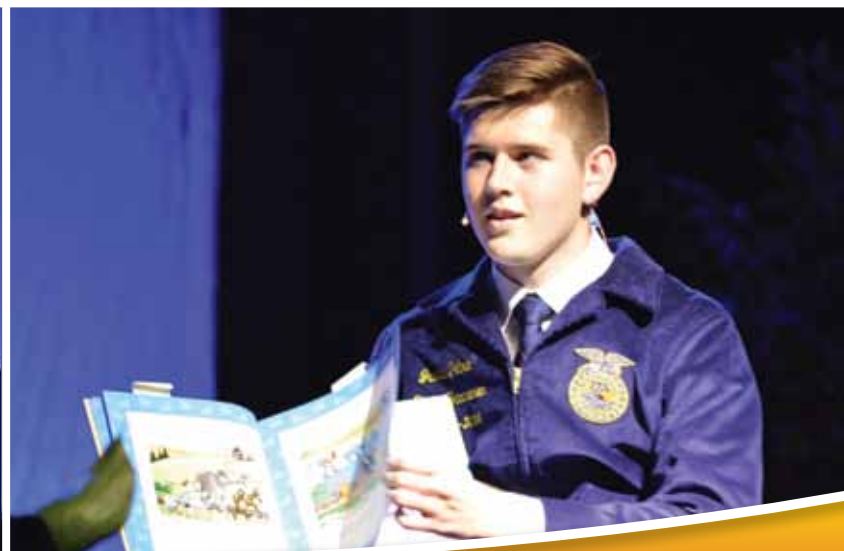


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SEPTEMBER

7-9: FFA Alumni Regional Development Conference Collge (Middletown, VA)

13-16: Eastern States Expo (Springfield, MA)

28-OCT 7: State Fair of Virginia

OCTOBER

23-27: National FFA Convention & Expo (Indianapolis, IN)

Meet Our VIRGINIA FFA STATE ADVISOR



“I am a military brat and I served in the military as well.” Growing up, Ms. LaVeta Nutter spent years on military bases overseas, primarily in Germany. Returning to the United States led to many different school systems and eventually an undergraduate and graduate program degrees from Virginia Tech in agricultural economics and career and technical education.

Her journey to becoming the State Advisor followed after teaching agricultural education for over 20 years in Virginia and an interview for the Agricultural Education Specialist for the Virginia Department of Education. The duties of the Agriculture Education Specialist for the state of Virginia is to manage the review, revision and/or development of course content and curricula in the Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources and Government & Public Administration content areas and career clusters. Additional responsibilities include designing and implementing professional development for agricultural education teachers, providing information and assistance to Career and Technical Education (CTE) departments, school district administrators, other agencies, industry representatives and

individuals regarding agricultural education programs. The Specialist provides vision and leadership to expand the rigor and relevance of the agricultural education curriculum through collaboration with business and industry representatives and the integration of STEM.

“The opportunity to teach and work with students is a blessing,” says Ms. Nutter as she reflects on her favorite moments with FFA. As we continue or even begin our FFA journey there is a lot of advice to take in. Ms. Nutter suggests, “Get[ting] involved! Run for office. Think of opportunities to serve your school, community and state, individually as an FFA member and collectively as an FFA chapter. Research and become involved in every CDE and LDE that may be of interest to you. Improve your academic knowledge and proficiency, hone your leadership and career-related skills, and always strive to do what is right by being the best person you can be now and in the future. Share your love for the agricultural sciences with your family, friends, and especially the younger generation of students in a way that enables you to make a positive difference in their lives.”

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2018 CONVENTION Wrap-up



And just like that, the 92nd Virginia FFA State Convention is in the books! On June 18–21, more than 1600 Virginia FFA members and guests came to Virginia Tech ready to kick off a week of contests, leadership workshops, and fun. Throughout the week, FFA members recognized their own potential and came together as Virginia FFA as they lived out this year's state theme, I CAN. WE WILL.

