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## WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FFA

### Wisconsin FFA Advisors

Wisconsin winter may have thrown us a curveball, but we learned to pivot and work through the “2024 Blizzard” to still offer a great Half Time Conference for the FFA members in attendance. The State Officers were full of enthusiasm and the rooms were full of smiling, happy FFA members!

We are in competition mode now. Leadership Development Events are well underway and many FFA members are competing at the District Level. In addition, many FFA members are working with FFA Advisors to complete their American Degree applications due February 1, 2024.

As you are putting in those extra hours helping your FFA members complete their applications, prepare for their competitions and studying for their upcoming CDEs, remember how much they appreciate your help and the extra time you spend with them. If you have any questions or need help please reach out to the Wisconsin FFA State Staff, Cheryl, Sally and Glenda are ready to help you with whatever questions you may have.

We hope to see many of you at Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention, Farm Forum, and FFA Day on the Hill! These are great opportunities for FFA advisors to get together to share ideas and lean on each other for support.

And don't forget National FFA Week is just around the corner....a wonderful time to tell the story about Wisconsin Agricultural Education and FFA.

### AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINES

American Degrees and Stars - February 1  
WLC Scholarship Applications - February 1  
State FFA Honors Band and Chorus - February 13  
State FFA Proficiency Awards - February 16  
State FFA Degrees and Stars - March 1  
State Honorary Degree Nominations - March 1  
State FFA Foundation Scholarships - March 15  
National FFA Chapter Awards - April 19  
Three Star Leaders - April 19

### UPCOMING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

#### FFA Farm Forum

Central Wis. Convention and Expo Center, Rothschild  
Registration Now Closed  
February 15, 2024

#### FFA Day on the Hill - Madison

Registration Closes February 5  
February 18-19, 2024

#### FIRE Conference- SWTC-Fennimore

Registration Closes February 20  
March 1, 2024

#### Mission & EDGE Conferences

Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells  
April 11-12, 2024  
Registration Opening Soon

**Congratulations to those advancing to  
Sectional LDEs!!!**

**LDE Sectional Dates**

**2024 Sectional LDE Dates**

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### FFA DAY ON THE HILL

Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 19, 2024 at the State Capitol. This is a great opportunity for chapters to kick off National FFA Week and to visit with their state representatives.

Information can be found on the WI FFA Website:

<https://wisconsinaged.org/ffa-day-on-the-hill>

The registration closes February 5th.

### JUDGES NEEDED FOR STATE FFA PROFICIENCY JUDGING - MARCH 8-9

Hotel Reservations Due By Tuesday, February 20

Join us for the 2024 Proficiency Judging Friday evening, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Resort. We need as many people as possible - both experienced and new judges are welcome. Alumni members and sponsors are also invited. If you arrive on Friday evening, March 8, judging begins around 6:30 p.m. Saturday is the main day for judging. Orientation at 8:30 a.m. Hotel rooms are available for Friday evening, March 8. **Hotel Reservations must be made by February 20, 2024.** Call the Chula Vista Hotel at 888-717-5540. Refer to the following booking ID number: J27125 Wisconsin FFA Center. Contact Cheryl Zimmerman if you plan to judge and which days you will be in attendance.

### STATE OFFICER TASK FORCE VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION

Wednesday January 31 - 6:30 pm. Remember to complete the survey.

All information was emailed to advisors including links to participate and survey.

### NEW CENTURY FARMER CONFERENCE

Apply now for the 2024 New Century Farmer Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, July 21-25. FFA Alumni ages 18-24 interested in pursuing a career in production agriculture are invited to apply.

We're also looking for conference facilitators.

[Apply to attend or facilitate by Thursday, Feb. 15.](#)

### NATIONAL FFA WEEK - FEBRUARY 17-24, 2024

Make sure to check out the National FFA Website for all types of resources in planning for National FFA Week. <https://www.ffa.org/national-ffa-week/>

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## 2024 WI CDE Reminders and Updates

Only CDE Contests with changes are shown in the table to share updates

CDE	Date	Changes	Notes
<b>Ag Communications</b>	April 19	New Supt. @ Filament, New Materials & Event format	Open to all
<b>Ag Sales</b>	April 19	New Materials and location, sales resources linked on CDE website. FS	Open to 20 teams. Sign up order
<b>Ag Mechanics</b>	April 19	Being held at Madison College. Same format as previous NO BUSSING	Qualification: Focus areas have been updated
<b>Dairy Handler</b>	April 25	New Supts, Video Screen, Updated materials,	Must submit video for selection by March 1st
<b>Environmental Sci</b>	April 19	Rosholt Location with WI Soil and Land. Specifics on website	Open to all
<b>Floriculture</b>	April 25	Focus on contemporary bud vases & body flowers. Study guide on CDE website by Feb 1st. 4 workshops offered for prep.	Qualification
<b>Food Science</b>	April 19	New Location, new materials, new contest format, all on CDE website	Open to all
<b>Horse Evaluation</b>	April 19	NEW-Being held at the Midwest Horse Fair - \$\$\$ for winning team NO BUSSING	Qualification
<b>Nursery/Landscape</b>	April 25	New Supt, New contest format, new materials linked to CDE website.	Open to all
<b>Wildlife</b>	April 25	Focus areas - Wild Turkey and Invasive Species. Resources on CDE website	Qualification

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## Half Time Conference 2024



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## National Ag Ed Inservice and SAE For All Training



Cheryl Zimmerman, Sally Ladsten, Rachel Sauvola, Glenda Crook, Kathy Breunig and Julie Ketterling. Missing in photo: Emma Huber who was an SAE For All Facilitator

