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MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION



ANNUAL REPORT

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

Missouri DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Stepping into the director's seat on July 13, 2026 has been a whirlwind. While I've been drinking from a firehose at times, the transition has been a good one. My 30 years in the classroom have prepared me for the challenges presented each day, and I have been grateful for the warm welcome.

The contents of our 2026 Annual Report only strengthen my belief in Missouri Agricultural Education. The dedication of our students, teachers, state staff and supporters makes me deeply proud to be an ag educator.

Our enduring strength lies in the Three-Circle Model of Agricultural Education: Classroom/Laboratory Instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and FFA. By staying true to this foundation, ag will continue to thrive across Missouri.

This strength is exemplified by the organizations within Missouri Ag Ed. MVATA, FFA, PAS, FFA Alumni and Supporters, Young Farmers (MYFEA) and the Missouri FFA Foundation all contribute to our success. Our partnerships establish a collaborative environment where students, teachers, supporters and everyone in between has an opportunity to thrive.

Alongside these partners, the Missouri FFA Foundation has built an impactful group of organizations, businesses and individuals who help generate resources for our programs. As we build and grow, we must continue to tap into the vast array of agriculture resources.

Our teacher-education programs are doing an exceptional job preparing the next generation of educators. While they may bring fresh approaches to the profession, their passion for agricultural education ensures our strong tradition of achievement will continue.

As we look back at 2026 and build toward the future, the challenge remains creating an environment among all stakeholders that encourages the growth and success of agriculture education in Missouri. I challenge every person who plays a role to continue on the path of achievement and support of others. Let's roll up our sleeves, focus on what matters most and work together to write the next chapter of success in Missouri Ag Ed.

Jeff Voris

Director, Agricultural Education
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

MISSOURI AG ED OVERVIEW

Together We Are...

- Growing educated and informed consumers
- Assisting with workforce development
- Meeting the needs of traditional and non-traditional students
- Helping students develop practical and leadership skills

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.

Missouri Team Ag Ed Partner Organizations

Missouri FFA Association
Missouri FFA Alumni & Supporters
Missouri FFA Foundation
Missouri Professional Agricultural Student Organization
Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
Missouri Young Farmers Education Association

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SCHOOL-BASED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION



Through classroom and laboratory instruction, agricultural education students use unique problem-solving skills.



Ag education students gain hands-on experience outside the classroom through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).



Leadership development activities through involvement in FFA, PAS, MYFEA and MVATA promote personal skill development.

AT A GLANCE

- **371** Missouri agricultural education programs.
- **30,178** students enrolled in Missouri agricultural education programs.
- **5,563** high school agricultural education graduates.

Strategic Plan Priorities Guide Missouri Agricultural Education

Comprehensive program reach. Quality curriculum and resources. Agriculture, food and natural resources literacy. Quality instruction and instructors.

