

DE AG ED FFA NEWSLETTER

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TO: Agricultural Education Personnel
(Please give one copy to administrative personnel)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Acknowledgments

- ♦ Welcome to the new Ag Ed Instructors entering the profession and to those who are returning. We wish you a most successful year in your agricultural education departments. Please call upon our staff if we can be of any assistance to you at any time (phone numbers are listed on the last page).
- ♦ Appreciation is extended to IVATA Ag Ed Conference Committee, ISU staff members, community college coordinators and instructional personnel, and all other agricultural education instructors who assisted in the 1997 Agricultural Education Conference in July. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and contributed significantly to the success of this annual conference. The 1998 Agricultural Education Conference is scheduled for June 29-July 2, 1998, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa. The conference planning committee will be meeting in October. Your input and council will be greatly appreciated. Contact your IVATA district representative and/or Mr. Larry Stine, Conference Chair at Estherville Community School—712-562-2659, Ext 38.
- ♦ Thanks to the many Ag Ed instructors who worked in various capacities before and during the FFA division shows and other activities associated with the Iowa State Fair. It would not be possible to carry out so many aspects of FFA involvement without your hard work, dedication, and cooperation. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Department Issues

- ♦ **Please keep DE newsletters and other enclosed materials in a separate folder or notebook** so you can easily refer to them for information and dates regarding upcoming FFA activities and events. Following some type of organized system to file all DE information will prevent lost or misplaced materials and save time and money for duplicating and forwarding information that has been distributed previously.
- ♦ **1997-98 Ag Ed Directory Update** – Please update your directory to reflect the following changes:

Ames (Collegiate FFA) – address: 107 Horticulture Building; email – mikegaul@iastate.edu

Boone – email address: ddodd@email.boone.k12.ia.us

Coon Rapids – email address: jimheithoff@rac.coon-rapids.k12.ia.us

Inwood – email address for Gary and David: garydavid@west-lyon.k12.ia.us

Sibley – email address for Jason Brockshus: jbrock@sibley-ocheyedan.k12.ia.us

Vinton – fax number: 319-472-5704

Any other changes should be reported to Tracy at (515) 281-4702. Thank You!

- ♦ Your cooperation in providing information or assisting your administrators in completing all necessary forms regarding the Ag Ed program needed by the Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education of the Department of Education was appreciated. A noted improvement has been achieved in reducing errors on CE-47s. Thank you for your assistance in that matter.

- ◆ Where should FFA materials be sent? All FFA chapter membership reports, applications, entry forms, money, etc., should be sent to the Iowa Department of Education. Exceptions for State Fair will be noted on State Fair Entry forms. FFA Alumni and FFA Foundation correspondence should be sent to the Iowa FFA Foundation, Box 400, Mitchellville, IA 50169.
- ◆ When sending mail to the Department of Education, please address it as follows: **Name of Staff Person, Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.** This will help avoid lost mail or delays due to misdirected mail. If you want confirmation that your mail has been received by the Department of Education, you must either send it by Certified Mail (which delays arrival to us by 2-3 days) or include a self-addressed stamped postcard which identifies the item(s) you sent -- we will return your card with a date stamp when it is received.
- ◆ The Governor's Council on Agricultural Education report summarizing information regarding the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) for the past four years is available should you wish a copy. Contact Dr. Robert Martin, Professor, Agricultural Education and Studies, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50010 to check on availability of an additional copy of the report. The report from the 1996-97 school year should be available soon (fall '97).
- ◆ The Fall District Agricultural Education Inservices are as follows:

