



MISSOURI FFA Foundation

QUARTERLY IMPACT REPORT



»»» DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

What a whirlwind the past three months have been here at the Missouri FFA Foundation! We've been awarding grants to students, accepting grant applications for classroom projects, securing sponsors for Missouri FFA State Convention and other leadership events, traveling across the state to recognize outstanding teachers, and trying to reconnect with Past State Officers. Then came FFA Week with a flurry of activities, some of our favorites included Jon Wilson's students in Gainsville donning mustaches in his honor, Jarred Sayre's classes in Milan recording the FFA Creed in three different languages, Kendra Allen's FFA Chapter in Mexico

packing more than 2,000 meals for families, and of course Tractor Day at the State Capital. Not to mention the rush that was Give FFA Day, our highest day of giving since we joined the national initiative four years ago. I hope you enjoy this quarter's edition of the impact report which highlights a few of these activities showing how your financial support of the foundation has been a wise investment. Oh, keep an eye on our social media. We share the latest news there. Believe it or not MOFFA's Centennial Chartering is only two years away! Committees are developing a variety of celebrations, including activities for alumni and supporters.

Heather Dimitt-Fletcher
Missouri FFA Foundation Executive Director

ADVOCATING FOR AGRICULTURE »»» NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In December, Diane Slater, Nick Rackers, Jay Shepard, Steve Brown, and Stan Coday joined the Missouri FFA Foundation Board of Directors. Board members that represent multiple facets of agriculture are crucial to identifying the Foundation's priority areas for funding. These new members represent agribusiness, animal sciences, and ag education.

December

SUPPORTING STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP »»» 2025 SAE GRANT RECIPIENTS

In January, we awarded **32 grants** to students ranging from \$500-\$1000 to start or expand their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Projects. SAEs provide real-world learning and student entrepreneurship opportunities. They also have a significant economic impact, as Missouri FFA members reported earnings of \$76.4 Million in SAE income in 2025. The breakdown of projects included poultry operations supporting ducks, chickens, quails, and turkeys; along with projects for beef cattle, rabbits, swine, goats, lawncare, ag business, sheep production, plant science, beekeeping, welding, wood working, and vermiculture.

January



INVESTING IN FUTURE LEADERS

GREENHAND MOTIVATIONAL CONFERENCES

In January, Missouri FFA State Officers traveled across the state conducting Greenhand Motivational Conferences! New members zipped up their blue corduroy jackets for one of their first statewide FFA events. More than **2,000 attendees** discovered opportunities available for them in FFA. At the same time, they were led through hands on workshops encouraging them to be positive role models, gain skills to be active team members and to make a positive difference in their lives, schools and communities.



February

CREATING NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

YOUNG FARMERS STATE CONVENTION

The Missouri Young Farmers Education Association held their annual state convention from January 30th-31st in Columbia, Missouri. Around **90 people attended** with workshop topics ranging from virtual fencing, farm succession planning, ag mech, and first aid safety in agriculture. The hosted an FFA speech contest and invited members of the Missouri FFA Alumni & Supporters Council to attend.



ADVOCATING FOR AGRICULTURE

LEGISLATIVE DAY

In February, Missouri FFA State Officers held their annual legislative day in Jefferson City. State officers visited law makers to share the significant influence agricultural education and FFA have on student leadership and career development. Sixteen legislators donned their FFA jacket for a picture in the Rotunda. State President, Ivy Elwell, spoke in front of the general session, among other things explaining the local and statewide impact of the Foundation's Horizon & Rising Sun Grant program. You can listen to Ivy's speech at <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1322495199907805&set=a.628822802608385>



LIVING TO SERVE EXEMPLIFIED

2026 GIVE FFA DAY

Thank you to those who supported Give FFA Day on February 26th! This year we raised **\$19,877** through donations from 120 individual donors, 40 Missouri counties, 79 current and past state officers, and 16 current and retired ag teachers. Thank you to FCS Financial for doubling this impact by making a matching gift.



RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

▶▶▶ GOLDEN OWL SEMI-FINALISTS

The Golden Owl Award®, sponsored by Nationwide and FCS Financial, recognizes the contributions of Missouri’s leading agricultural teachers. For this year’s program, 501 nominations were collected from local students, parents, fellow teachers and community members across Missouri. From those nominations, 18 teachers were named as semi-finalists on February 25. Semi-finalists received \$250 and a specially designed backpack. They move on to a second round of competition where seven state finalists will be chosen, each of whom will receive \$500. Watch our social media in the coming weeks to see who those finalists may be.

Congratulations to this year's semi-finalists!

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| Johnny Viebrock Smithville | Jim Phillips Stockton |
| Erica Hart Kearney | Kristy Sivits Aurora |
| Jarred Sayre Milan | Sarah Peterson Mansfield |
| Christina Terry Mexico | Jon Wilson Gainesville |
| Mary Leykamp Montgomery Co. R-II | Danielle Blair Union |
| Martha Schreiman Santa Fe | Nick Nordwald Sikeston CTC |
| Tammy Bartholomew Miami | Kyle Mabury Clearwater |
| Shelby Haag Pettis Co. R-V | Jack Green NCCM |
| Michael Lee Golden City | Jenny Bradley North Shelby High School |

SAVE THE DATE!

Past State Officer & Sponsor Reception

April 16, 2026

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Mizzou Arena

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