

Des Moines FFA

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK FEBRUARY 18-25TH

The Des Moines FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 18-25, 2017. This year's theme is Transform Purpose to Action, and it embraces more than 89 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. Nearly 650,000 members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education. Des Moines FFA will celebrate National FFA Week by participating in the following activities: Ag in the Classroom K-6 education on Honeybee's, A Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Beginning the Day's with Ag Facts as well as Ag Olympics planned for K-12 to be completed in May when the weather is warmer.

Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for 235 unique career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry. National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 649,355 student members who belong to one of 7,859 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

JUDGING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Judging Practice is well under way! I'm sorry that we haven't been able to set a schedule yet that fits everyone's needs. Here is the tentative schedule for the weeks upcoming, of course this changes as ball games pop up! After basketball season is over, we will add more practices to ensure we are ready for the state contest, as it's approaching quickly!

Monday-- Wildlife, Dairy Foods, Poultry

Tuesday-- Food Science, Vet Science

Wednesday-- Livestock, Dairy Foods, Horse

Thursday-- Floriculture, Food Science, Vet Science

Friday-- Wool, Horse



IMPORTANT DATES

- Livestock/HorseFebruary 20, 2017
- Clovis ContestFebruary 25, 2017
- Junior and Senior ..February 28, 2017
- Recordbook Deadline
- District Speech Contest....February 27, 2017
- Mosquero, NM
- National FFA Week....February 20-26, 2017
- Tucumcari Contest..March 11, 2017
- Roswell ContestMarch 18, 2017
- District Contest.....March 21-22, 2017
- Texas Tech Invitational.....March 25, 2017
- State Judging Contest.....March 29-April 1

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Next FFA meeting March 14th at 7:00 a.m.

Member Auction!!!

Saturday February 18th, Immediately Following the Boy's game! Please come out and support the Des Moines FFA!

We have a large membership with a variety of skill sets, from babysitting to branding, we've got something for everyone!

FFA members need to be there about 5:30, to be auctioned. All proceeds go to travel, contest fees, registration, motel rooms and meals for members!

We appreciate your support!

STATE FAIR DEADLINES



2017 Junior Livestock DNA and Identification

Procedures

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Steers & Breeding Heifers

Ownership Deadline: May 1, 2017

DNA Deadline: May 1, 2017

Entry Deadline: August 1, 2017

Market Barrows, Market Goats, Market Lambs & Replacement Dairy Heifers

Ownership: June 15, 2017

DNA Deadline: June 15, 2017

Entry Deadline: August 1, 2017

UNION COUNTY TAG DATES

Last Cattle Tag in

April 1st at 2:00 p.m. in Des Moines

Lamb, Goat and Pig Tag in

April 17th at 4:00 p.m. in Des Moines

April 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. in Des Moines

June 10th, at 2:00 p.m. in Des Moines

Please make sure Ms. Doherty knows what tag in you are planning to attend, so she can ensure all animals get tagged.

New This Year!!

Shot records required for all show animals and due at the same time as fair entries for Union County Fair animals. See Ms. Doherty for a shot record, or download one at the following website.

<http://unionextension.umsu.edu/fair.html>