Location	Date	Site	Time	Program Agenda
SW (Atlantic)	October 1	Atlantic HS	4:00 p.m.	Briefings/Meal/Inservice/FFA/Bus. Mtg.
NC (Hampton)	October 2	Hampton HS	5:00 p.m.	Briefings/Meal/Inservice/FFA/Bus. Mtg.
SE (Kalona)	October 2	Kalonal Inn	4:00 p.m.	Briefings/Meal/Inservice/FFA/Bus. Mtg.
NE (Oelwein)	October 8	Oelwein HS	4:00 p.m.	Briefings/Meal/Inservice/FFA/Bus. Mtg.
SC (Indianola)	October 9	Indianola HS	4:00 p.m.	Briefings/Meal/Inservice/FFA/Bus. Mtg.
NW (Cherokee)	October 16	Cherokee HS	4:00 p.m.	Briefings/Meal/Inservice/FFA/Bus. Mtg.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to provide for briefings relating to key initiatives and inservice to prepare those attending to implement a visioning process that identifies the preferred future of the agriculture education program for their respective communities.

Briefings: Representatives of the Governor’s Council on Agricultural Education, the Department of Education, Iowa State University, Northwest Missouri State University (SW district), and the community colleges serving each respective district, will be present. They will brief participants on current activities and share information on new initiatives that are of interest to agricultural education professionals.

Inservice: The inservice is being planned in collaboration with the Governor’s Council on Agricultural Education. The planning and preparation for this initiative prompts an invitation to all agricultural education personnel to participate in the inservice so that they may gain the information and materials that have been developed for use in the visioning process. The inservice will focus on preparing those attending to implement a set of activities that will provide for the involvement of key stakeholders in their respective communities in creating a preferred future for their agricultural education program.

◆ **Professional Development for Agricultural Educators -- New Program Features:**

New Teachers in Iowa: Provide an additional hour of instruction for each ICN session for new teachers in Iowa. For 1997-98, the \$100 registration fee will be waived for new teachers in Iowa. Topics for each session will be developed through interaction with new teachers.

Site Instructors/Facilitators: For the ICN Sessions, site instructors will be responsible for local arrangements and assistance in carrying out the program, including closure, new teacher programs and promoting area participation among teachers. AGEDS will provide training for site instructors. AGEDS will offer training and a \$300 honorarium to the site instructors, and the \$100 registration fee will be waived (the selected person's check-purchase order will be returned or refunded).

Localized Program (planned and implemented locally): Agricultural educators, through a local education school/institution/agency, may submit proposals to AGEDS on development and implementation of technical or non-technical programs for consideration for inclusion in the *Professional Development Program*. Local programs will be selected, if there is sufficient demand for the topic, and if site instructors show a feasible plan to carry out the program. Attendance could be in lieu of an ICN delivered statewide offering, if related to the same instructional area and is of equal scope. A \$300 honorarium will be made available to selected local programs that are implemented.

Individualized Program: Approved individualized programs could be used to substitute for any of the sessions that relate to the same instructional area and is of equal scope (would need approval prior to the scheduled session). Requests for a substituted program must be submitted to Eldon Weber as soon as it appears that a scheduled program will be missed due to unforeseen circumstances.

- ♦ The Annual FFA Chapter Report continued to be a problem with several schools. Submittal of this report is mandatory in order for the chapter to remain in "good standing." Failing to meet the deadline causes a great deal of problems for chapter members who want to participate in FFA activities above the chapter level, and extra stress for the DE staff/FFA board of directors who have to deal with the problems resulting from the local advisors' failure to fulfill his/her obligation. There are three parts to the Annual FFA Chapter Report. **All three parts must be completed in order for the report to be acceptable.** The first part provides the information required for the Iowa Association's annual report to the National FFA Organization. The second part of the report is the Form I of the National Chapter Award application. This is a good instrument for self-appraisal of your chapter's activities. The third part of the annual report is the SAE portion. The Governor's Council on Ag Ed uses this information to promote agricultural education. The economic development impact that the SAE program has on Iowa's economy is "good news" and should be given wide publicity. It shows that the agricultural education program in Iowa pays its way many times over.