DOING TO LEARN

hands-on education

$3,612

average SAE-generated labor income per student

$82,351,276

total SAE-generated student labor income

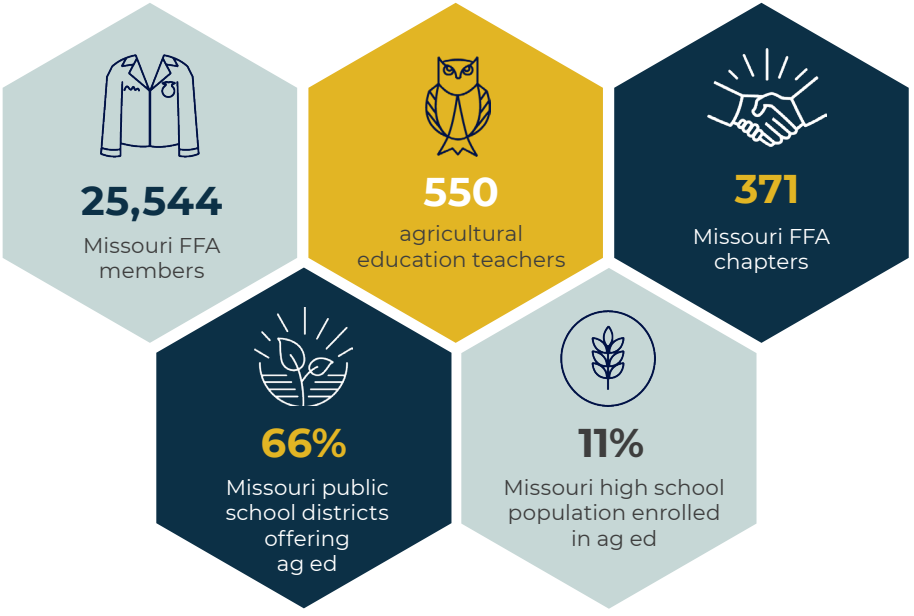


Missouri's Top 5
Supervised Agricultural Experiences

1. Food Product & Processing Systems, Placement
2. Animal Systems, Placement
3. Agribusiness Systems, Placement
4. Power Structure Systems, Placement
5. Beef Production, Entrepreneurship

AG ED *top ten*

1. Missouri FFA members voted in a new affiliation membership model, increasing state membership to **over 30,000**.
2. 23 Agriscience Fair applications submitted to nationals with **14 selected as national finalists**.
3. State FFA Convention moved to **Mizzou Arena**.
4. **740 American Degree recipients**, number one in the nation.
5. State officers engaged with Missouri FFA members an average of **2.4 times.**
6. A record-breaking **1,141 State FFA Degrees** were awarded at State Convention.
7. North Shelby Ag Mechanics **won the top spot** at National Convention, recognized on page 16.
8. Six Missouri FFA members were named **National Proficiency Winners**, recognized on page 13.
9. A record-breaking **252,564 meals packed** by 782 members from 95 FFA chapters at the Missouri State Fair.
10. **Two new FFA chapters** chartered this year, bringing the total to 371.



The Missouri FFA Association



GROWING LEADERS

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE



FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

"I believe in the future of agriculture."

For generations, agricultural education students have begun the FFA Creed with these familiar words. But belief is more than hoping for something to happen. It is confidence in what is possible. Across Missouri, the future of agriculture is not something we have to hope for; we see it taking shape every day in our classrooms. This past year, more than 30,000 students were given the opportunity to learn and grow in ag ed. Some are conducting agriscience research and developing innovative solutions. Others are building technical skills, discovering their voice through public speaking or learning how to communicate about agriculture to their communities. No matter what path these students choose to pursue, they emerge as leaders ready to impact our world.

The challenges facing ag do not all look the same, and neither do the leaders who meet them. Ag education gives students a place to discover how their individual strengths, interests and ideas can become part of something larger than themselves. The ag industry will need producers and researchers, educators and advocates, innovators and entrepreneurs. Ag ed allows students to explore where their own interests and abilities can meet the needs of an ever-changing industry.

This year, 5,563 students graduated from Missouri agricultural education programs. Behind them are thousands more students still discovering what is possible. Their futures will take them in different directions, and agriculture will continue to change along the way. But the leadership they gained through agricultural education will never fade.

Ellie Samek
State President
Missouri FFA Association

The FFA Vision

Students whose lives are impacted by FFA and agricultural education will achieve academic and personal growth, strengthen American agriculture and provide leadership to build healthy local communities, a strong nation and a sustainable world.

GROWING LEADERS

MISSOURI FFA



2026-27 STATE FFA OFFICERS

Back (L to R): Stetson Stone, Centralia; Grant Cottrell, Washington; Miles Neely, Lockwood; Connal Anderson, Lathrop; Brayden Henderson, Warsaw; Lane Carter - First Vice President, Audrain Co. R-VI. Middle (L to R): Jordan Tucker, Buffalo; Madeline O'Brien - Secretary, Troy; Morgan Nelson, Concordia; Allyson Burns, Perryville; Lindsey Magruder, South Shelby; Kiley Jenkins, Mount Vernon. Front (L to R): Kristin Waters, Norborne; Trinity Dreckshage, North Shelby; Allie Wagner, Carthage; Ellie Samek - President, Bolivar.

