



MISSOURI FFA Foundation

QUARTERLY IMPACT REPORT



>>> DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Last quarter was full of momentum at the Missouri FFA Foundation. From surprise visits to teachers recognized as Golden Owl Award finalists to celebrating student achievements at the Missouri FFA State Convention, it's the support from you, our donors and sponsors who made it all possible. Because of your generosity, hundreds of students at state convention received awards and scholarships. You've also helped fund training for the statewide leadership of Missouri FFA. Along the way, we've obtained reports from dozens of students who received SAE grants, and nearly 45 schools that benefited from classroom grants. These grants brought to life

ag mech buildings—investments that are shaping the future of agricultural ed. If you're not already following us on social media, be sure to check out our See It Saturdays, where we highlight these inspiring projects.

As always, we hope the brief stories in this report offer a glimpse into the real-world impact of your support. You are helping build a more knowledgeable and prepared generation of agricultural leaders across Missouri.

Have a wonderful summer! We'll update you again in September.

Heather Dimitt-Fletcher
Missouri FFA Foundation Executive Director

HONORING OUR EDUCATORS

>>> GOLDEN OWL FINALISTS

In March, our foundation team and ag education state staff, traveled around the state to surprise seven teachers recognized as finalists for this year's Golden Owl Award. Finalists received a \$500 cash prize in recognition of their commitment to improving the quality of ag education in Missouri, their belief in the future of agriculture, their diligent work and dedication to shaping the future of the industry.

March



April



WHERE OPPORTUNITIES DANCE

>>> MISSOURI FFA STATE CONVENTION

Missouri FFA Members *Danced With Opportunity* at the 97th Missouri FFA State Convention! With more than 9,400 attendees, including more than 5,000 students representing 285 FFA chapters gathered together at the Hearn Center in Columbia, MO, it was definitely a celebration of students knowledge and skills in the agriculture industry. We are incredibly thankful for our sponsors and donors who support our members, advisors, parents and other supporters to celebrate agricultural education!

AG EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

2025 GOLDEN OWL WINNER

At the Missouri FFA State Convention, Scott Stone was announced as the Missouri FFA Foundation's Missouri Ag Educator of the Year. He received the coveted Golden Owl trophy and a \$3,000 cash prize!

Scott grew up as the son of dairy farmers in central Pennsylvania. After obtaining a degree from Penn State University, he found his way to the Show Me State to begin teaching. For the past 27 years, he has made Centralia his home, raising his family and teaching ag ed at the high school. Part of Scott's exceptionality as a teacher is being an active member of the community. He's worked with the local ag community to start a SAE grant program and partnered with the garden club to provide students hands on opportunities. Scott shares, "In my 27.5 years of teaching, I have had the privilege of working with over 2,000 students. Regardless of their level of involvement, my goal has always been to provide each student with the best experience possible."



May

CONNECTING WITH STATE OFFICERS

BLAST OFF!

The new cohort of Missouri FFA State Officers were introduced at the Missouri FFA State Convention. In May, our Executive Director joined them at Blast Off - their beginning training where they learned more about their duties as officers and how to be effective advocates for Missouri agricultural education. She gave them an overview of the Foundation and then led them through a team building exercise. If you see an officer, ask what happened to "Bill"!



PREPARING THE NEXT GEN

LEAD CONFERENCE

The annual Lead Conference was held from May 27th-30th across the state!

Each year, previous state FFA officers facilitate this conference that gives chapter officers an opportunity to jumpstart their year of service. FFA members work together as an officer team to learn about engaging with stakeholders, marketing their chapter, and remembering their "Why"!



LEARNING BY DOING

AG EDUCATOR PD

Missouri Ag Ed has a community of educators happy to share their expertise with their fellow teachers. With support from the Foundation, professional development opportunities have been expanding across the state. One recent event included the Southwest Seminar on Wheels. Ten participants toured a variety of agriculture-related businesses and organizations, picking up information to share with approximately 1000 students.

One participant said, "The interactions between our veteran teachers and our newer teachers is crucial. On the last day one of the veteran teachers told the young teachers about his student's very heart-wrenching shop accident. There was not a dry eye in the room. I have no doubt that the young teachers will think of that story when they review safety in their shops."



YOU'RE INVITED!

Alumni & Supporters Reunion

August 9, 2025

Missouri State Fairgrounds

Taylor Woods Building

4:00-6:00 p.m.



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