FFA UPDATE

- ♦ The Iowa FFA Association contributed \$1000 to the Capital Campaign for the National FFA Center. As of July 31, 1997, 17 Iowa FFA chapters had also contributed \$150 toward the "I Believe in the Future" Capital Campaign and will, thus, have their name engraved on a paving block at the new National FFA Center. Thanks and congratulations to those chapters and advisors that have made a contribution.
- ♦ Local FFA Chapters are being challenged to contribute one dollar per member to **Iowa Helping Hands** by the Iowa FFA state officer team. Iowa Helping Hands is an organized effort to help farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota who were hard hit by winter blizzards, spring flooding and heavy rains this past summer. The group's goal is to raise one million dollars. Iowa Helping Hands is made up of a consortium of state agencies, organizations, and business and industry. The group was formed to respond to the needs of farmers in the states listed above. Iowa FFA's goal is to raise, as a minimum of \$11, 173. The state FFA officer team urge chapter advisors to encourage their

FFA members to become involved in this effort. Lutheran Social Services of Iowa will distribute the funds. Contributions may be sent to Lutheran Social Service of Iowa, Attn: Jim Almquist, 3116 University Ave., Des Moines, IA 50311. Participating chapters will be recognized at the 1998 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. Chapters are asked to write "FFA" then "name of chapter" on the lower left corner of the check, and credit will be given for recognition.

- ◆ Some schools are seeking to change the name of their FFA Chapter due to reorganization, shared programs, and mergers. In order for a chapter to change its name, it is necessary to make a constitutional change and to apply for a new charter.

This process is initiated by requesting a petition for charter form from the State FFA Advisor and submitting it along with a revised constitution, a program of activities, and the membership roster. There is a \$10.00 charter fee to cover the printing cost. The national FFA office assigns the chapter number.

- ◆ Two "Made For Excellence" Conferences will be held in 1997. The dates for these conferences are October 18-19 and October 25-26, at the YMCA Camp located near Boone. Registration will take place on each Saturday, October 18, and Saturday, October 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the conference starting at 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$80/FFA member. Advisors may attend and participate along with the students at the same fee of \$80/advisor. Advisors may attend, but not participate in the personal development activities for a fee of \$30/advisor, which covers meals and lodging. Approximately 10 advisors are needed to serve as chaperones. All fees will be waived for those instructors selected to serve as chaperones. Registration forms with fee information were mailed to all FFA advisors on August 26, 1997. Registration deadline is September 25 which is to be sent to Jason Brockshus, Leadership Coordinator. An unlimited number of FFA members per chapter may attend, however each conference is limited to a total of 150 participants. This is the eleventh year the MFE conference has been held in Iowa. The staff of the conference will be the Washington Leadership Conference counselors. Iowa's FFA officer team is organizing the meal functions and entertainment. Participants will need to bring the following items: Official FFA dress, casual clothes, toiletries (toothbrush, shampoo, comb, etc.), bedding; and a positive attitude.
- ◆ FFA membership payment and roster are due by November 1, 1997. FFA advisors are encouraged to carefully review the membership roster being prepared for the 1997-98 membership year for completeness and accuracy before writing a check. Submit the check along with the official membership roster to the IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION, Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education, Grimes State Office Bldg., Des Moines, IA 50319-0146. The combined total for state and national dues for a one-year membership is \$10.50 per member (\$5.50 for state dues and \$5.00 for national dues). Refer to the official membership roster for further clarification of the amount for other membership opportunities (i.e., 3-year memberships and non-member subscriptions to the national FFA magazine, NEW HORIZONS, that your chapter may choose). The dollar amount for each membership category is printed in the upper right hand portion of the official membership roster that was prepared for your chapter by the National FFA Organization and mailed to your chapter around September 1. Also instructors are to sign page # 1 of the membership roster to certify accuracy of the total membership count (placed on the top right hand side of page # 1 only) and all information contained in the membership roster(s). It is important that new members' name be clearly printed or typed on the roster. Please make certain all addresses are complete and accurate, and complete degree and grade level for all new members. New members in Iowa should receive their first issue of the National FFA Magazine in March if membership has been submitted by November 15. For further membership roster assistance, contact Janelle Hackett at (515) 281-4737.

