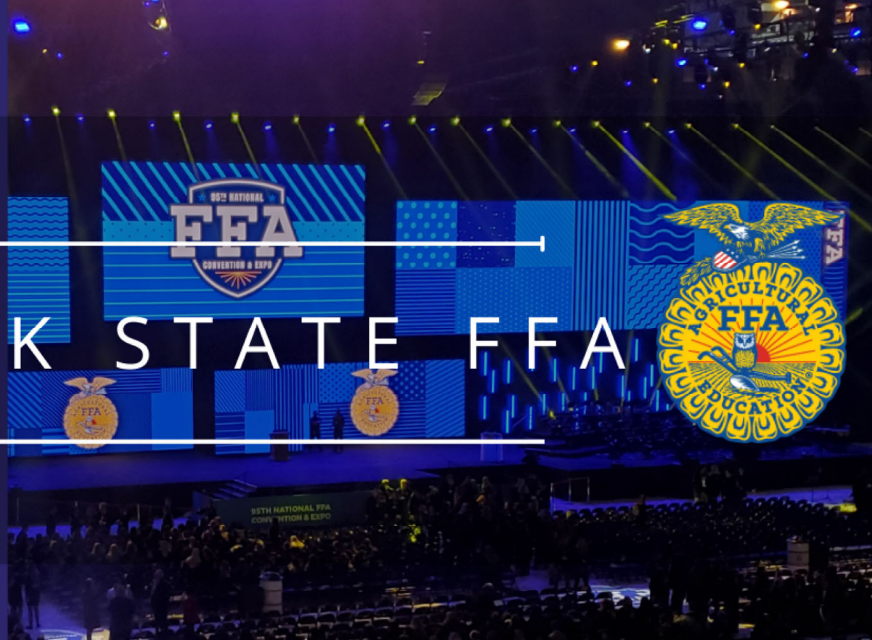


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Spooky Season and Leadership Season

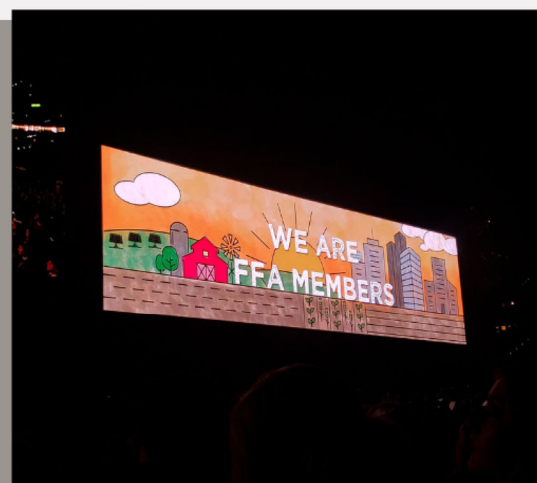
The **95th National Convention and Expo** took place on the 27th to the 30th of October. Members travelled all the way to great state of Indiana with their chapters to compete, attend leadership conferences, and get more experience under their belts as dedicated FFA members. New York was proudly represented by Oxford FFA in the National Band, Penn Yann FFA for Speak Ag and Fruit Proficiency, John Bowne in power systems and urban initiatives, Taconic Hills and Pavillion FFA in agriscience, Tri-Valley FFA in the hall of states, and many chapters participating in all sorts of CDEs and LDEs.

State Officer Tour was a dream come true for the state officer team! There were 4 district events where members got to be a part of leadership workshops, fun games, and dinner with the S.Os. The connections made are never going to be forgotten. Students got to represent FFA at agribusinesses where members also got to learn about the dairy industry and the greenhouse industry. This 7 day event was sure a grand one! Thank you to all the members, advisors, businesses, and teachers who helped make this a reality!

Hispanic Heritage Month started on September 15th and continued until October 15th. NY is a state that is rich with resources and stories worth telling and our state officer team is committed to honoring our members in every way possible NY FFA highlighted current and past Latino members who made their impact on the organization. NYFFA members also got the opportunity to learn about how Latin cuisine and local agriculture may have more things in common than we originally thought and 3 important Latino leaders who shaped agriculture for the entire nation for decades.

