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Where We Are
Percentage of Schools with Agricultural Programs

From a school district with 200 K-12 students, to the largest school district in the United States, agricultural education is in a school near you!

7% URBAN
51% RURAL

Programs in New York State
Agricultural Educators and Students

This map represents all of New York State’s school-based agricultural education programs. The different symbols indicate the following:

- FFA District
- Schools that have an Agricultural Education program
- Schools that have an Agricultural Education program and a FFA chapter
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OVER 350 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS teach the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Content Career Cluster standards at 222 middle and/or high schools across the state so that more than 15,000 students can gain an in-depth understanding of the different sectors of the agriculture industry.

NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS:
Percent of students who participate in each education pathway

- POWER, STRUCTURAL & TECHNICAL SYSTEMS: 53%
- AGribusiness systems: 52%
- ANIMAL SYSTEMS: 79%
- FOOD PRODUCTS & PROCESSING SYSTEMS: 73%
- BIOLOGY SYSTEMS: 48%
- PLANT SYSTEMS: 42%
- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE SYSTEMS: 52%
- NATURAL RESOURCES SYSTEMS: 20%
- AGRIBUSINESS SYSTEMS: 52%
- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE SYSTEMS: 52%

Percent of schools that teach agriculture pathways: 84%

New York Agriculture teachers participated in over 11,286 HOURS of professional development in these eight pathways sponsored by the New York Association of Agricultural Educators and Cornell University.

“As agricultural educators we have the opportunity to let young minds explore the vast opportunities that agriculture offers. We also have the ability to make them stewards of the land and keep the future of agriculture looking bright.”

Karen LaBombard, NYAAE President
Message from our State FFA Officers

What a crazy year it has been. Since the founding of the National FFA Organization in 1928 the world has never met such a challenge, but the amazing FFA members from New York have been more resilient than ever. From attending New York State FFA’s first Virtual State Convention to participating in virtual workshops throughout the summer, FFA members have made the most out of this tough situation. They have used this time to their advantage to grow their leadership potential and agricultural passions.

Our officer team would like to continue this excitement and drive as we look toward the rest of the year. We plan to continue offering virtual opportunities to students such as virtual chapter visits, banquets, workshops, and leadership conferences. This year we have been given a unique opportunity to reach out to a vast number of members who we would not have been able to connect with in years past. We would like to continue the goal of the 2019-2020 New York State FFA Officer Team by expanding the membership of New York State FFA to 10,000 members. While it may be hard this year, our team is eagerly looking forward to building relationships with schools interested in starting an agricultural program.

Our team has been focusing on securing funding for agricultural education programs throughout the state, as well. During the latter half of the summer, we met with several representatives that serve on the State Senate and Assembly Agriculture Committees. The act of securing funding for agricultural programs will be crucial within the coming years so we can continue to grow, and advance opportunities provided to members.

As we look to the future we urge our members to seize every opportunity that they have available to them. You have the chance to be the link between the past and the future of agriculture education. Don’t let the challenges presented this year hold you back. Take this opportunity to change the future forever.

Sincerely,

2020 New York FFA Chapter of the Year: Penn Yan FFA

The Penn Yan FFA Chapter was selected as the 2020 New York State FFA Chapter of the Year! They have gone above and beyond to serve their members, community, and agriculture by participating in the 360˚ State Leadership Conference, making nesting sites for local wildlife, and attending the State Leaders Experience meeting with local representatives in the state capital. The Penn Yan FFA also volunteered at Empire Farm Days operating the information booths and assisting the NY Beef producers. In support of their community the Penn Yan FFA hosted a “Souper Bowl” food drive to donate to a local food pantry and presented at the “Fun on the Farm” event, hosted by the Ontario County Farm Bureau, where students created displays for visitors to press cider, stomp grapes, and learn about FFA. Penn Yan FFA was recognized by the National FFA Organization as one of New York’s 3-Star Chapters.

24% MEMBERSHIP INCREASE OVER 2019

We would like to welcome the following new chapters to NY FFA:
HERKIMER FFA
JOHN JAY FFA
OWEGO FFA

FFA CHAPTERS
New York Agricultural Education and FFA

By the Numbers

**FFA SENIORS INTERESTED IN PURSUING AN AGRICULTURAL CAREER PATHWAY**
Based on a survey by the National FFA Organization

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**2019 AGRICULTURAL CAREER FOCUS AREA PREFERENCES**
These are the selected career focus areas by those members who are interested in or might be interested in pursuing an agricultural career pathway.