When additional memberships are added or other modifications to the membership roster information submitted at the beginning of the school year is submitted, the additions must always include the full and complete information on each student being added or whose information is being modified. Payment for membership dues must also accompany any additions to the membership roster.

The advisor is responsible to assure that the student's membership dues are paid and submitted in a timely manner. **The student's membership must be submitted on an official FFA Membership Roster with payment prior to eligibility for participation.** It is the responsibility of the local chapter advisor to check the local chapter roster to ascertain whether the student's name is on the membership roster before signing entry forms for his/her participation in any FFA event including shows and fairs where FFA membership is required.

If Honorary Membership Cards are desired for Honorary Chapter FFA Degree persons, be certain to list honorary members on the chapter roster and place a "H" circled after the first name of a honorary member.

FFA Chapter Information/Requirements

- ◆ Iowa SAE record books are available from INTERSTATE Printers and Publishers. If you have questions on the use of these record books, please call any of the committee members or Alan O'Neal for assistance. The Ag Skills/Improvement Project Record books are also available from INTERSTATE. It is recommended that every high school agriculture student should use the Ag Skills record book even if they are only in agricultural education one semester.
- ◆ Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Programs are a major part of a quality agricultural education programs and is required for degree advancement in the FFA. High school agriculture instructors with students who say they cannot have a supervised agricultural experience program need to help students explore the possibility of specialty animal or horticultural enterprises; agricultural work experience; or use of the school's Ag mechanics laboratory, green house, farm, etc. Some students may only be able to have Ag skills and improvement projects. In addition, you could encourage high school agriculture students with limited SAE opportunities to have an agriscience project. Remember, supervised agricultural experience is a hands-on application of what is being taught in the classroom and consists of practical learning experiences conducted outside the regularly scheduled agriculture class time. In helping students select an SAE program, ask yourself if it is necessary for the student to be enrolled in your Ag Ed class to develop the skills necessary to do this job? Seek assistance from the DE Ag Ed consultants for suggestions. *Students SHALL NOT be permitted to have the same animals, crops, etc., for Ag Ed supervised agricultural experience and for 4-H projects.*
- ◆ All active FFA members, while in high school, **MUST** be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; either course must include a supervised agriculture experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career. Members may retain their active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduating from high school.
- ◆ A chartered chapter in "good standing" with the Iowa FFA Association may participate in all district and state activities, events, meetings, and the state FFA Leadership Conference. A chapter is in "good standing" when (1) state and national dues are paid by December 1, (2) the membership report and annual program of activities (POA) are submitted by December 1, (3) the chapter constitution is not in conflict with the state constitution, (4) it has at least 10 active members, and (5) all FFA reports are submitted to the State Association as requested. These standards will be followed.

- ♦ Minimum qualifications for the Greenhand Degree include: "Be regularly enrolled in an Ag Ed course and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program."
- ♦ Minimum requirements for the Chapter FFA Degree include the statement that the FFA member must have satisfactorily completed at least 180 hours of systematic agricultural education instruction at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an improved supervised farming and/or other agricultural experience program, and be regularly enrolled in an agricultural education class.
- ♦ Planning an exciting and challenging program of activities is imperative to the success of any FFA chapter. One cannot expect students to have an interest in a program that does not have any activities. Careful planning is the first step in developing an effective program. The Program of Activities form provided by the DE is considered minimum. Chapters submitting a program to the DE with less than the minimum will have it returned for revision and their "good standing" status will be in jeopardy.