MORE THAN MOWING

What started with a lawn mower and a willingness to work has grown into an award-winning business for Tarkio FFA member Quin Staten.

At just 10 years old, Staten began mowing lawns in his community. His small start up eventually became Q & M Mowing, a growing lawn care and landscaping business serving customers across Atchison County.

As the business grew, so did Staten's responsibilities. His services expanded beyond mowing to debris removal, gutter cleaning, fertilizer application, landscaping, leaf cleanup and flower bed design. Before beginning his freshman year, Staten bought out his father's share of the business and took on full responsibility for its operation.

Running a business has given him experience far beyond the work itself. He has learned to manage finances, payroll, invoices, advertising, employees, equipment and customer relationships while making decisions about the company's future.

Staten has also faced challenges along the way. He has had a visual impairment since birth and has worked to find ways to adapt rather than allowing it to limit his goals.

Attention to detail has become an important part of Staten's business approach. Maintaining professional equipment, keeping machinery in working order, planning work efficiently and communicating with employees have helped Q & M Mowing take on increasingly demanding projects. Staten also uses QuickBooks to track the financial side of the operation, including payroll, invoices, taxes and profit and loss statements.

His years of hard work and determination earned Staten one of the highest honors available for SAEs: Missouri State Star in Agribusiness.

For Staten, the recognition represents more than business success. It is the culmination of years of learning, adapting and working toward a goal that began with a simple lawn mower and an entrepreneurial spirit almost a decade ago.

His story is a reminder that agricultural entrepreneurship can begin anywhere and determination can turn a small opportunity into a successful business and a promising future.





BUILDING A BETTER HERD

Beau Ann Graves is building a better herd one calf at a time.

A member of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, Graves grew up around cattle and quickly developed an appreciation for the work behind a successful livestock operation. That interest evolved into a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) centered on raising, marketing and continually improving quality cattle.

Her commitment to agriculture earned Graves the title of 2026 Missouri FFA State Star Farmer, an award recognizing FFA members who demonstrate outstanding achievement in production agriculture through their SAE.

Graves' operation includes purebred Angus, Hereford, Maine-Anjou, Miniature Hereford and club calf-producing cows. She also raises purebred Hereford and crossbred cattle that are sold for beef production.

While beef cattle production remains at the heart of her operation, Graves is also looking ahead. She has incorporated advanced reproductive technologies, including in vitro fertilization (IVF), to expand her herd while making strategic genetic improvements.

"My goal is to build something that continues to improve year after year," Graves says. "Technologies like IVF have allowed me to accelerate that progress and create cattle that are competitive both in the show ring and in production."

Her experiences in the show ring have provided another avenue for growth. Showing has helped Graves develop a stronger understanding of livestock quality while building communication, confidence and decision-making skills that serve her beyond the farm.

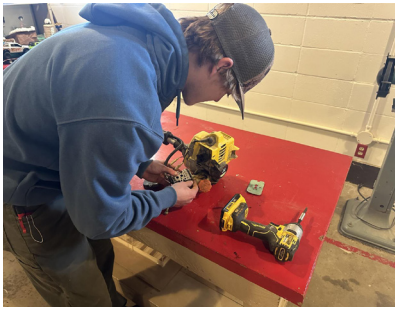
For Graves, agriculture is both a tradition and a path forward. By combining hard work and hands-on experience with new technology and a focus on genetics, she is preparing not only for the future of her own operation, but for a career in the cattle industry she has grown up loving.

EXCELLENCE *in action*



Lynn Dyer
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

"I wanted to find engaging ways to help students learn about agriculture. My favorite part is helping students see where food, farming and opportunity intersect."



Casey Vannoy
AG MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

"There aren't many people in my area working on small engines. I saw a need for fast, reliable and affordable repairs. It has taken sacrifices from me and my family."



Mitchell Herigon
AG MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

"Through my years of experience, I can now diagnose and repair equipment that may be too old or unique for a repair manual."



