From the State Agricultural Education Leader

This past year has been incredibly successful for North Carolina Agricultural Education. We are excited to highlight and share these achievements in our inaugural North Carolina Agricultural Education Annual Report.

Enrollment in Agricultural Education classrooms increased this past year. With the creation of four new programs, we continue to achieve our vision of offering agricultural education to every student in every county. Several of our courses were updated and a brand new middle school course was added. Online resource sharing along with professional development conferences and workshops provided relevant content to help teachers grow both personally and professionally.

Experiential learning remains fundamental to the Agricultural Education delivery model. To strengthen that component, every Agricultural Education student in North Carolina now has access to online recordkeeping. This robust system will strengthen Supervised Agricultural Experience for students and teachers alike, providing excellent recordkeeping and relevant data.

North Carolina FFA is now the 7th largest FFA Association in the nation with membership at a 34-year high. Participation in career development events, conferences, camps and our state convention continues to grow and has reached all-time record levels. The new North Carolina FFA website and resulting branding strategy improved communications and will continue to showcase the success of our students.

North Carolina Agricultural Education is strong because of our quality people, quality programs, and quality partners working together toward the common goal of student success. We have much for which to be thankful and proud. Let’s continue to put students first and make North Carolina Agricultural Education the premier program in the nation!

Joshua Bledsoe
State Agricultural Education Leader

The North Carolina Agricultural Improvement Grant, sponsored by the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, has provided $180,540 to 34 Agricultural Education programs across our state to improve equipment, facilities, and instruction.
OUR MISSION: Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources systems.
North Carolina FFA

**OUR 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.

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(from left to right)

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FFA Membership Quick Facts

- **19,301 members**
- **252 FFA chapters**
- **2011-2012 was highest membership since 1977-1978**

National Achievements
- 2011-2012 Membership Growth Award for the second year in a row
- 7th largest state in the nation

FFA Membership Growth

Number of members

- 2007-08: 16,759
- 2008-09: 16,619
- 2009-10: 16,594
- 2010-11: 18,643
- 2011-12: 19,301
2012 State FFA Winners

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS
(number of teams or individuals that competed)

Agricultural Communications (3)
Millbrook

Agricultural Issues (4)
Madison

Agricultural Mechanics (24)
West Columbus

Agricultural Sales (47)
Southern Alamance—Senior Division
Crest—Junior Division

Agronomy (16)
West Rowan

C.V. Tart Agricultural Tools & Materials (56)
Southern Alamance

Dairy Evaluation (158)
Alexander Central—Senior Division
Pisgah—Junior Division
Madison Middle—Middle Grades Division

Dairy Handlers (15)
Olivia Pearson, West Lincoln

Envirotthon/Environmental & Natural Resources (12)
Bartlett Yancey

Extemporaneous Public Speaking (30)
Caroline Clement, Midway

Farm Business Management (38)
Bartlett Yancey—Senior Division
Piedmont—Junior Division

Floriculture (26)
Chatham Central

Food Science & Technology (35)
Sun Valley

Forestry (28)
Bartlett Yancey

Horse Evaluation (46)
Wake Forest-Rolesville—Senior Division
Southern Alamance—Junior Division

Hunter Safety (12)
North Davidson

Introduction to Horticulture (34)
Southern Alamance

Jim Graham FFA Creed (30)
MaKayla Hughes, Mountain Heritage

Job Interview (8)
Morgan Barbour, Gray’s Creek

Land Judging (64)
Riverside—Senior Division
Clinton—Junior Division

Livestock Evaluation (120)
Northeastern—Senior Division
Ledford—Junior Division
North Davidson—Middle Grades Division

Marketing Plan (9)
West Rowan

Meats Evaluation & Technology (18)
North Lenoir

Middle Grades Exploring Biotechnology (10)
Reid Ross

Middle Grades Exploring Biotechnology Quiz Bowl (2)
Neal Middle

Milk Quality & Products (22)
Randleman

Nursery/Landscape (26)
Southern Alamance

Parliamentary Procedure (20)
North Johnston
North Buncombe Middle—Middle Grades

Poultry Evaluation (85)
North Davidson

Prepared Public Speaking (30)
Olivia Watson, South Columbus
Chloe Edwards, Mac Williams—Middle Grades