Convention kicked off Monday night at the first session, held in Burruss Hall. During the session, the top chapters in our state were recognized, State Fair of Virginia contestants were awarded for their accomplishments, and students heard from our National FFA Southern Region Vice President, Ian Bennett. Ian encouraged Virginia FFA members to never lose sight of why we do what we do.

Tuesday started early with Career and Leadership Development Events, State Officer Candidate Interviews, leadership workshops, and middle school events. Chapter delegates met to discuss the future of Virginia FFA, including setting annual dues and recommending events for our state Program of Activities. The second session was held on Tuesday evening, where LDE results were announced, along with CDE results including Meats Evaluation, Forestry, and Poultry Evaluation. After the session, students had the opportunity to meet new friends at an ice cream social and milk-and-cookies event. Thanks to Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Young Farmers of Virginia for hosting these events!

Wednesday was another full day of CDEs and workshops. The third session was held on Wednesday afternoon. As a

special way to kick off session, the 2018 All-State Chapter Conduct of Meetings Team completed Opening Ceremonies. Awesome job to these members! Also during the third session, middle school FFA members were recognized for their hard work in various events and delegates voted to accept two committee reports and the State FFA Degree Candidates.

The fourth session was held Wednesday evening. During this session, Virginia's 2018 Proficiency Award Winners and State Stars were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences. Additionally, 189 members received their State FFA Degree and students heard from the night's keynote, Mr. Robert Mills. Mr. Mills served as the State FFA President in 1991 and spoke about how FFA is always with us, even after we hang up our jackets.

The fifth and final session was held on Thursday morning. During this session, FFA members discovered who will represent our state at the Big E and National FFA Convention & Expo with final CDE results. At the very end of the session, the 2018-2019 Virginia FFA State Officer Team was announced. Congratulations to our 8 new state officers!

Thank you to all who helped make the 92nd Virginia FFA State Convention a success, including all chapter advisors. Congratulations to all award winners and participants! Virginia FFA, always remember that individually we each have a voice to be heard and a story to tell. Together, our voices become magnified and we can make a difference in our world.

INSIGHTS GAINED

Thank You

Virginia FFA, thank you for truly embodying what it means to live to serve. Every one of you has a true desire to grow as a leader and an individual and make our world a better place. Never lose your open hearts and spirits to serve. Remember that true joy comes when we make peace with who we are, why we are, and how we are. This year I have been amazed by how you always strive to lend a hand and a smile and give joy to those around you. Thank you for all of the memories and your love for every person that you meet. You have an incredible story to tell that is unique to only you; now go tell it!

Tess Seibel
2017-2018 State President

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students. I came into this year wanting to be a part of that difference, and I look back at my year and see that I am the one that has been impacted. There are not words powerful enough to describe just how much each and every FFA member I met this past year has changed my life. Virginia FFA, thank you for letting me chill in the corduroy for one last year and always reminding me that we all have family in the FFA! Stay true. Stay blue. Stay you.

Peace out, y'all,
Mason Sowers
2017-2018 State Secretary

I came into this year wanting to share my love for FFA and agriculture with you all, in hopes of growing your love. I now realize that, throughout the year, my love was the one that grew tremendously. It grew because of the great passions you all shared with me. There is no amount of words that can describe just how much each of you has impacted me. You all constantly reminded me how great the future of agriculture is because of your love and dedication to it. I'm super excited to see the wonderful leaders and agriculturalists you all will be. You all have such bright futures ahead, and I'm so glad that you gave me the opportunity to cross paths with y'all. Always remember: if we remind others of encouraging times, we can all have positive attitudes!

See ya around,
Bailey Carpenter
2017-2018 State Vice President

Virginia FFA, this year was filled with passion, love, and a lot of laughter thanks to all of you! Thank you for welcoming us into your chapters with open arms, and always making every school feel like home. Your love and passion for this organization and agriculture are truly inspiring, and I can't thank you all enough for sharing that with me! Without you all, this year would not have been nearly as fun and impactful. This year has shown me that not only our organization, but our communities and nation are in really good hands. Thank you for always being down for a good laugh and sharing with us your positivity. Through the many days and miles of travel I have learned that no matter what situation we are going through, we can always rise up and make the most out of it by making ourselves better. Thank you for all the memories, and for making this the best year of my life.