- **Agriculture Education**: 17%
- **Animal Science**: 32%
- **Agribusiness Systems**: 16%
- **Power, Structural, and Technical Systems**: 10%
- **Environmental Service Systems**: 7%
- **Natural Resources Systems**: 5%
- **Biotechnology Systems**: 5%
- **Plant Systems**: 5%
- **Food Products and Processing Systems**: 3%
- **2019 NYS FFA MEMBER’S OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) opportunities are truly endless and entirely based on students exploring passions and career interests. All of our members have access to a platform that allows them to input and store their records to not only gain this important skill, but to utilize it for many needs including award applications, resume building, chapter activities, community service and more!

**OVERVIEW OF STUDENT SAE’S IN NEW YORK**

- **SAE Projects**: 1,284
- **Hours**: 90,400
- **Asset Value**: $1,130,155
- **Income**: $396,834
- **Investment**: $259,063
- **Economic Impact**: $403,115

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**2019-2020 New York FFA Membership**:

8,814

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**FFA SENIOR’S AIM HIGH**

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**2020 NY FFA PARTICIPATION AND AWARD RECOGNITIONS**

- **Leadership Development Conferences**:
  - 212/360 Leadership Conference: 824
  - Camp in a Box: 606
  - State Leaders Experience: 138
  - State Officer and District President Candidates: 41
  - Virtual State Convention: ~3,500

- **Student & Adult Recognition**:
  - American Degree: 38
  - Dairy Breed Awards: 3
  - District LDEs: 875
  - District Stars: 8
  - Empire Degrees: 144
  - Honorary Empire Degrees: 14
  - Jacket Award Recipients: 59
  - National Chapter Award: 5
  - National Proficiency Awards: 14
  - National Scholarship Recipients: 8
  - NY Proficiencies: 63
  - NY SAE Grant Recipients: 3
  - State Stars: 3
  - State Superior Award: 12
E-LEARNING

As our state’s teachers had to immediately adapt to online learning in March, New York Agriculture in the Classroom worked quickly to launch eLearning resources with the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization. Existing lessons were reimagined to work in a virtual format, with the goal of keeping the content relevant to curricular goals and also staying true to our commitment of hands-on learning. The host of lessons that were developed and implemented could be completed at-home and in a virtual classroom with minimal resources.

In support of this eLearning effort, New York Agriculture in the Classroom highlighted 12 “Agriculture at Home” lessons on our website including butter making, bread in a bag, DNA extraction, and much more. Six “Classroom Chats” were hosted on Facebook Live with educators across New York sharing how they incorporate agriculture in their classrooms, and the initiated “Read to SucSEED” mailing over 350 homes an agriculturally accurate books to teachers and families.

eLearning has been a new opportunity for students to learn and explore a range of topics.

GROW WITH US GRANT

Integrating food, agriculture, and nutrition in schools was made relevant and successful for sixteen teachers across the state with New York Agriculture in the Classroom’s third annual Grow with Us Grant. The Grow with Us Grant provides teachers the growing tools to extend the school gardening season and facilitate experiential-learning opportunities through agriculture. Teachers earned one of three indoor grow systems that their students will have the opportunity to interact with as they learn the seed to produce process and explore alternative growing methods.
New York Agriculture in the Classroom recognizes an exceptional teacher who incorporates learning through a lens of agriculture into their curriculum. **Jeremiah Best** was recognized as the 2020 Teacher of the Year. Best is a fifth-grade teacher at the Town of Webb Union Free School District (UFSD) and is a teacher who champions teaching through agriculture and finds new and exciting ways to engage his students in hands-on and student-led learning. In his classroom Best incorporated a community garden, a Trout in the Classroom project, an extensive maple sugarbush, and many other cross-curricular projects.

Best was also renowned nationally for embracing a school garden as a way to help his students deal with a mental health crisis in their community with the USDA NIFA National Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award. This competitive program recognizes state selected teacher recipients for their successful efforts in teaching agricultural concepts in their curriculum. Best was recognized for the innovative ways he uses agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science, social studies, STEM, STEAM and more.

Jeremiah Best is an educator who believes in the importance of his students understanding and appreciating our food and fiber systems in their community. One parent said of her daughter’s experience, “Little did I know that [one] year with him would singlehandedly change her life and open so many doors for her future. Mr. Best is one of the few teachers I have seen that goes so very far above and beyond what is required of him as an elementary school teacher.”

Students in Jeremiah Best’s classroom explore the trout tank.

State Maple Producers Association that we were able to expand this contest and give out so many maple starter kits. With the sudden closing of schools due to COVID-19 during maple season, it was unfortunate that most of our schools participating in the contest did not get a chance to complete their project. Luckily, not all schools were interrupted by the virus and 32 entries were submitted for judging by a panel of maple experts. Each entry was scored for sugar content, clarity, color, and taste.

The high school photography contest winning photo from OCM New Visions BOCES.