Chase Hall
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

"My SAE shows how a new ag technology can benefit both farmers and students. It meets a need for timely and affordable crop applications and has continued to grow."



Madeliene Pollard
DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION

"As I have grown and progressed through this SAE, I have gained a better understanding of the ins and outs of running my own farming operation."



Cordray Baker
LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION

"My SAE has provided me with vast knowledge, which will not only help me in college but also with future jobs and eventually owning my own business."

national proficiency WINNERS


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I believe in the future of agricultture...

AREA OFFICER INSTITUTE
YEAR OF SERVICE

Stepping into a leadership role comes with challenges, new experiences and opportunities to grow. For Silex FFA member and Area V FFA President Avery Twellman, Area Officer Institute (AOI) helped prepare her for the fast-paced year ahead.

AOI is a two-day experience filled with workshops, networking and activities designed to prepare area officer teams for their year of service.

While a lot is packed into the two-day training, it is designed to prepare area officers for a busy year ahead.

"AOI is a whirlwind of two days," Twellman says. "Being pushed out of our comfort zones set an expectation for how our year was going to go. Now, after having conducted our first Area V event, I see that like AOI, our year of service as area officers will be fast paced, epecially when connecting with members and hosting events."

The greatest lesson she learned was the importance of putting FFA members first, Twellman adds.

"My biggest takeaway from AOI was to not only hear each FFA member, but to truly listen to them. Each person makes an impact and truly listening to members helps you recognize their unique importance."

Her favorite part of AOI was a breakfast networking activity that allowed her to connect with other area presidents.

"It was a really cool networking drill that allowed me to connect deeper with other area officers," she says.

Twellman sees her year serving as the Area V President as both a privilege and a responsibility.

"Being an area officer means working hard, making an effort and truly caring about the FFA organization on every level," she says.

Looking ahead, Twellman is excited to connect with members throughout the year, allowing them to shape her year of service.

"Their eagerness and spirit for this upcoming year is incredibly inspiring," she says.

Avery Twellman

President
Area V FFA Association

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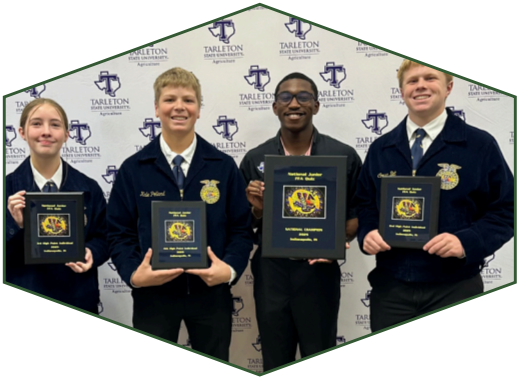


LEARNING *to do.* DOING *to learn.*

"Winning at the national level is exciting, but what means the most is seeing students take the skills they've developed in the classroom and apply them in a real-world setting. Ag Mechanics gives them that opportunity to build confidence, solve problems and prepare for careers in agriculture." In addition to the Ag Mechanics team placing first, team member Samuel Schwanke was high individual.

Harold Eckler

Agricultural Education Teacher & FFA Advisor
North Shelby School District



"This group of students was unique in the way they pushed each other and always had fun, even when studying and competing. It feels great to continue the Missouri tradition of bringing home the championship in the National FFA Knowledge Invitational. This was my first team to win state, and it meant a great deal that it was with these students. They made this experience such a fun adventure along the way. I have no doubt they are going to accomplish a lot in the future of their FFA careers."

Tim Davis

Agricultural Education Teacher & FFA Advisor
North Shelby School District

CDE & LDE SUCCESS

NORTH SHELBY FFA

A PASSION FOR ASKING WHY

Agriculture is full of questions worth answering.

A member of the Bolivar FFA Chapter, Ellie Samek spent her high school career exploring those questions through agriscience research. Her work across animal, plant, environmental and human sciences earned her the honor of 2026 Missouri FFA State Star in Agriscience.