Justin Petrie
2017-2018 State Treasurer

Virginia FFA, this year has been joy, laughter, growth, and a lot of fun. From the very beginning, you welcomed me in and made me feel like one of your own in every chapter visit. I started this year wanting to share my love for FFA and my story in hopes of making an impact on you all, but throughout this year I realized I was the one being impacted by each and every one of you! Hearing the uniqueness of every chapter and each member, I was able to realize just how diverse Virginia FFA truly is. Do not stop telling your stories, growing, reaching for the stars, and never give up on your dreams. Always remember, we only have one life; that means don't wait for big moments to arise to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Thank you for giving me the best year of my life!

Love Always,
Melissa Ruhlman
2017-2018 State Reporter

Virginia FFA, thank you for making this year full of so many amazing memories! This year was marked with so much friendship. No matter where we went, we could always count on meeting great members that were so excited about what they do. It's great to know that the future of agriculture will be in the hands of so many passionate, caring young leaders. Thank you for sharing many laughs with me, whether it was a funny joke or just simply sharing so much positivity with those around you. Sharing all of this with you, continued to make this year so amazing. Thank you for showing me that it doesn't matter where you come from or what our background is, we all have the opportunity to decide where our own future goes and all of the great things that are a result of it!

Christopher Kuhler
2017-2018 State Sentinel



Get to Know YOUR STATE OFFICERS

What has been your favorite FFA memory?

Ethan: This past year my little sister got the chance to join FFA. After she worked all year, Thursday morning I got to watch her finish 2nd individually and her team win the Junior Livestock Judging CDE. Seeing her grow in her love for the FFA and pave her own path in the organization has been really special to me.

Kendall: Receiving my first FFA jacket in middle school. At that time, I didn't realize the impact that the blue jacket would have on my life.

Nathan: When I had the chance to travel to Oklahoma to compete in the National Soil and Land Judging competition. I love being able to see different parts of our country and making memories with some awesome friends.

Claire: My first year at FFA Leadership Camp. I was extremely shy and was hesitant to try something new, but within the first few minutes at Camp, I felt welcomed and excited to be a part of this organization. It was the first time I felt the love of the FFA-mily.

Matthew: Attending Virginia Institute on Cooperative Education (VICE). There I was able to meet and reconnect with old friends from across the state of Virginia. While attending VICE, members get to compete in a simulation and learn about how cooperatives function. (Cooperatives are vital to farmers across America).

Ruth: Attending the Virginia FFA Leadership Camp for the first time last summer is one of my favorite memories in FFA. Not only did I get to make new friendships with other members around the state, but also learned more about myself and how to become a better leader in serving my chapter and everyone else for the coming year.

Newlin: My final year at the Virginia FFA leadership camp. It was my fourth time at camp and I was so excited to spend a week with friends who I had met at camp in previous years as well as meeting new members. On the last day, many of us went to the top of the hill to watch the sunrise over the mountains.

Katherine: Competing in the Big Eastern Exposition for Poultry Judging. It was the first time any of us had been there, and my team and I traveled all the way to Massachusetts in a tiny little car we barely fit in and had the experience of a lifetime. From the famous baked potato bar to our team placing 2nd overall in the contest, there were many good laughs and never a dull moment.

What was your favorite CDE/LDE?

Ethan: Livestock Judging; I have always had a passion for livestock judging and competing. I also had a coach that pushed me and taught me how to work to meet my potential.

Kendall: Extemporaneous Public Speaking. I enjoyed the pressure of the contest, as well as the fear of not knowing what topic I was going to receive!