Quiz Bowl (25)
Mountain Heritage

Tractor Driving (32)
Hunter Edwards, North Surry

Truck Driving (32)
Anthony Walker, Enka

Veterinary Science (34)
Crest
AGRISCIENCE FAIR

Division 1
Animal Science
Kara Cline, East Rowan

Plant Science
Ashley Stubbs, East Rowan

Environmental Science
Betsy Murphy, J.F. Webb

Division 2
Animal Science
Alex Miller, North Iredell

Plant Science
Danna Kousky, Jordan

Power & Structural
Ryan Jarvis, Cape Fear

Social Systems
Miriah Williams, Cape Fear

Environmental Science
Everett Pendergrass, J.F. Webb

Division 3
Food Science
Taylor Thomas and
Halley Bueing, Cape Fear

Division 4
Animal Science
Chris Rogers and
Ryan Lancaster, Crest

Food Science
Kayla Murphy and
Hannah Jones, Camden

Plant Systems
Destiny Blevins and
Erisa Kacorri, Jesse Carson

Power & Structural
Morgan Honeycutt and
Carmen Honeycutt, West Johnston

Social Systems
Madelyn Hall and
Connor Bullard, Cape Fear

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

Superior Chapters
Bunker Hill
Charles D. Owen
Columbia
East Wake
Hunt
Jesse Carson
North Johnston
North Stanly
Overhills
Spring Creek
Western Harnett

Silver Chapters
Alexander Central
Chase
Enka
Forest Hills
Ledford
North Henderson
North Lenoir
South Columbus
South Johnston
Union

Gold Chapters
Bandys
Burns
Cape Fear
Crest
Gray’s Creek
J.F. Webb
Lumberton
Mountain Heritage
Mt. Olive College
North Iredell

Piedmont
Rosewood
South Granville
South Rowan
Southern Alamance
Southern Nash
Southern Wayne
St. Pauls
Sun Valley
West Carteret
West Johnston
West Rowan
Whiteville

Top 3 Chapters in the State
1st: St. Pauls
2nd: Gray’s Creek
3rd: Crest

2012 State FFA Winners

continued
PROFICIENCY WINNERS

209 total applicants

Agricultural Communications — Entrepreneurship/Placement (1)
Danielle Blake, North Stanly

Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication —
Entrepreneurship/Placement (3)
Mason Marriner, Spring Creek

Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems — Entrepreneurship/Placement (2)
Harrison Tucker, Southwestern Randolph

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance — Entrepreneurship (1)
Tyler Austin, Enka

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance — Placement (4)
Miles Massengill, South Johnston

Agricultural Processing — Entrepreneurship/Placement (3)
Taylor Leggett, Lumberton

Agricultural Education — Placement (1)
Morgan Barbour, Gray’s Creek

Agricultural Sales — Entrepreneurship (1)
No qualified winner

Agricultural Sales — Placement (3)
Justin Godwin, Rosewood

Agricultural Services — Entrepreneurship/Placement (6)
John Robertson, South Johnston

Agriscience Research — Animal (1)
Henry Gregory, West Carteret

Agriscience Research — Integrated (1)
John Ross Robertson, South Johnston

Agriscience Research — Plant Systems (2)
Betsy Murphy, J.F. Webb

Beef Production — Entrepreneurship (5)
Sarah McEntire, South Johnston

Beef Production — Placement (7)
Caroline Creech, Corinth Holders

Dairy Production — Entrepreneurship (1)
David Bryant Chapman, Alexander Central

Dairy Production — Placement (5)
Taylor Parker, West Rowan

Diversified Agricultural Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (7)
Jacob Watson, West Rowan

Diversified Crop Production — Entrepreneurship (2)
Morgan Honeycutt, West Johnston
Diversified Crop Production — Placement (6)
Patricia Purvis, Southern Wayne