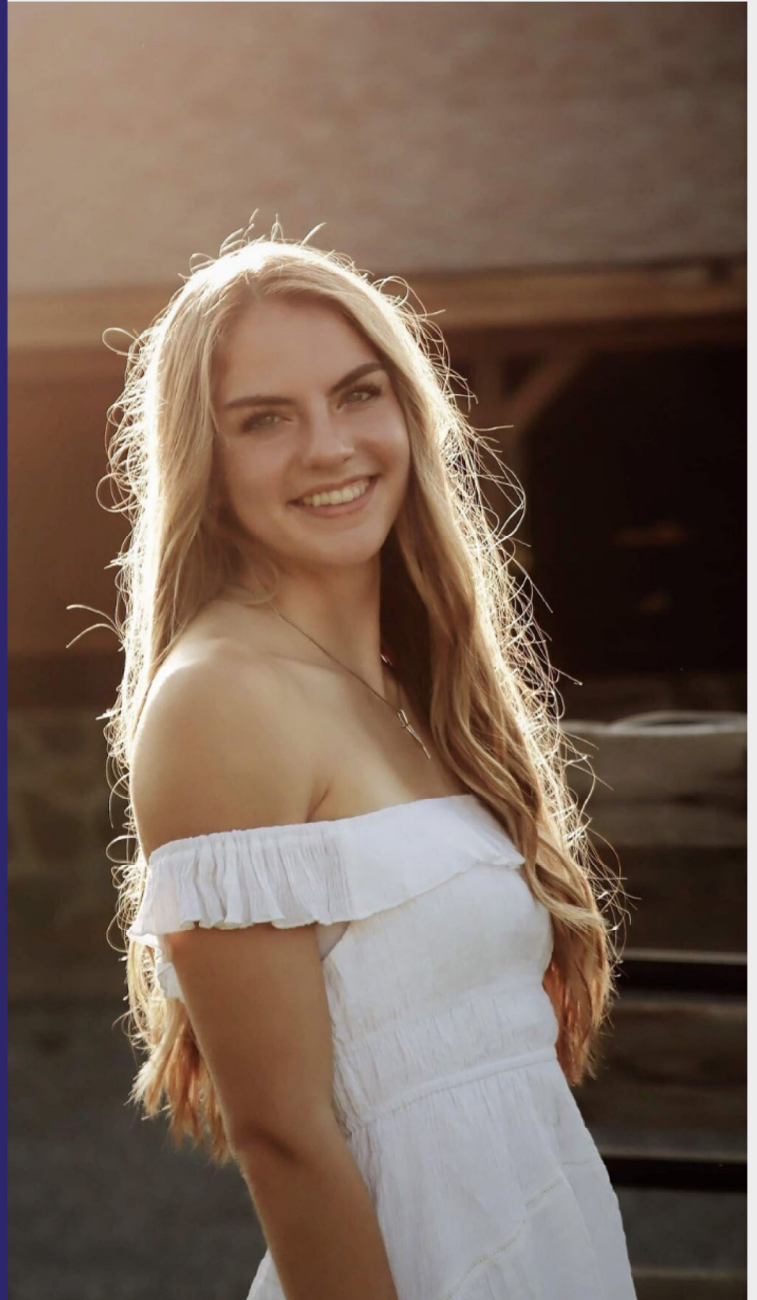
New York Ag: The Future

There are 9,583 FFA members in New York FFA right now. This number is not just a membership number. This is the number of students that will positively impact our society in some way whether that is in the agriculture industry or beyond. 9,853 dedicated, educated, and intelligent people ready to change the world so that our next generations have a place to live, clothes to wear, and food to eat. Watch for this new section in the monthly newsletter will be dedicated to visualizing the real future of agriculture, or what New York FFA members are currently doing to make their community that much better.



Member Spotlight: Macey Koval, District 3

Macey Koval is a senior from the Schuylerville High School FFA chapter, and has been an active member since 2017. She consistently displays qualities of which FFA is proud to see! Macey displays leadership in academics and sports, whether it is her membership in Cornell's Junior Dairy Leaders Classes, where Macey has learned to become a better advocate for the Dairy industry and a role model to future leaders. She also balances an active schedule on Schuylerville athletics teams including the Soccer, Basketball and Lacrosse teams. This leadership quality has been shown and certified through her career in FFA as she constantly was running for officer positions. Macey is currently serving as the Schuylerville Chapter President where she has been able to serve her chapter, plan events and schedule officer meetings. Macey is always practicing the qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess! Not only an athlete but a scholar as a member of Schuylerville's NHS group she maintains high grades in her classes including her animal science class. Macey hopes to one day study animal science with a focus in dairy management hoping to become a leader and pillar of the dairy industry. Her passion for dairy stems from her family's local dairy farm business, Koval Brothers dairy, where she has developed a passion for the dairy industry and culture she's found working in her family's business. Macey Koval will one day lead in the agriculture industry that feed America, and District Three is proud to have her as a member!



Keep up the good
work Macey!

DISTRICT 3 HIGHLIGHTS

District Three has been a flurry of activity while the FFA season has finally reached full swing. The District Three event at Liberty Ridge where students were able to meet State Officers and participate in leadership workshops with them was a blast! Many chapters throughout the whole of our District were spotted at national convention whether they competed in Parliamentary procedure like Greenwich, Horse Evaluation with Schuylerville, Agronomy and Livestock evaluation like Northern Adirondack, were there to receive American degrees like Salem FFA alumni Phil Rae, or rather to just experience the wonder of the largest FFA event in the Nation. District 3 really did show up. Now that Nationals is through, students have time to recuperate as they will soon be headed to the District Meeting at Argyle High, and then to the Adirondack Stampede Rodeo where District Three Proudly represents and displays their Blue and Gold spirit. In coming months the focus of District Three will be preparing for new competitions. Chapters through the district are hoping to be state ready for the coming convention!



Get to Know The District 3 President!

Hello NYS FFA! My name is Gabriel Burch, and I have the opportunity to serve as the '22-'23 District Three President. I am a senior at Argyle High, where other than being an active FFA member. I enjoy playing varsity sports like soccer and tennis, and competing in Argyle's Trap and Clay Pigeon teams. In the winter I don't play a sport so in my free time I love hitting the slopes of West Mountain and Whiteface. Over the years I have been actively involved in two SAEs including working and helping in any way I can in my family's landscaping business in which I've had experience in almost every job there. When I'm not landscaping, I love to find time to work on my family's beef farm and horse boarding barn where I could be found doing any chore from cleaning stables to loading cattle and working on tractors or the side by side that quit. I hope in the future I can study environmental and agricultural engineering at one of New York's amazing STEM colleges.