"Being named State Star in Agriscience was an incredible moment that made me appreciate all the people and experiences that got me there."

Samek's research journey began with a flock of 50 Cornish Cross broilers. Wanting to improve her operation, she conducted a study comparing feed brands and their effects on broiler weight gain. Carefully tracking the birds' growth, she identified differences among the feeds and used the results to make management decisions for her SAE.

From there, her research expanded. Samek studied consumer preferences for farm-fresh versus store-bought chicken products, examined the relationship between agricultural coursework and salary, and investigated the effects of cover crops on soybean yield. Her soybean study even helped influence her family farm's decision to implement cover crops.

"My goal has always been to use my research to benefit those around me." Samek says.

Her research has also taken her beyond the farm. In an unpaid placement at Dickerson Park Zoo, Samek worked alongside zookeepers and veterinary staff. That experience led to a study examining the costs of rehabilitating raptors, information the zoo could use in management and funding decisions.

Samek believes research is about more than collecting data. It is about turning information into knowledge that can help others make better decisions.

"My favorite part of my SAE is that it gives me opportunities to meet needs and serve others through agriculture," she says. "Whether that is raising poultry for my community, caring for animals at the zoo or helping on my family's farm, I value the opportunity to contribute to something bigger than myself."

For Samek, the future of agriculture starts with a passion for asking why.



HANDS-ON SUCCESS





A poultry barn is only as effective as its systems. From ventilation fans and feeding lines to electrical controls and water systems, every component has a role in keeping birds healthy and production moving. For Giovanni Ubaldo, learning how those systems work has become the foundation of his future in agriculture.

The Tipton FFA member has spent the past four years gaining hands-on experience in poultry production, equipment installation and electrical work. His experience has grown from basic barn responsibilities to helping install and troubleshoot the complex systems found in modern poultry facilities. That progression earned Ubaldo recognition as the 2026 Missouri FFA State Star in Agricultural Placement.

Ubaldo began his Supervised Agricultural Experience at Hentges Farms, which operates layer and pullet barns. His early responsibilities included collecting eggs, walking barns and identifying equipment or animal health concerns. As his knowledge grew, so did his role.

Today, Ubaldo works as an equipment installer, helping install and maintain systems and equipment throughout the operation. He also assists with barn renovations and construction.

His experience expanded further when he began working for his father's business, MGH Ubaldo LLC. The company specializes in poultry barn electrical work and equipment installation. There, Ubaldo has helped install pullet and layer barns from the ground up, gaining experience in electrical work, plumbing, framing and computerized control systems.

The work has taught him that success in agricultural construction requires more than technical knowledge. Delays, missing parts and changing project demands require patience, communication and the ability to adapt.

For Ubaldo, the future of agriculture is built one connection, one system and one project at a time.

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

45 FFA Chapters receiving grants

153 chapters participating in service activities

5,202 service volunteers

26,302 service hours completed

$907,345 economic impact



FEEDING *Missouri*

TOP CHAPTER
CENTRALIA FFA

Being named top chapter in the state was never the goal for Centralia FFA. The goal was to build an experience that challenged 74 members to grow, gave them a place to belong and allowed them to make a difference in their school, community and the ag industry.

That philosophy is reflected in the way Centralia members lead their chapter. With nine officers and three advisors, members take an active role in planning and carrying out activities. Each year, officers spend two days developing their Program of Activities, using the 15 National Chapter Award committees to create opportunities while considering the needs of their members and community.

Those opportunities often push members. Through CDEs and LDEs, SAEs and chapter activities, members develop communication, leadership, agricultural and business skills.

For member Carson Hill, those experiences have built valuable connections in the community and helped prepare him for his future. Other members agree.

"Centralia FFA has been a force that pushed me outside of my comfort zone and encouraged me to become more involved in agriculture," member Charlie Carrico says.

Somewhere along the way, the people became just as important as the experiences.

“FFA has challenged me to grow into a better leader and surrounded me with people who have become some of my best friends,” member Stetson Stone says.