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**PROGRAM IMPACT**

Number of PreK–12 teachers and students reached in 2020

16,774 TEACHERS

268,751 STUDENTS
Financial contributions are key to the success of the NY FFA Foundation. Over the past eighteen months, we have generated a record level of contributions due in large part to our Capital Campaign for Oswegatchie, but also for general support of the NY FFA. This report is not broken down by categories this year, rather we have listed alphabetically the 660 names of donors who made an impact between January 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020. At the conclusion of the 2020 funding year, a supplemental report will be shared showing contributions and our lifetime donors.

Thank you to our donors, whose investment of every size, make a daily impact in the lives of New York FFA members.

INDIVIDUAL GIVING
RANGE OF GIFTS $5 TO $162,000

Financial Support of the NY FFA Foundation

TO $162,000

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RANGE OF GIFTS $50 TO $20,000
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Agro Liquid
Atlas Ag Services, LLC
Attica Vet Associates PC
Bassett Healthcare Network
Beardsley Architects
Bessies Best Compost, LLC
Buckingham Hardware
Butternut Valley Grange
Byrne Dairy, Inc.
Catania Chiropractic
Cayuga Milk Ingredients
CNY Community Foundation
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Community Bank, NA
Custom Ag Solutions, LLC
Dairy Farmers of America
Eastern Crown, Inc.
Erie & Niagara Insurance
Farm Credit East, Burrville Branch
Farm Credit East, ACA
Ferry & Griep Veterinary Svcs.
Florida Agricultural Marketing Assoc
Florida Fruit Association Inc.
Geronimo Energy
Greensville Saw Service, Inc.
Harden Foundation
Hudson River Tractor Company, Inc.
Ideal Dairy, LLC
Impact Pro Parts Inc.
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### FFA CHAPTER

**RANGE OF GIFTS $250 TO $25,000**

- Adirondack FFA  
- Afton FFA  
- Albion FFA  
- Alexandria Bay FFA  
- Attica FFA  
- Beaver River FFA  
- Beekmantown FFA  
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- Oxford FFA  
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- Prattsburg FFA  
- Remsen FFA  
- Salen FFA  
- Salmon River FFA  
- Schoharie Valley FFA  
- Sherman FFA  
- Sidney FFA  
- Sidney FFA Alumni  
- South Jefferson FFA  
- South Lewis FFA  
- Southern Cayuga FFA  
- Springville FFA  
- Stockbridge Valley FFA  
- Stockbridge Valley FFA Alumni  
- Tri Valley FFA  
- Unadilla Valley FFA  
- VVS FFA & Alumni  
- Waterville FFA

### FARM BUREAU SUPPORT

**GAVE A COMBINED $18,700 IN SUPPORT**

- Broome Co Farm Bureau  
- Cortland Co. Farm Bureau  
- Franklin Co. Farm Bureau  
- Genesee Co. Farm Bureau  
- Greene Co. Farm Bureau  
- Jefferson Co. Farm Bureau  
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- Washington Co. Farm Bureau  
- Wyoming Co. Farm Bureau

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**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The completion goal for this project was July 5th, 2020. Tremendous work throughout the winter and spring allowed us to officially open the building on May 4th, 2020. The final product is a delight and we can not wait to enjoy the porches with friends and fill the dining hall with happy campers.

### Oswegatchie Educational Center Capital CAMPaign

### FUNDRAISING FACTS

- **Project Cost**: $3,450,000  
- **Total Funds Raised**: $1,300,000  
- **Amount from NYS Grant**: $2,000,000

**Amount remaining to be raised**: $150,000

The Alfred and Joan Chapin FFA Chapter Hall, pictured below, was possible due to a $100,000 challenge gift. FFA Chapters who helped to exceed this challenge ($1,000 or more) will be recognized in this space. There’s still time to contribute to this cause by visiting www.nyffafoundation.org.
NEW YORK STATE FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS have seen their impact growing. This will be the 3rd year that the NYS Alumni and Supporters will be recognized at the National FFA Alumni Awards and Recognition Session at the FFA National Convention!

THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

2020 has certainly been an interesting year, but the NYS FFA Alumni and Supporters were still able to make a difference. We received a $500.00 Legacy Grant from Tractor Supply Company, through the National FFA Alumni and Supporters, to make resource guidebooks for our NYS Alumni and Supporters Chapters across New York State. Six of our Alumni Chapters have also received grants from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters in 2020.

January's Mid-Winter Maple Conference had just over 1,000 people in attendance. In February, the annual Bob Watson Toy Auction saw 90 bidders, with 250 donated items. In 2020, the Alumni presented 5 scholarships for a total amount of $6,500.00.

In June, with the NYS FFA Association, we held a Zoom meet with over 80 agriculture educators and FFA advisors to discuss Home Grown Advocacy and the importance of Alumni and Supporters to the FFA programs. Check out the newly redesigned New York FFA Alumni and Supporters site at www.nysffaalumni.org to learn more about all of the opportunities offered by the NYFFA Alumni and Supporters!
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