PRESIDENT: ETHAN JACKSON
FFA CHAPTER: SMITH MOUNTAIN
YEARS IN FFA: 4
JACKETS OWNED: 2



SECRETARY: KENDALL KNICELY
FFA CHAPTER: TURNER ASHBEY
YEARS IN FFA: 7
JACKETS OWNED: 1



VICE PRESIDENT: NATHAN McDONALD
FFA CHAPTER: STRASBURG
YEARS IN FFA: 8
JACKETS OWNED: 2



VICE PRESIDENT: CLAIRE SEIBEL
FFA CHAPTER: LORD BOTETOURT
YEARS IN FFA: 7
JACKETS OWNED: 2



VICE PRESIDENT: MATTHEW MEYERS
FFA CHAPTER: CULPEPER
YEARS IN FFA: 4
JACKETS OWNED: 1



TREASURER: RUTH FITZGERALD
FFA CHAPTER: NELSON SR.
YEARS IN FFA: 6
JACKETS OWNED: 1



REPORTER: NEWLIN HUMPHREY
FFA CHAPTER: FLUVANNA
YEARS IN FFA: 4
JACKETS OWNED: 2



SENTINEL: KATHERINE THOMPSON
FFA CHAPTER: JAMES WOOD
YEARS IN FFA: 9
JACKETS OWNED: 2

AVERAGE: 1.6 JACKETS

Nathan: Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event. I really enjoyed this event because it allowed us to think on our feet all while learning how to run a meeting!

Claire: My favorite CDE was Soils Judging and favorite LDE was Parliamentary Procedure.

Matthew: Extemporaneous Public Speaking. This quick “thinking on your feet” can help you prepare for any career you want to have in the future because it is so applicable.

Ruth: Forestry is one that I enjoy the most. One of my favorite aspects of this CDE is that it is held outside in the woods. It is also neat to apply what you learn by being able to identify trees as you are walking through the woods or going on a hike.

Newlin: Horse Hippology. It is a team event that consists of a written exam, powerpoint slides, identification stations, judging, and a team problem. I loved how I was able to apply all of the information that I had learned to my tasks at the barn.

Katherine: Horse Judging; This contest gave me the opportunity to learn more about the western style of riding, something I was unfamiliar with, on top of, improving my skills of public speaking with having to give reasons. As an added bonus, I got to spend countless hours with horses!

What advice would you give to someone looking to join FFA?

Ethan: No matter where you plan to go in life, join the FFA if you have the chance. The FFA will help develop you as leader and as a person. It’s not just about blue jackets, cows, sows and plows—it’s about growing you into the best version of yourself.

Kendall: My advice to someone looking to join FFA is get involved. When I first began FFA in my middle school chapter, I wasn’t nearly as involved as I wish I had been. Step out of your comfort zone, and run for chapter office, compete in a new Career Development Event, or anything that your heart desires while you still have these precious moments in the blue jacket!

Nathan: Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Even if something doesn’t sound like your cup of tea, give it a shot anyway—you may end up loving it! Sometimes the best things in life are ones that we don’t think we’ll enjoy. Step outside of your comfort zone, and try something new!

Claire: To anyone looking to join FFA, I say DO IT. FFA has a wealth of opportunities, and there is something for everyone. Seek out opportunities and discover your passions! It can be intimidating to try something new, but this is an experience that is worth it!

Matthew: Know that there is a place for you in this organization. Whether you enjoy livestock, horses, vet science, plants, meats, parliamentary procedure, public speaking, and a wide variety beyond these classes, LDEs, and CDEs that I have mentioned, there is a place for you. You do not have to live on a big farm to have a place in the FFA, nor be directly involved with agriculture production. Be yourself because you have so much to offer to this organization and world.

Ruth: For anyone joining FFA, I encourage you to take hold of the vast opportunities and make the most of what FFA has to offer you. FFA can change your life and is a place where you belong. Always strive to step out of your comfort zone because it is the only way you will learn and grow yourself, your leadership, your influence, and your ability to serve others.

Newlin: The biggest piece of advice that I would give to a student looking to join FFA is that it does not matter if you have an agricultural background or not, FFA can make a positive difference in your life but you must be willing to step out of your comfort zone.

Katherine: My advice to someone looking to join FFA is to TRY IT. There are all kinds of people you can meet as a member. There is something for everyone in this organization; take that first step into a journey of a lifetime. You will make so many memories, travel to places you never thought you’d go to, and eat some of the best food you’ve ever had.

What advice would you give to someone about to end their FFA journey?