That sense of community extends beyond the chapter. Members help run the Centralia Fair, maintain seasonal flower boxes around the city square and work with the VFW to raise more than 600 flags honoring military service members six times each year.

They also create experiences designed to prepare members for life beyond high school. Score for Ag Safety brings farm-safety education to a varsity football game. The Situation Room allows members to practice navigating difficult real-world situations. The Bus to the Capital pairs members with legislators to advocate for agriculture.

Centralia FFA’s success is found in the confidence built through intentional conversations, leadership skills and friendships formed.

The recognition may have put a spotlight on Centralia FFA, but its members know the real achievement is what they have built together.



STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE

The Ag Ed **Employability Story**

- State Average Salary **$65,574**
- New Teachers in State **24**
- Temporary or Other Certifications **22**
- Re-entering the Profession **Five**
- Teachers Coming from Out of State **One**
- Instructors 5 Years or Less **41%**

"Being able to provide opportunities for students to explore career options, leadership training, and fun events to mold learners into productive citizens and leaders in their communities is why I love teaching ag."

Kendra Smith
Agriculture Instructor, Centralia

Teach Ag **Ambassadors**

College of the Ozarks
Owen Pritchett
Olivia Hunter

Missouri State University
Matthew Lakey
Macy Stauffer

Northwest Missouri State
Kiley Mattson
Lynn Dyer

Southeast Missouri State
Abigail Dahmer
Mindi Hanneken

University of Missouri
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University of Central Missouri
Maria Brown

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TOP 10 *strengthening agriculture*

"One of our favorite Strengthening Agriculture activities is our Farmer Field Meals. Our officers, alumni, and Blue & Gold supporters work together to prepare meals and deliver them right to farmers in their combines. It's our way of saying thank you to the small percentage of Americans involved in production agriculture who feed all of us and who continue to support our FFA members."

Emily Bailey

Agricultural Education Teacher & FFA Advisor
Paris School District





"Our 'I Love Lamb' project gave students the chance to take what they were learning in Food Science and turn it into advocacy. They developed lamb appetizers, created advertising materials, prepared the food, and then shared it with every student in our high school. For us, strengthening agriculture doesn't always have to be a huge event. Sometimes it's delivering a meal to a combine or getting a student to try lamb for the first time. Those small experiences connect people to agriculture."

Josh Bondy

Agricultural Education Teacher & FFA Advisor
Paris School District

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD

PARIS FFA

MISSOURI ADULT AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

3,758
adults enrolled in 2025-26

19
school districts with adult agricultural education instructors

120
farm families enrolled in the Farm Business Management Analysis program

369
members of the Missouri Young Farmers Education Association

17
active Young Farmer Education Association Chapters



MISSOURI FFA Foundation



LEARN & LIVE WITH PURPOSE

GIVE WITH PASSION

GROW THE LEGACY



Sustaining the high standards of Missouri Agricultural Education and, ultimately, Missouri agriculture is at the heart of the Missouri FFA Foundation's funding initiatives. The Foundation focuses its investments in three key areas: students and members, agricultural classrooms and labs, and high-caliber instructors.

Investing in Students & Members

FFA, PAS and MYFEA members are continuously provided with real-world opportunities. Workshops, conferences and conventions expose members to careers, leadership development and knowledge they can take back to their schools, chapters and communities. The Missouri FFA Foundation has provided more than $250,000 to support these efforts.

Grants and scholarships provide another investment into student success. Through SAE Grants, the Foundation helps FFA members turn classroom learning into real experiences, including starting or expanding their own businesses. This year, 24 Missouri FFA members received scholarships for outstanding SAEs, and one received the Glen Fletcher Scholarship for demonstrating a commitment to agriculture and "Living to Serve." In total, more than $28,000 was provided in student scholarships and grants.

Elevating Capacity & Quality

The cost of equipment, greenhouses, labs and shops can make comprehensive ag ed programs difficult for schools to develop. Horizon and Rising Sun Grants help schools address those challenges by upgrading infrastructure or launching new programs based on identified local workforce needs. These investments give students access to current equipment, technology and agricultural practices while building community support for agricultural education.