FFA Career Development Events

- ♦ The State FFA Soils Event is open to only the top five teams in each district. District FFA Advisors should submit a list of the top five teams to the state FFA advisor immediately following the district soil CDE. Chapter advisors of the five top teams in each district must submit entry forms provided by the DE. These entries should be mailed to the DE immediately following the district event or postmarked no later than October 9, and a \$5.00 entry fee must accompany the entry form. The names of the team members must be printed or typed on the entry form. Advisors are urged to take extreme care in making certain that the names are legible and spelled correctly, as this information goes into a computer that will generate labels for each participants scorecard and will be used in news releases.
- ♦ **This merits repeating.** Before submitting names of FFA members to participate in any FFA events above the chapter level, advisors are urged to check their membership rosters to make sure the student is listed. Too often we find participants who are not listed on the chapter roster. This causes problems for the state FFA officers and state staff, because members are not allowed to participate until dues have been paid.

NATIONAL INFORMATION

- ♦ Each FFA Chapter received a packet from the National FFA Organization that contained the new applications for American FFA Degree, Proficiency Awards, National Chapter Award, Student and Teacher Agriscience Awards, and a form for ordering Foundation Award Medals. Please note that these medals must now be ordered from the National FFA Center. You should plan to do that well in advance of your chapter awards banquet so that you will have them on time.
- ♦ FFA membership rosters were mailed from the National FFA Organization office to all Iowa FFA chapters in late August or early September. This was at our request to combat the problem of rosters being lost in the summer bustle.
- ♦ FFA advisors' appearance and dress at the National FFA Convention is of great concern to some FFA members and advisors. Advisors are encouraged to look sharp. Official dress is required of all members attending the National FFA Convention and will be checked by the Courtesy Corps when entering the Convention Auditorium and Career Show area. Does it not seem appropriate that the advisors' dress be on a corresponding level (professional in appearance)?
- ♦ Comments and suggestions regarding issues to come before the National FFA Convention delegate body are to be directed to Iowa delegates to the 70th National FFA Convention. Delegates are as

follows: Matthew Chizek, Thomas Goodhue, Mary Hardy, Scott Johnson, Laura Denniston, Robin Simmons, Kathleen Block, Grant Woodley, Scott Fischer (Sheldon Golden Corn FFA), and Brian Ohorilko (Southeast Polk FFA). Lisa Ahrens has been select to serve on the national FFA nominating committee; therefore another delegate is yet to be named to fill the Iowa delegation of 11.

- ♦ Housing reservations for the National Convention should be completed no later than October 1. Please refer to the second edition of "An Advisor's Planning Guide for the 70th National FFA Convention" for the latest details regarding the convention.
- ♦ National FFA Convention Registration Cards are to be appropriately signed and must be taken to the National Convention. The registration fee will be \$25.00 each for all those who attend the entire convention and career show. DO NOT send registration cards to the DE.
- ♦ Erik Heggen, Past State FFA President, will be interviewed for the National FFA office at the National FFA Convention. We ask all chapters in Iowa to give encouragement to Erik for this important responsibility. We are confident that he has the qualifications for being a national FFA officer.

Recognition

- ♦ The Honorary American FFA Degree will be conferred upon Mr. David Lantz, Inwood; and Ms. Barbara Lemmer, Anamosa at the 70th National FFA Convention in November. Congratulations to these teachers for their outstanding achievement.
- ♦ Iowa's Results in national FFA competition are as follows: (The order in which the chapters are listed is the order in which they placed at the state level.)

National Chapter Award:

Three Star and National Finalists: Creston, West Marshall (State Center), and Vinton.

Three Star: St. Ansgar, Wapsie Valley (Fairbank), Harlan, Marengo, Sibley-Ocheyedan (Sibley), Manson Northwest Webster (Manson).

Two Star: Red Oak, Algona, Charles City, Linn-Mar (Marion), Mid-Prairie (Wellman), Prairie Valley (Gowrie), West Liberty, Rockwell-Sheffield (Rockwell), G & G (Garnavillo), Edgewood, North Fayette (West Union), Carroll Area (Carroll).

Congratulations to these outstanding FFA Chapters.

St. Ansgar FFA will represent the Iowa FFA Association in the Hall of States display activity.

