

WAAE

Wisconsin Association of Agriculture Educators

WAAE (Wisconsin Association of Agriculture Educators) is a professional organization made up of agricultural education professionals. We are dedicated to agricultural educators in developing knowledge and sharpening skills about the ever-evolving agricultural industry.

ABOUT US

WAAE Vision: To be the collective agricultural education leadership voice in Wisconsin

WAAE Goals:

- Achieve high teaching standards through innovative methods in teaching.
- Foster a professional network within the agricultural community.
- Advocate for the agricultural industry.

WAAE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 1 Networking** - Becoming a WAAE member fosters networking between fellow agriculture instructors across the state.
- 2 Professional Development** - WAAE offers over 80 PD workshops yearly at the summer conference to its members. And additional opportunities throughout the year.
- 3 Mentor Programs** - WAAE has a mentor program with retirees available to provide members with assistance to teachers. Also new teachers receive a mentor to help them through their first year. The sharing doesn't stop after the first year. Members share their expertise with the help of our experts list.
- 4 Career Development Events** - WAAE is the fiscal agent for the Wisconsin FFA State Career Developments.

- 5 Curriculum** - WAAE members have access to curriculum that is gathered from agriculture teachers across the state.

- 6 Advocacy** - WAAE has developed materials that you can use to promote your program. The WAAE Advocacy Committee also plans Wisconsin FFA's Day on the Hill each year.

- 7 WAAE Committees** - Committees work provides many opportunities for members to grow as leaders. The Teacher Recruitment and Retention committee hosting a podcast called Cultivating Classrooms, the Equity committee hosting a book club, and the Agriscience, CDE, SAE committees work closely with Wisconsin FFA to run contests.



YEARLY CALENDAR

WAAE members meet many times throughout the year to learn from each other. At many FFA events there are learning opportunities for teachers. Committee work is done throughout the year in person and virtually.



NAAE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

When you pay your WAAE dues it also includes NAAE dues that open additional membership benefits.

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Legislative advocacy for the profession-

NAAE monitors governmental affairs affecting agricultural education and assists in developing priorities and strategies to affect federal legislation and appropriations.

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Technical and Pedagogical Education-

Professional development workshops geared specifically for agricultural educators at our annual convention, as well as multiple opportunities throughout the year in person and online.

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Awards and Grants- NAAE takes pride in recognizing excellence in agricultural education as well as individuals and organizations that make outstanding contributions to the profession.

Find more information at www.naae.org

2025-2026 Events	
July 28	Mini Ag Workshop
August 4	Mini Ag Workshop
August 11	Board Meeting
Sept-Oct	Sectional DPI Inservices
Nov 13-14	FFA Fall Leadership Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting/ Committee Meetings • Professional Workshops and Networking
Dec 8-12	NAAE- Nashville
Dec 19th	Award Applications Due
Dec 19th	PDC Workshop Proposals Due
Jan 16-17	Half Time Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting/ Committee Meetings • Professional Workshops and Networking
March 20-21	FFA Spring Leadership Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting/ Committee Meetings • Professional Workshops and Networking
June	NAAE Region III Conference- ND
June 15-18	State FFA Convention- WAAE Booth
June 28- July 2	WAAE Professional Development Conference
Live What You Teach Workshops Throughout the Year	

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like more information about WAAE or would like to become a member please reach out to our Executive Director Mary Handrich.

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