Supporting High-Caliber Instructors

Strong ag teachers build strong programs and students. The Foundation invests tens of thousands of dollars each year in professional development, exposing teachers to new technology, industry practices, curriculum and teaching strategies.

The Golden Owl Award also recognizes outstanding teachers and their impact. This year, 18 Missouri high school and post-secondary/adult agriculture teachers were recognized and received more than $13,000 in cash prizes and recognition.

Sustaining the Future

These investments prepare future producers, educators, agribusiness professionals, researchers and community leaders. The Foundation is not just supporting organizations, events or projects. It is investing in opportunities to strengthen students, schools, communities and Missouri agriculture for years to come.

Heather Dimitt-Fletcher
Director
Missouri FFA Foundation

from the DIRECTOR

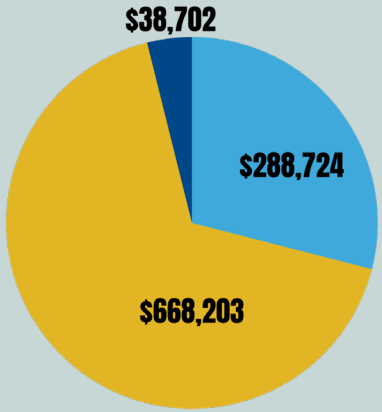
Missouri FFA Foundation

Mission in Action

To secure strategic partnerships and financial resources to enhance, strengthen and support the educational and leadership opportunities that promote premier leadership, personal growth and career success for Missourians in agricultural education.

What the Foundation Funded

$995,629 invested in Missouri Agricultural Education



Members

Leadership and agri-industry skills training, student recognition and awards and alumni opportunities

Local Support

Grants and scholarships to members, teachers, chapters and schools

Teachers

Teacher recruitment, training, retention and recognition

FUNDING *student success*



Audrain Co. R-VI
HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAINING

Grant funding provided opportunities for skid steer operator certification, strengthening student technical skills and workforce readiness.



Charlie Carrico
POULTRY PRODUCTION

An SAE Grant helped this Centralia FFA member purchase a new run, waterer and additional turkeys, expanding his poultry operation.



Dalli Johnson
BEEF PRODUCTION

This Salem FFA member was able to purchase calves, feed, bottles, milk replacer and other supplies to expand her bottle calf operation with funds from an SAE Grant.



Ellie Jenkins
QUAIL PRODUCTION

This Brunswick FFA member purchased sand, a feeder, a waterer, cleaning equipment and feed to establish her quail production operation with SAE Grant funding.



East Prairie
LIVESTOCK & VET SCIENCE

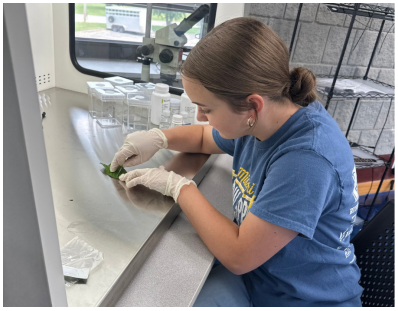
Grant funding supported livestock facility expansion and veterinary science equipment, increasing student access to hands-on animal science opportunities.



Gabi Marlow
RABBIT PRODUCTION

An SAE Grant helped support this Pleasant Hill FFA member's cost of materials and construction for a new barn to expand her rabbit operation.

FUNDING *student success*



Kathryn Spence
AGRISCIENCE RESEARCH

This Willow Springs FFA member purchased equipment and materials to support her rooting hormone research with funds from an SAE Grant.



Northwest Pettis Co.
FOOD SCIENCE

Grant funding supported food science lab expansion to include a freeze dryer, dehydrator and vacuum sealer, expanding hands-on learning opportunities.



Natasha Lappi
BEEKEEPING

An SAE Grant helped this Waynesville FFA member purchase hive equipment and protective gear, continuing her skills in hive health, honey production and pollination.