Proficiencies: Fourteen Iowa FFA members were selected as National Finalists in the National Pool Judging Proficiency Award event and will advance on to the national event with judging taking place at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. Winners by school P.O. and Proficiency area are: Nathan D. Franzen, Guttenberg, Ag Mech/Technical Systems-Entrepreneur; Holly A. Blackford, Marion (Linn-Mar), Beef Production-Entrepreneur; Andy Muff, Ventura, Diversified Livestock-Entrepreneur; Benjamin F. Yetter, Earlham, Diversified Livestock-Placement; Scott Johnson, Guttenberg, Environmental Science; Rebecca R. Miller, Elgin, Equine Science; Andrew R. Tygrett, Wilton, Floriculture; Alex Smith, Red Oak, Forest Management; Kelsey Stansberry, Marion, Nursery Operations; Jason D. Sanders, Vinton, Oil Crop Production-Entrepreneur; Amy R., Mounce, Alburnett, Sheep Production; Luke Brown, West Bend, Swine Production-Entrepreneur; Brian Pitzen, St. Ansgar, Swine Production-Placement; Kevin Jones, Montezuma, Turf Grass Management.

American FFA Degrees: Fifty-eight (58) Iowa FFA members are candidates to receive the American FFA Degree during the 8th session of the 1997 National FFA Convention on Saturday, November 15, 1997.

They are as follows (by school P.O): Lisa E. Ahrens, Osage; Evan Behrens, Carroll; Matthew D. Berninghaus, West Bend; Kathleen Block, Maquoketa; Christopher A. Bowman, DeWitt; Matthew Chambers, Audubon; Brenda R. Cousins, Anamosa; Jeremy N. Davis, Olin; Jim J. Dillon, Sumner; Ryan Dobbins, Graettinger; Joseph R. Eggers, State Center; Mike Ehlers, Laurens; Andrew Friederichsen, DeWitt; Scott D. Grantz, Goose Lake; Erik Heggen, Gowrie; Brian Hollatz, Garner; Ben Johnson, Osage; Lonnie L. Johnson, Alburnett; Kevin Jones, Montezuma; Kyle J. Kaufman, Manson; Christopher C. Krapfl, Cascade; Kevin Kroeger, Carroll; Tammi J. Lake, Edgewood; Brice L. Leonard, Colfax; Brad W. Lines, Rockford; Jamie T. Malloy, State Center; Darren Martin, Mount Ayr; Jaime L. Merrill, Anamosa; Cory S. Meyer, West Union; Curt Mikkelsen, Orient; Eric Miller, Anita; Matthew F. Miller, Allison; Ann M. Moberg, Creston; Jeffery D. Morris Jr., Algona; Amy R. Mounce, Alburnett; Samuel A. Murray, Decorah; Brian Nabb, Maquoketa; Jamie R. Nabb, Maquoketa; Nathan Nus, Arlington; Jeff Peters, DeWitt; Christopher J. Pint, Fairbank; Kim Ranfeld, Montezuma; Angela D. Rowson, DeWitt; Jason Sallach, Red Oak; Michelle K. Saville, Creston; Eric M. Schmitt, Rockford; William J. Soesbe III, Clarion; Shamus Stephens, Creston; Brenda J. Stewart, Milton; Justin Stover, Wapello; Shane Swenson, Milford; Matthew Thie, Mediapolis; Ben VanSickle, Gowrie; Jason P. Vos, Montezuma; David Wendt, Osage; Dustin R. Wiley, Mount Ayr, Charity Winterboer, Everly; Donald J. Zitterich, Graettinger.

STATE FAIR

- ◆ Orscheln Farm and Home Supply sponsored State Fair FFA Exhibitor T-shirts. Please have exhibitors from your FFA chapter write a thank you letter for FFA exhibitor T-shirts to Mark Cullifer, Orscheln Farm & Home Supply, Box 698, Moberly, MO 65270.
- ◆ Kent Feeds, Inc. sponsored the Beef Barbecue for FFA and 4-H participants at the Iowa State Fair. Please have exhibitors who enjoyed this meal write thank you letters to Mr. Art Lurdal, Vice President of Advertising, Promotion & Public Relations, Kent Feeds, Inc., 1600 Oregon St., Muscatine, Iowa 52761.

