



# North Carolina FFA

Annual Report 2024-2025



## *Vision*

Growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world.

## *Mission*

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

## *Motto*

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn,  
Earning to Live, Living to Serve.



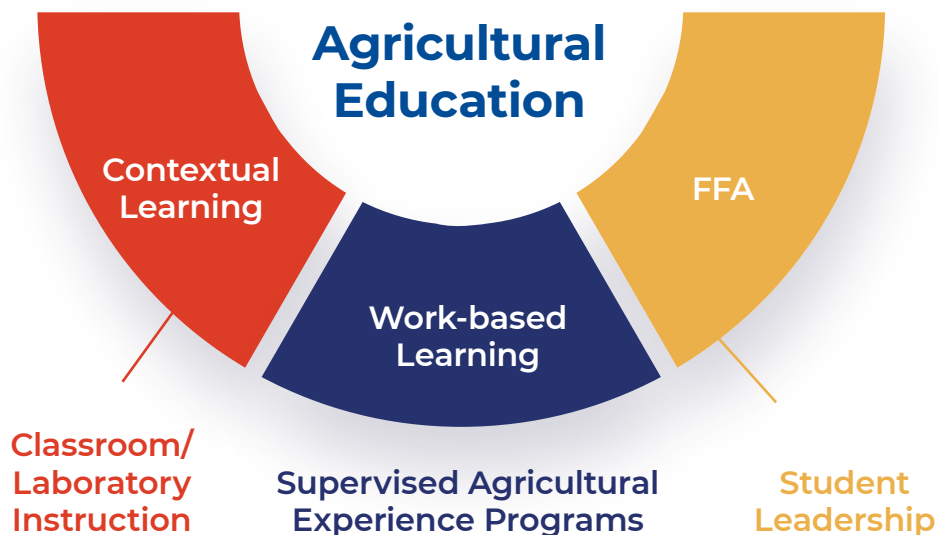


## Three Component Model

Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

Through agricultural education, students are provided opportunities for leadership development, personal growth and career success.

Agricultural education instruction is delivered through **three major components**:



## Year in Review

North Carolina Agricultural Education and FFA programs are experiencing unprecedented growth and success. This year, we reached over 71,000 students through the dedication of more than 600 agriculture teachers in 99 counties. We are preparing the next generation to lead in our state's number one industry—agriculture—through an updated curriculum that includes hands-on training and employability skill development in emerging fields.

Our FFA membership has reached an all-time high, and our commitment to student success is visible everywhere you look. From significant facility upgrades at the NC FFA Center to impactful local grants that have enabled new classroom technologies and projects, our programs are thriving. Stronger partnerships with industry leaders and community organizations are also creating more opportunities for our students than ever before.

Every achievement, from a new grant to an updated classroom, is driven by one singular purpose: ensuring every student has the skills and confidence to succeed.

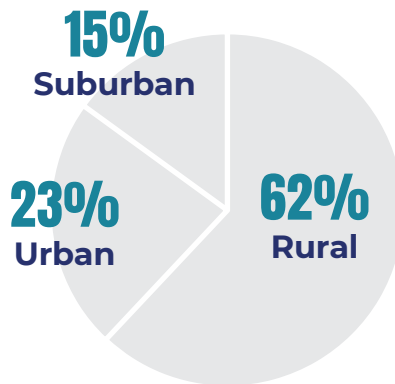
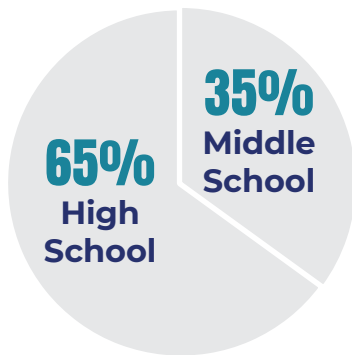