Ethan: I don’t believe our FFA journey ever ends. We may hang up our blue jacket but we still bleed blue and gold. Take the what you’ve learned and the skills you’ve developed and dedicate them to making your community and world a better place, because that’s the purpose of the FFA: to grow the future. You don’t have to be wearing the blue jacket to serve.

Kendall: For those who are about to end their FFA journey, I would say that your journey is just beginning! Because of your time in the blue jacket, your life will be filled with amazing opportunities, and take you places you never imagined. There are also opportunities to become Alumni, as well as joining Collegiate chapters. Take all the opportunities that you can!

Nathan: The blue jacket is just the first step in the journey of life. The lessons and memories that we learned in the blue jacket are ones that prepare us for our adult lives. This is just the beginning of the rest of our lives, and we are ready for it! Remember what you learned, and the world is yours!

Claire: Cherish every last moment, but remember this is only the beginning. The values of FFA, the personal growth we undergo, and the lessons we have learned shaped us and will stick with us forever. FFA is a part of who we are, and we can always slip on an Alumni blazer and give back to the students of today.

Matthew: Take each moment and truly cherish the last events, contests, conferences, and conventions that you have. You never know when your time in the blue jacket will come to an end. But also know this: no matter when you take the jacket off, you will always have those memories, skills, and the “FFamily” that you have bonded so well with these past years, semesters, or months.

Ruth: For members starting a new chapter of life, don’t ever forget who you are and what you’ve learned, the skills you’ve gained, and the memories and experience that FFA has given you. No matter where you go or what you do, share your unique story with others and use what FFA has equipped you with to lead and serve others to make a positive difference in this world.

Newlin: There are so many ways to continue your FFA journey once you retire the blue jacket. Organizations such as the National FFA Alumni Association and Young Farmers open up so many opportunities for past FFA members. Just because your FFA journey is about to end does not mean that your life of service has to end.

Katherine: My best advice to someone who is about to end their journey as an FFA member is that there is so much more to this organization than just being an active member. Become an involved alumni member, take the experiences you gained as a member in school and use it to make a positive impact on the world, and live out the last line of our motto “Live to Serve.”

2018 VIRGINIA FFA CONVENTION CDE/LDE Award Recipients



AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

Loren Satterwhite, Emily Paggett,
Hope Showalter, Melanie Lewis,
Advisor Codi Jo Wheelbarger
State Winner
Turner Ashby FFA



AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

Hope Showalter,
Advisor Codi Jo Wheelbarger
High Individual
Turner Ashby FFA



AGRICULTURAL ISSUES

Makayla Hoffman, Ashley Bushong,
Sierra Miller,
Advisor Mrs. Heishman
State Winner
Central FFA



AGRICULTURAL SALES

Walker Bowman, Kaitlin Mantz,
Olivia Gochenour, Jacob Coffey,
Advisor Sherry Heishman
State Winner
Central FFA



AGRICULTURAL SALES

Joshua Hutchinson,
Advisor David Balderson
High Individual
Atlee FFA



AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Cody Mewborn, Jacob Inge, Josh Walker, Jared Morgan,
Advisor Elizabeth Duncan
State Winner
Appomattox FFA



AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Cody Mewborn,
Advisor Elizabeth Duncan
High Individual
Appomattox FFA



JUNIOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Joe Manderbaugh, Mason Hathaway, Will Winall, Trey Timberlake, Advisor Chris Whitlow
State Winner
Powhatan FFA



JUNIOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Ethan Jones,
Advisor Blair Hoffman
High Individual
Stuart Middle FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 2

Ella Warns, Jesse Haviland,
Advisor John Welsh
State Winner
J. Frank Hillyard FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 3

Jordan Newman
State Winner
Cumberland High FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 4

Heidi Messerley, Jackson Lohr,
Advisor Herb Hoffeditz
State Winner
Broadway FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 5

Ryleigh Travers,
Advisor Mary Hardesty
State Winner
Clarke County FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR PLANT SYSTEMS DIVISION 5

Cody Mewborn,
Advisor Elizabeth Duncan
State Winner
Appomattox FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR, SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION 1