OTHER NEWS

- ◆ Future Iowa FFA Leadership Conference Dates at Veterans Auditorium:

1998 April 16-18	2000 April 6-8	2002 April 11-13
1999 April 15-17	2001 April 5-7	2003 April 10-12

- ◆ The Iowa Envirothon is beginning its third year of activity thanks to a REAP grant in 1996 to get it started and another this year to develop materials for training teams. The Envirothon is a team competition utilizing problem-solving skills, critical thinking skills, and working as a team to answer questions written questions and conduct hands-on investigation of environmental issues in five categories: Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife, Soils, and Current Environmental Issues. Regional competitions will be held in March 1998. For more information and to obtain an entry form please contact Jill Knapp, CDI, P.O. Box 649, Johnston, IA 50131.

- ♦ The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1996 increased minimum wage from \$4.75 an hour to \$5.15 an hour on September 1, 1997. It also established a subminimum wage of \$4.25 an hour for employees under 20 years of age during their first 90 consecutive calendar days of employment with an employer. Employers are prohibited from displacing employees in order to hire youth at the subminimum wage. Also prohibited are partial displacements such as reducing employees' wages, or employment benefits.

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1997-98 FFA/Ag Ed Calendar of Events

1997		
September 25	Postmarked	Made For Excellence Conference Registration Form -- DE
September 27	Des Moines	Iowa FFA Board of Directors' Meeting
October	Postmarked	Soils CDE Entry - DE (top 5 chapters from each district)
October 1	Atlantic	Southwest (SW) Agriculture Education Inservice
October 2	Hampton	North Central (NC) Agriculture Education Inservice
October 2	Kalona	Southeast (SE) Agriculture Education Inservice
October 8	Oelwein	Northeast (NE) Agriculture Education Inservice
October 9	Indianola	South Central (SC) Agriculture Education Inservice
October 16	Cherokee	Northwest (NW) Agriculture Education Inservice
October 18	Ames Area	Iowa FFA Soil CDE
October 18-19	Boone	Made For Excellence Conference #1
October 25-26	Boone	Made For Excellence Conference #2
November 1	Postmarked	Program of Activities (POAs) Due – DE Membership Rosters Due -- DE
November 13-15	Kansas City	National FFA Convention
December 30	Des Moines	Iowa FFA Board of Directors' Meeting
1998		
January 15	Postmarked	National Chapter Applications – Form I and II
February 2	Postmarked	Iowa FFA Degree Applications – DE Honorary Iowa FFA Degree Applications - DE
February 21-28	CELEBRATE	National FFA Week
February 24	Des Moines	FFA Legislative Symposium
March 2	Postmarked	American FFA Degree Applications - DE

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March 9	Postmarked	SLC Entry Form
	Postmarked	<u>Applications:</u> State FFA Officer State FFA Band State FFA Chorus Talent Show Iowa FFA Leadership Conference Committee FFA Public Relations Journalism Chapter Reporter Award SAE/Ag Ed Publicity Chapter Award Agriscience Student Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Academic Achievement Application
	Postmarked	Hotel Reservation Form - Convention Bureau
	Postmarked	<u>CDE Entries:</u> Ag Discussion Meet
March 14	Des Moines	Agriscience Fair
March 20-21	Boone	State Leadership Conference for New District Officers - YMCA Camp
April 16-18	Des Moines	Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference
May 1	Postmarked	National FFA Band Applications - Band Director
		National FFA Chorus Applications – DE
June 1	Postmarked	Annual FFA Chapter Report – DE
		Honorary American FFA Degree Applications - DE
June 5-6	Des Moines	Iowa FFA Board of Directors' Meeting
June 15	Postmarked	American FFA Degree Applications from Finalists
June 29-July 2	Des Moines	Agricultural Education Conference
August 13-23	Des Moines	Iowa State Fair