Diversified Horticulture — Entrepreneurship/Placement (1)
No qualified winner

Diversified Livestock Production — Entrepreneurship (3)
Katelyn Honeycutt, Corinth Holders

Diversified Livestock Production — Placement (4)
Brittany Spann, North Lenoir

Emerging Agricultural Technology — Entrepreneurship/Placement (2)
Kinley Jones, North Surry

Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management — Entrepreneurship/Placement (2)
Casey Cruise, Lumberton

Equine Science — Entrepreneurship (4)
Madison McGee, South Johnston

Equine Science — Placement (12)
Steven Whitfeld, Southern Wayne

Fiber and/or Oil Crop — Entrepreneurship/Placement (4)
Caleb Barefoot, South Johnston

Food Science and Technology — Entrepreneurship/Placement (1)
Jerri Bryant, South Johnston

Forage Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (7)
Austin Smith, West Rowan

Forest Management and Products — Entrepreneurship/Placement (4)
Jordan Myers, West Rowan

Fruit Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (8)
Charles Greene, Crest

Goat Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (6)
Hunter Graham, Southern Wayne

Grain Production — Entrepreneurship (2)
Joseph Jenkins, Alexander Central

Grain Production — Placement (3)
Logan Kluttz, West Rowan

Home and/or Community Development — Entrepreneurship/Placement (5)
Bethanie Lewis, Weddington

Landscape Management — Entrepreneurship/Placement (2)
Dakota Sells, North Stanly

Nursery Operations — Entrepreneurship/Placement (6)
Ethan Garner, Southwestern Randolph

Outdoor Recreation — Entrepreneurship/Placement (5)
Kyle Smith, Union
Poultry Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (15)
Jacob Steele, West Rowan

Sheep Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (6)
Emerald Layton, North Stanly

Small Animal Production and Care — Entrepreneurship/Placement (6)
Courtney Freeman, Southern Wayne

Specialty Animal Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (4)
Jade Carter, Lumberton

Specialty Crop Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (3)
Amber Adcox, Lumberton

Swine Production — Entrepreneurship (5)
Don Byrd, West Johnston

Swine Production — Placement (4)
Colby Johnson, South Johnston

Turfgrass Management — Entrepreneurship/Placement (4)
Bailey Kepley, West Rowan

Vegetable Production — Entrepreneurship/Placement (9)
James Eric Willoughby Jr., Lumberton

Veterinary Science — Entrepreneurship/Placement (10)
Heather Sherrill, West Rowan

Wildlife Production and Management — Placement/Entrepreneurship (4)
Hunter Thompson, Princeton

STATE DEGREES AWARDED
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BUILDING OUR NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITIES AWARD

1st place
South Rowan

2nd place
North Lenoir

STATE STAR AWARDS

State Star Agribusiness (1)
Steven Wetmore, West Rowan

State Star Agriscience (1)
Emma Cannon, East Wake

State Star Farmer (2)
Morgan Honeycutt, West Johnston

State Star Placement (2)
Beverly Hampton, West Rowan
85th National FFA Convention Highlights

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Agricultural Communications
Millbrook — 7th place

Dairy Handlers
Olivia Pearson, West Lincoln — Gold Emblem individual

Environmental and Natural Resources
Bartlett Yancey — 1st place
Kraig Turner, Bartlett Yancey — 5th high scoring individual

Floriculture
Chatham Central — 4th place
Ethan Mason, Chatham Central — 2nd high scoring individual

Food Science and Technology
Sun Valley — 5th place
Liz Keech, Sun Valley — 10th high scoring individual

Horse Evaluation
Kendall Wolford, Wake Forest-Rolesville — 6th high scoring individual

Nursery Landscape
Southern Alamance — 1st place
Jess Patterson, Southern Alamance — 1st high scoring individual
Drew Riggins, Southern Alamance — 2nd high scoring individual
Colton Robertson, Southern Alamance — 5th high scoring individual

Veterinary Science
Southern Guilford — 2nd place
Ashley Lund, Crest — 9th high scoring individual