Addy Wallin,
Advisor Kim Black
State Winner
R. E. Aylor FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION 4

Branson Custer, Jared Yankey,
Advisor Herbert Hoffeditz
State Winner
Broadway FFA



AGRONOMY

Hannah Goldman, Nathan Michaelson, Layton Payne, Hunter Sanderson, Advisor Jim Pugh
State Winner
Randolph Henry FFA



AGRONOMY

Nathan Michaelson,
 Advisor Jim Pugh
High Individual
Randolph Henry FFA



JUNIOR AGRONOMY

Mason Hamlett, Emily Geesaman, Grace Geesaman, Tyler Mason, Advisor Bethanne Metts
State Winner
Charlotte Central Middle FFA



JUNIOR AGRONOMY

Grayson Cheatham
High Individual
Rustburg FFA



AVIAN BOWL

Katelin Cash, Jordan Walker, Jessica Overby, Dylan Irby
State Winner
Halifax FFA



COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

James Eaton,
 Advisor Tarinda Showman
State Winner
Stonewall Jackson FFA



CHAPTER FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

Bobby Edwards,
 Advisor Bobby Hill
State Winner
King William FFA



DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION

Maeve Davis, Mikayla St. Clair, Kaitlyn Spitle, Mya Creswell
State Winner
Clarke County FFA



DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION

Maeve Davis,
 Advisor Mary Hardesty
High Individual
Clarke County FFA



DAIRY CATTLE HANDLERS ACTIVITY

Emma Seekford
High Individual
Spotswood FFA



JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION

Jamison Meadows
High Individual
Elkton Middle FFA



EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

Bailey Marshall,
 Advisor Zach Wakeman
State Winner
James River FFA



ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Kelsie Rodes, Harleigh Cupp, Amy Castro, Daniel Castro, Advisor Elizabeth Lam
State Winner
Spotswood FFA



ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Harleigh Cupp,
 Advisor Elizabeth Lam
High Individual
Spotswood FFA



EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Kendall Knicely
State Winner
Spotswood FFA



EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Jordan Winall,
 Advisor Codi Jo Wheelbarger
2nd High Individual
Powhatan FFA



FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Cassie Patton, Jacob Riddle, Hunter Graham, Jacob Hardaway, Advisor Ted Delano
State Winner
Culpeper FFA



FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Jacob Hardaway,
 Advisor Ted Delano
High Individual
Culpeper FFA



FLORICULTURE

Emily Bray, Erica Stanley, Hannah Moxley, Sydney Cruise, Advisor Brittany Brummitt
State Winner
Magna Vista FFA



FLORICULTURE

Hannah Moxley,
 Advisor Brittany Brummitt
High Individual
Magna Vista FFA



FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Shelby Killeen, Allison Mongold, Sean Ewell, Advisor Herb Hoffeditz
State Winner
Broadway FFA



FORESTRY

Lane Ashworth, Andy Perry, Chris Robinette, Logan Thacker, Advisor Darryl Holland
State Winner
Magna Vista FFA



FORESTRY

Colby Lowery, Advisor Chris Whitlow
2nd High Individual
Powhatan FFA



SENIOR FORESTRY FIELD DAY

Cheyenne Cillett, Wesleigh Kimlick, Carter Trammell, Chandler Newcomb, Cedrick Patrick, Hunter Sanderson, Advisor Jim Pugh
State Winner
Randolph Henry FFA



JUNIOR FORESTRY FIELD DAY

Camden Locuy, Dalton Lockridge, Dagen Crew, Charlie Taylor, Tyler Case, Devin Letterman, James Edwards
State Winner
Randolph Henry FFA



HORSE EVALUATION

Emily Eanes, Darcie Dochur, Elizabeth Akins, Jordan Winall, Advisor Caitlyn Smith
State Winner
Powhatan FFA



JUNIOR HORSE EVALUATION

Sara Goyne, Emma Conner, Advisor Heather McAndrew
State Winner
Smith Mountain FFA