## Quick Facts

# 48,897 MEMBERS

5th Largest State Association in the Nation

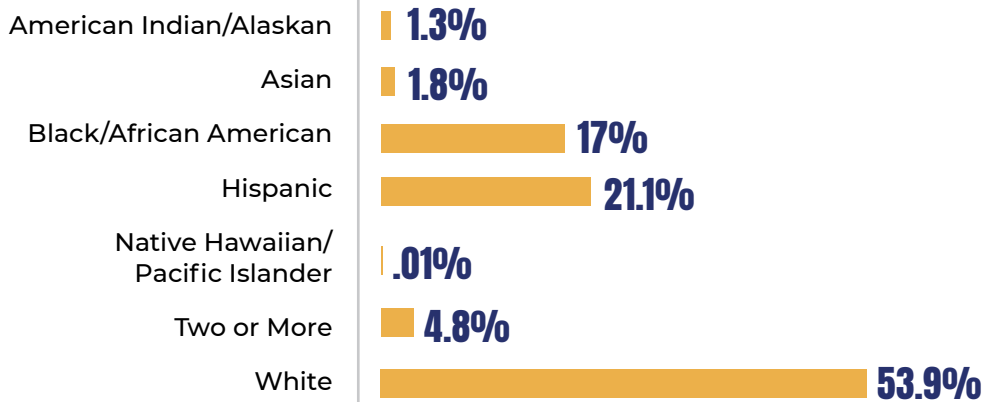
## 371 CHAPTERS



**55%**  
Male



**45%**  
Female



## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

# 71,231

Students Enrolled in Agricultural Education

# 26

Agricultural Education Courses Offered in NC

# 620

Agricultural Education Teachers in NC

# 99

Counties in NC with Agricultural Education Programs

## Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

## SAE Projects:

# 939,230

Student Hours Invested

# \$12,920,360

Income and Assets from Student Projects

**71%**  
Placement



**20%**  
Research

**9%**  
Entrepreneurship



**4,500**  
Attendees

**20**  
Leadership  
Workshops

**64**  
Expo  
Vendors

**460**  
State  
Degrees

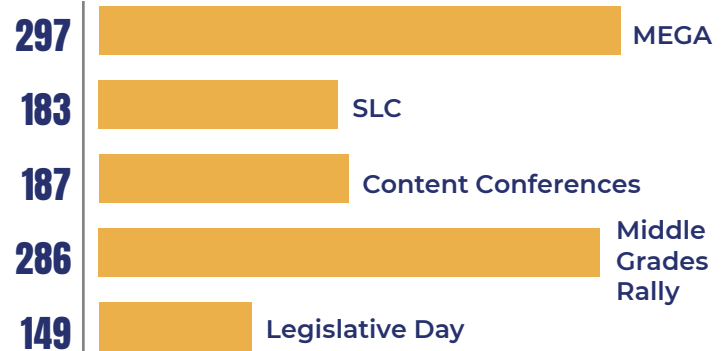
### Career and Leadership Development Events

**3,510** Unduplicated Total  
Student Participation

**245** Unduplicated Total  
Chapter Participation

**130** Agriscience Fair  
Student Participation

### Leadership Activities Participation



**1,102** State Leadership  
Conference Participation

### North Carolina Leadership Award



Former Governor Roy Cooper and Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler presented the North Carolina FFA Association with the 2024 Larry Wooten Rural Leadership Award. Special recognition was given to Bruce L. Miller for his 30-plus years of service with NC FFA as an agriculture teacher with Rowan County Schools, and to the Southern Alamance High School FFA for their exceptional programs and accolades.

*"NC FFA Association has helped generations of North Carolina students discover their careers while building leadership skills. FFA continues to make positive impacts across rural communities through its 370 chapters, mostly located in our public schools."*

Governor Roy Cooper

Read more: [go.ncsu.edu/NCLeadershipAward](https://go.ncsu.edu/NCLeadershipAward)

## Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

**41,314**

SAE  
Projects

**66%**

Of Students Have  
SAE Projects



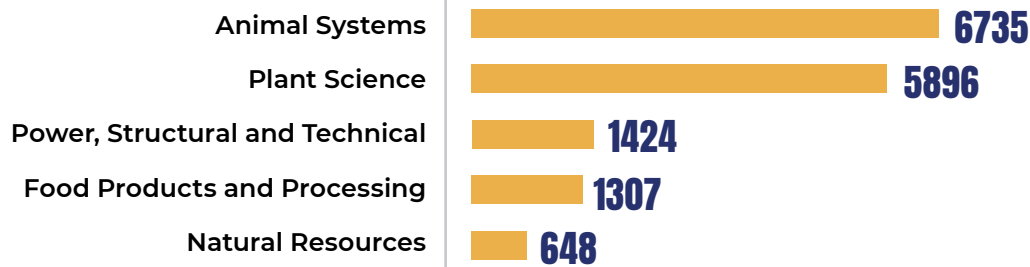
### SAE Integration Award

(began in 2025)

Recognized **20** programs with at least **75%** of students who logged at least **5** hours each.