Stetson Stone
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

An SAE Grant helped this Centralia FFA member purchase equipment for Stoney Creek Handyman, his landscaping business that services 35 properties.



Ty Murphy
DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK

This Sweet Springs FFA member added automatic waterers and Rivera gates to support his beef cattle and show goat operation with SAE Grant funds.

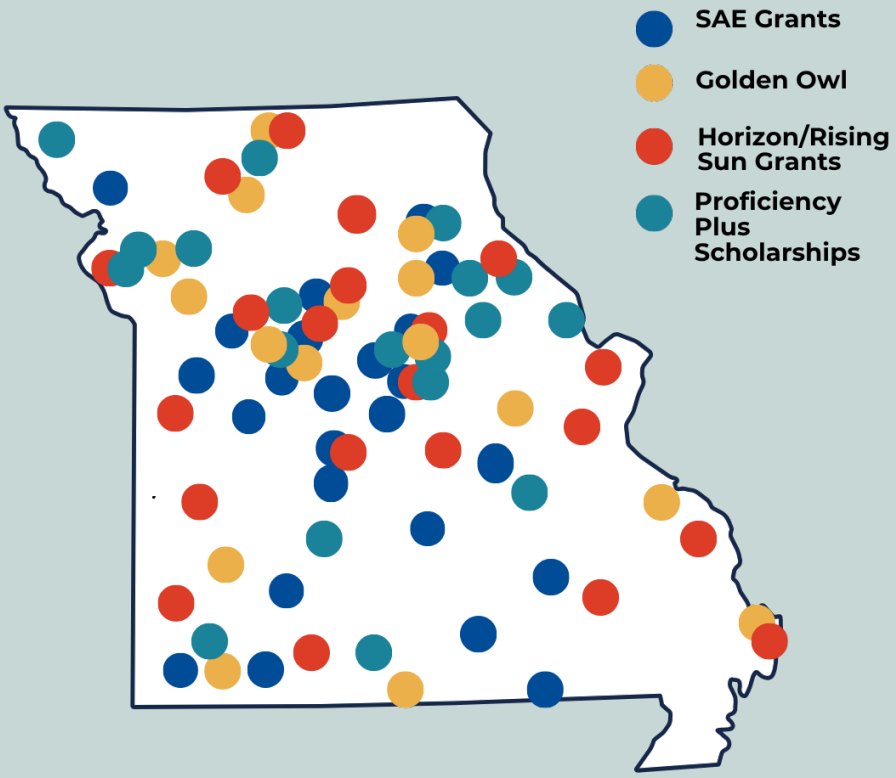


University City
HYDROPONICS

Grant funding provided funding for a Smart Farm hydroponic system. Students are learning to grow and harvest crops including basil and lettuce.

The Heart *of giving back*

Where did grant funding support members and teachers this year?



GOLDEN OWL AWARD

Honoring Missouri's Ag Educators

FCS FINANCIAL

MISSOURI FFA Foundation

Nationwide



Jarred Sayre
Golden Owl Winner



Johhny Viebrock
Northwest District Finalist



Shelby Haag
Central District Finalist



Kristy Sivils
Southwest District Finalist



Jon Wilson
South Central District Finalist



Nick Norwald
Southeast District Finalist



Jack Green
Post-Secondary Finalist

MISSOURI VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

MVATA

State & Region IV NAAE Winners

Ideas Unlimited
David Parrack, Pleasant Hope

Jess Clonts Memorial Scholarship
Colin Boyd, Strafford

Lifetime Achievement
Dr. Bryan Garton, University of Missouri

Teacher Mentor
Nicole Crocker, Branson

Teacher Turn the Key Scholarship
Kaylee Lower, Republic

Outstanding Ag Educator
Jay Shepherd, Mount Vernon

Outstanding Ag Ed Program
Union Star

Outstanding Early Career Ag Ed Teacher
Shelby Haag, Pettis R-V

Outstanding Service
Deanna Schnuck, Boonville

On the Ball Award
Emily Bailey, Paris



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