SENIOR HORSE EVALUATION

Sam Levine, Advisor Heather McAndrew
High Individual
Smith Mountain FFA



HORSE HIPPOLOGY

Nichole Huff, Advisor Allen Webb
High Individual
Carroll County FFA



JUNIOR HORSE HIPPOLOGY

Eleanor Pekary, Hannah Ryan, Baylee Byers, Savannah Goodwin, Advisor Hannah Shifflett
1st Place
Louisa County Middle FFA



JUNIOR HORSE HIPPOLOGY

Morgan Short
High Individual
Wallace Middle FFA



SENIOR HORSE HIPPOLOGY

Kassidy Good, Peyton McBride, Erin Tate, Nicole Huff, Advisor Allen Webb
1st Place
Carroll County FFA



HORTICULTURE

Emily Bray, Erica Stanley, Hannah Moxley, Sydney Cruise, Logan Peters, Tanner Roach, Zachary Wilson, Caleb Brannock, Advisor Brittany Brummitt
State Winner



HORTICULTURE DEMONSTRATION

Mackenzie Blackwell, Taylor Campbell, Advisor Shirley Cauffman
2nd High Individual
Buffalo Gap FFA



LIVESTOCK EVALUATION

Hunter May, Felicity Zimmerman, Carly Carpenter, Hunter Campbell, Advisor Eric Stogdale
State Winner
Massanutten Technical FFA



LIVESTOCK EVALUATION

Zach McCall
High Individual
Riverheads FFA



SR. LIVESTOCK EVALUATION

Hannah Harris, Makayla Talley, Samuel Hadacek, Troy Payne, Advisor Shirley Cauffman
2nd Place Team
Buffalo Gap FFA



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

Ryan Borer, Advisor Zach Wakeman
High Individual
James River FFA



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Danielle Tuck, Samantha Holdren, Emma Jackson, Claire Overstreet (not pictured), Advisor Heather McAndrew
State Winner
Smith Mountain FFA



MARKETING PLAN

Alexandra Pearson, Haley Warren, Juan Gonzalez, Advisor Tiffany Anderson
State Winner
Magna Vista FFA



MEATS EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Lindsay Zirkle, Mindi Freed, Faith Dellinger, Advisor Tarinda Showman
State Winner
Stonevall Jackson FFA



JUNIOR MEATS AND TECHNOLOGY

Lydia Staton, Daniel Campbell, Katie Powell, Advisor Lauren Goff
State Winner
Nelson Middle FFA



JUNIOR MEATS EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Katie Powell
High Individual
Nelson Middle FFA



MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS

Mallory Painter, Mason Beal, Erin Orgen, Logan Hartley, Advisor Chrissy Whitacre
State Winner
Sherando FFA



MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS

Mallory Painter
High Individual
Sherando FFA



NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE

Morgan Short, Adrianna Nelson, Miranda Owens, Caleb Sisk, Advisor Phil McCrockey Sr.
State Winner
John S. Battle FFA



NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE

Morgan Short
High Individual
John S. Battle FFA



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Slie Collins, Baylee Toothman, Maddie Moore, Hunter Trent, Trayton McKey, Advisor Lawrence Cox
State Winner
Holston FFA



POULTRY

Shaina Beach, Megan Conley, Peyton Fravel, Jared Hoover, Advisor Herb Hoffeditz
State Winner
Broadway FFA



POULTRY

Peyton Fravel
High Individual
Broadway FFA



JUNIOR POULTRY

Julia Hailand, Katie Payne, Herschel Hoffeditz, Creed Combs, Advisor John Welsh
State Winner
J. Frank Hillyard FFA



JUNIOR POULTRY

Stephanie Schweigert, Jesse Hawiland, Elliott Messerley, Blake Payne, Advisor John Welsh
2nd Place Team
J. Frank Hillyard FFA



PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

Megan Pollok, Advisor Dr. Jessica Jones
State Winner
Tunstall High FFA



PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

Ruth Fitzgerald
2nd High Individual
Nelson Sr. FFA



JUNIOR PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

Harleigh Cupp, Advisor Elizabeth Lam
State Winner
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