Funding from the Universal Leaf Foundation for **\$10,000** in chapter grants given to those **20** chapters

### SAEs by Pathway



### Meet Jazmin Palma

Through her SAE project in agricultural communications, Jazmin Palma wrote and published articles about the national FFA organization and members throughout North Carolina. She created a social media platform to share those stories, was trained in design and video editing, and more.

*"I fell in love with the creative freedom of helping our chapter develop communications to better reach our members: flyers, newsletters, social media videos and more. I learned so much about public relations and story telling. It really helped me grow as an individual and as someone who's interested in communications and networking."*

#### Jazmin Palma

FFA State Officer, Former president of Uwharrie FFA chapter, current NC State University student studying environmental engineering



Watch the video: [go.ncsu.edu/jazminpalma](https://go.ncsu.edu/jazminpalma)



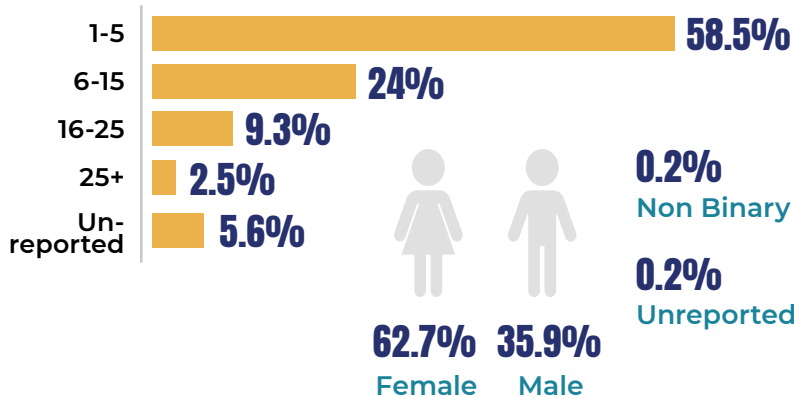
## Classroom/Ag Teachers

620

Agricultural Education  
Teacher Positions

3rd  
Highest in  
the Nation!

### Years of Service



### Top Courses

#### High School

1. Animal Science I
2. Horticulture I
3. Agricultural Mechanics I

#### Middle School

1. Exploring Plant and Animal Science
2. Exploring Food and Agricultural Products
3. Exploring Environmental and Natural Resources

## 47 Students Signed to Teach Ag

- › In **411 schools** across North Carolina, over **600 agriculture teachers** interact with and teach over **71,000 middle and high school students** every day.
- › North Carolina Teach Ag efforts recruit and retain high-quality agriculture teachers; the results: the number of **undergraduate agriculture majors** across our four agricultural teacher-preparation institutions **has increased by nearly 200%** since 2014.
- › Teach Ag partner institutions include North Carolina Agricultural Education staff and faculty at our **four agricultural education institutions**: North Carolina State University, Appalachian State University, North Carolina A&T State University, and the University of Mount Olive.

NCATA – North  
Carolina Agriculture  
Teachers Assoc.

Learn more:  
[NCAgTeachers.org](https://NCAgTeachers.org)

## North Carolina CTE Teacher of the Year



Tyler D'Angelo, an agriculture teacher at CE Jordan High School in Durham Public Schools, was named the NC-CAT 2025 Burroughs Wellcome Fund NC Career & Technical Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year. As an active advisor to the FFA Chapter, his work has helped guide the chapter to recognition as a 2-Star Program. While his lessons take place in the classroom, students apply their knowledge by maintaining a greenhouse full of plants, from poinsettias to edible crops.