NATIONAL DELEGATES

Morgan Barbour
Ethan Bernhardt
Danielle Blake
Garrett Boyd
Adam Byrd
Don Byrd
Emma Cannon
Taylor Craig
Will Daly
Zack Davis
Jamie Murphy
Tanasha Peterson-Quintana
Jessica Resor
Ben Rice
Abby Whitaker

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

One Star
Bandys
Burns
Cape Fear
Lumberton

Two Star
Gray’s Creek
Southern Alamance
Southern Nash
Sun Valley
West Carteret
West Johnston
West Rowan
Whiteville

Three Star
Crest
J.F. Webb
Mountain Heritage
Rosewood
South Granville
South Rowan
Southern Wayne
St. Pauls

Model of Innovation
Rosewood, Finalist

HALL OF STATES

North Carolina — 2nd place
Crossroads Christian Academy FFA chapter designed, constructed, and staffed the North Carolina FFA Association Hall of States Booth

NATIONAL PROFICIENCY AWARD FINALISTS

Food Science and Technology — Entrepreneurship/Placement
Jerri Bryant, South Johnston

Forest Management and Products — Entrepreneurship/Placement
Jordan Myers, West Rowan

Veterinary Science — Entrepreneurship/Placement
Heather Sherrill, West Rowan

AGRICIENCE FAIR

Environmental/Natural Resources Systems Division 1
Betsy Murphy, J.F. Webb — 2nd place
HONORARY AMERICAN DEGREES

Steven W. Troxler, Commissioner, North Carolina Board of Agriculture
Zane Hedgecock, Agricultural Programs Administrator, North Carolina Board of Agriculture

AMERICAN DEGREES

Amanda Barefield, Southern Wayne
Clinton Beckham, North Iredell
Heath Brittain, Bandys
Sabra Bryant, East Surry
Tracy Bullard, Lakewood

Ethan Callicutt, Southwestern Randolph
Holly Capps, Princeton
Casey Cruise, Lumberton
Adam Douglas, J.F. Webb
Christian Dunnagan, Harrells
Adam Frazier, Randleman
Daphne Houchins, Crossroads Christian
Hunter Kornegay, North Lenoir
Breeann Lambert, West Rowan
Tyler Leinbach, North Davidson
Kristi Leonard, Mt. Pleasant
Melissa Mayo, Princeton

Tara McPhatter, Lumberton
Rebekah Moore, South Rowan
Tiffany Murray, Southern Nash
Johnathan Parker, South Johnston

Ryan Phelps, Ledford
Benjamin Rice, Madison
Hannah Russell, Southwestern Randolph
James Simpson IV, Southwestern Randolph
Hannah Singleton, Spring Creek
Conner Smith, Harrells
Lakean Stamey, Avery County
John Stewart, Knightdale
Justin Teeter, West Rowan
Brandon Williams, Midway
Seth Williams, Southern Nash
Alex Yost, West Rowan
Situated on 5 acres along the shores of beautiful White Lake in Bladen County, the North Carolina FFA Center is the oldest FFA camp in the country. Now in its 84th year of operation, the center hosts the annual NC FFA leadership and summer camping programs. In addition to FFA usage, the center is available for group rentals for meetings, events, and family reunions.

**Camp Attendance**

Week 1: 243  
Week 2: 246  
Week 3: 288  
Week 4: 241  
Week 5: 219  
State Leadership Conference: 231

**Weekly Camp Banner Winners**

Week 1: Cuthbertson and Polk  
Week 2: West Rowan  
Week 3: Southern Alamance Red  
Week 4: North Iredell  
Week 5: West Carteret

**Facility Usage**

Private group rentals: 76

**Improvements**

Five rooms were renovated in the main lodge, including new floors, paint, bathroom fixtures, and blinds. The Kirkland Cottage also underwent major renovations, including new exterior doors and windows, HVAC, and bathroom fixtures with custom tile.
North Carolina FFA Alumni Association

North Carolina FFA Alumni is the 14th largest state alumni association with 1,390 members across 73 active affiliates:

- 734 lifetime members
- 656 annual members

STATE AWARDS

Membership Growth Award
Randleman FFA Alumni

Outstanding Achievement
Capital Area FFA Alumni

Outstanding Affiliate
West Rowan FFA Alumni

New Alumni Affiliates
Bartlett Yancey (reactivated)
Bunker Hill
Central Cabarrus
Franklin
Jordan
Longview
North Buncombe
Southern Wayne (reactivated)
Union Pines
West Craven
West Johnston

Chapter Grant Recipients
Eastern Randolph
Lake Norman
Millbrook

North Carolina FFA Alumni Convention Recognition
- Second Place Overall in the National FFA Alumni Website Contest
- Third Place Overall in the National FFA Alumni Newsletter Contest
- 100% Lifetime Membership to State FFA Officers

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North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Association

2011-2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS
Marshall & Jan Stewart
Outstanding Teacher Award
Scott Jolly, Midway

Outstanding Young Member
Angie Loggains,
   Southern Guilford

Outstanding Program
Gray’s Creek

Ideas Unlimited
Kaye Harris, Crest

Agriscience Teacher of the Year
Amy Kidd, Providence Grove

Outstanding Service Citation
Roger Teeple,
   Charles D. Owen

Teachers Turn the Key
Ashley Yopp, Northside

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**2011-2012 SPONSORS**

**Platinum ($50,000+)**
- Murphy-Brown, LLC
- North Carolina Pork Council
- North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission

**Gold ($25,000 – $49,999)**
- Alltech
- BASF Corporation
- Bayer CropScience
- Cape Fear Farm Credit
- Eureka Christian Church
- Florida Farm Bureau
- Legacy at Jordan Lake H.O.A.
- Mount Olive College
- John L. Tart

**Bronze ($10,001 – $24,999)**
- North Carolina FFA Center Triangle United Way

**5-Star ($5,001 – $10,000)**
- CSX, Inc.
- Alan and Sharon Gaines
- Holland and Becky Gaines
- North Carolina Farm Bureau
- North Carolina FFA Association
- North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association
- Michael and Jane Ray
- Southern States Cooperative, Inc.
- State Employees Combined Campaign

**4-Star ($2,501 – $5,000)**
- AgCarolina Farm Credit
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- Capital Area FFA Alumni
- Carolina Farm Credit
- CEV Multimedia
- Martha L. Chilton
- Corn Growers Association of North Carolina
- Duke Energy
- McLain Farms, Inc.
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- Progress Energy
- Southern Heritage
- Wayne and Jean Starling
- Marshall and Jan Stewart
- Syngenta Crop Protection

**3-Star ($1,501 – $2,500)**
- Bauer Corporation
- David L. Ervin
- David and Beverly Harris
- Hog Slat, Inc.
- NC State Grange
- North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Association
- North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation
- Perdue, Inc.

**2-Star ($1,001 – $1,500)**
- Alexander County Farm Bureau
- Allegany Farm Bureau
- Alpha Gamma Rho, NC State University
- Anson County Farm Bureau
- Ashe County Farm Bureau
- Avery County Farm Bureau
- Bank of the Carolinas
- Joshua and Lisa Bledsoe
- Cabarrus County Farm Bureau
- Caldwell County Farm Bureau
- Care First Animal Hospital
- Caswell County Farm Bureau
- Catawba County Farm Bureau
- Chatham County Farm Bureau
- Cleveland County Farm Bureau
- Davidson County Farm Bureau
- Duplin County Farm Bureau
- Forayth County Farm Bureau
- Gregory Poole Equipment Company
- Harnett County Farm Bureau
- Andrew Hill
- Ned Y. Hudson
- Iredell County Farm Bureau
- Johnston Community College
- Johnston County Farm Bureau
- Jones County Farm Bureau
- Jones-Onslow Electric
- Membership Corporation
- Law Offices of James R. Ansley
- Lenoir County Farm Bureau
- Bruce and Judy Miller
- Mitchell County Farm Bureau

**1-Star ($1 – $1,000)**
- Ronald L. Adkins
- Agribusiness Communications Group
- Agricultural and Extension Education Club
- Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation
- Alexander Central High School FFA Chapter
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- Gerald Barlowe

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