*"Mr. D'Angelo demonstrates exceptional dedication both in his classroom and our FFA program at Jordan! He works tirelessly and pushes students to actively engage in all three components of the agricultural education model."*

**Breanna Saunders**

Jordan High School Agriculture Teacher and  
FFA Advisor

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Learn more: [go.ncsu.edu/FFAAlumniResources](https://go.ncsu.edu/FFAAlumniResources)

**98**  
Alumni  
Chapters

**27,134**  
Alumni  
Members

**9.4%**  
Membership  
Increase

**\$43,461**  
In Fundraising  
Efforts

**18,576**  
Meals Packed at  
State Convention

### Alumni Support

- › Annual Meeting
- › State Convention
- › FFA Chapters
- › State Officers



### Friends of Madison FFA Alumni

The Friends of Madison FFA Alumni, officially chartered in 2019, have become a pillar of support for agricultural education and student success in Madison County, NC. The steady, dedicated involvement of their 92 active members plays a vital role in the continued growth and vitality of the Madison FFA Chapter. One of their many community projects includes coordinating with members of the NC08 National Barrel Horse Association to put on one of the best horse shows in the Southeast.



## FFA Center

**1,218**

Student  
Attendees

**1,477**

Total  
Attendees

**97**

Years of  
FFA Camp

**2nd**  
Oldest Camp  
in the Nation!



**New Piers**

Watch the video: [go.ncsu.edu/nc-ffa-center](http://go.ncsu.edu/nc-ffa-center)

***“Having been an agriculture teacher myself, I know this camp creates interest, awareness and opportunities for the future leaders of tomorrow.”***

**Carrissa Daniels**, North Carolina Wildlife Education Division

My journey with the North Carolina FFA Center is a powerful testament to its impact, having shaped me from a high school camper into the educator I am today. As a student, the annual recreation and leadership camp was more than just a summer getaway; it was a place where I was inspired by the dedication of the counselors and saw firsthand the positive influence they had on us.

This inspiration fueled my desire to give back. I returned to the Kcenter as a college student, working as a camp counselor for three summers and chaperoning multiple weeks during my final year. This experience was transformative.

Now, as an FFA advisor, I have the privilege of bringing my own students to the center each summer. It's truly a “paradise on earth” where students and advisors

from all over the state can connect, share experiences, and strengthen the bonds of our FFA community. The center fosters an environment where friendships form and thrive, many of which become lifelong connections. The friends I made during every stage of my camp experience—as a camper, a counselor, and an advisor—are still some of my closest companions today.

The North Carolina FFA Center is more than just a location; it's a crucible for character development, a place where futures are forged and lasting relationships are built. It's an essential part of my story, and I am proud to continue its legacy by helping my students experience the same growth and camaraderie that I did.

**Anna Bruner**, Agricultural Educator,  
Western Harnett High School

*“Without our collective support, programs can’t thrive, and students miss out on life-changing opportunities. FFA members and agricultural education students across North Carolina are the leaders of tomorrow. I encourage everyone to give back in whatever way they can: volunteer with your local chapter, donate items for fundraisers, buy the plants, or contribute financially. When we all give back, we become the changemakers shaping the futures of these incredible students.”*

**Carrie Gray**

NC FFA Foundation Advisory Board member



## Crest High School Small Animal Lab Modernization



Students at Crest High School experienced an upgrade in their understanding of small animals and the food animal industry thanks to a grant from the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The school’s small animal lab was able to purchase a new small animal habitat with two levels for different species installed by the agriculture teachers in consultation with Cleveland County Schools plant operations. The new system includes upgraded ventilation for cleaner air quality, improved animal health and lab environment for the students.



**Watch the video:**  
[go.ncsu.edu/ffa-small-animal-lab](https://go.ncsu.edu/ffa-small-animal-lab)

*“This modernization project allows for a great opportunity for students to work in a safe, clean, and industry suitable environment.”*

**Matt Harris**

Agriculture teacher, Crest High School

Click to help provide life-changing experiences that develop the talent pipeline for the agricultural industry.

[go.ncsu.edu/GiveToFFA](https://go.ncsu.edu/GiveToFFA)





In the North Carolina FFA Association,

*we are welcoming on purpose.*

We choose to create **space for everyone** through our thoughts, words, and actions.

As people and as an organization, **we are always evolving**. We welcome all perspectives and **honor the dignity and individuality of every person** recognizing that each story adds value.

Belonging begins with respect—for ourselves and the world we share. Together, we foster a sense of community, **grounded in compassion and strengthened by our similarities and differences.**

We embrace a global vision for agriculture and leadership, knowing that **who we are matters—and who we include matters even more.**

As FFA members, agriculture teachers, and supporters, let's **lead with kindness**, hold each other accountable, and take care of one another.







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