

FFA History

Introduction to Agriculture

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES.

1. Explain how, when, and why the FFA was organized
- 2 Explain the mission and strategies, colors, motto, parts of the emblem, and the organizational structure of the FFA.
3. Recite and explain the meaning of the FFA Creed.
4. Explain the purpose of a Program of Activities

Vocabulary

- Active
- Agriculture Education/FFA
- Alumni
- Leslie Appelgate
- Collegiate
- Eagle
- Ear of Corn
- FFA Motto
- Honorary
- C. H. Lane
- Owl
- Plow
- Rising sun
- Smith-Hughes Act
- E. M. Tiffany

Major Historical Events in the FFA

- 1928 Future Farmers of America was founded.
- 1939 National FFA Camp set up on land that formerly belonged to George Washington in Alexandria, Virginia. (The camp later became the National FFA Center.)

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- 1944 National FFA Foundation was formed to use funds from business and industry to support FFA activities.
- 1950 Public Law 740 was passed by Congress granting the FFA a federal charter.

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- 1958 *The National Future Farmer* magazine was started.
- 1965 Consolidation with the New Farmers of America (NFA) strengthened the FFA. (NFA was an organization similar to the FFA for African American students.)
- 1969 Female students were allowed to become members.

Major Historical Events in the FFA

- 1988 Name of the organization was changed to National FFA Organization.
- 1989 Name of *The National Future Farmer* magazine was changed to *New Horizons*.
- 1999 National FFA Center moved from Alexandria, VA, to Indianapolis, IN.
- 1999 The National FFA Convention was moved to Louisville, Kentucky.

The FFA Purpose

The purpose of the FFA is to develop:

- • Leadership
- • Scholarship
- • Improved Agriculture
- • Cooperation
- • Citizenship
- • Recreation
- • Patriotism
- • Service
- • Character
- • Thrift

The FFA stresses three closely related areas: leadership, personal growth, and career success.

Kinds of FFA Membership

- 1. Active
- 2. Alumni
- 3. Collegiate
- 4. Honorary



FFA Motto

Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve

Colors of the FFA

- The colors of the FFA are National Blue and Corn Gold. Blue reminds us that the FFA is a national organization. Gold reminds us that corn is a native American crop grown in every state.

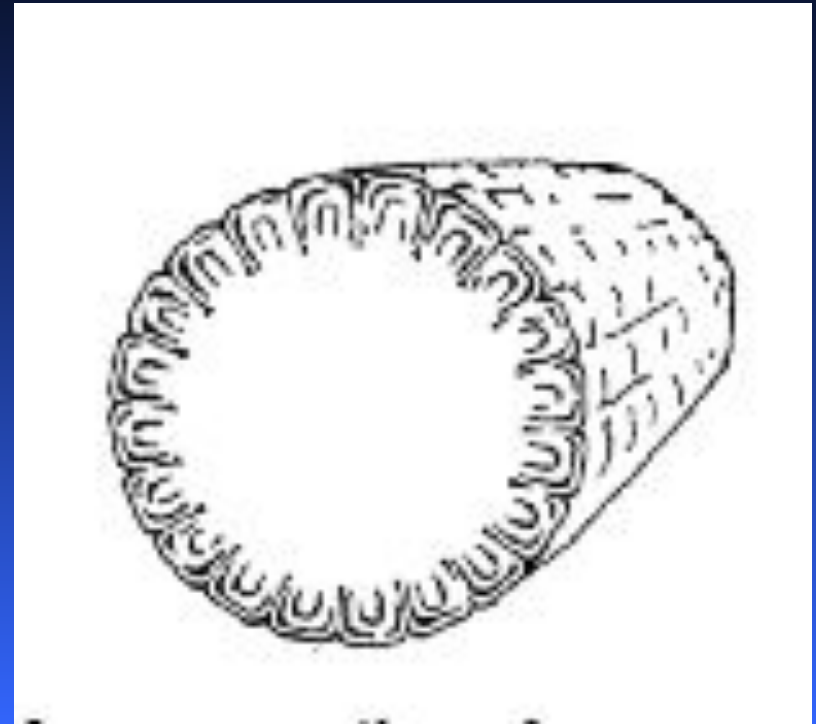
Symbols of the FFA Emblem

- The FFA emblem was designed with much thought and meaning.
- It is made up of five symbols.

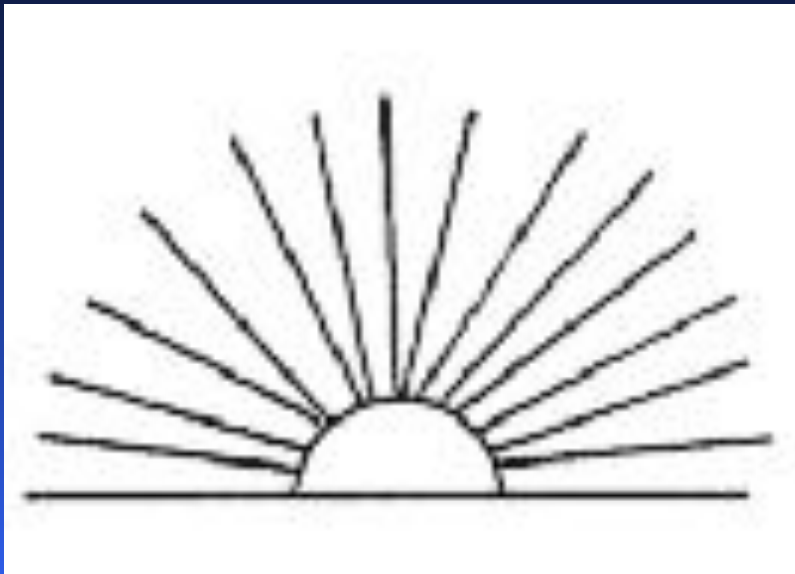


Symbols of the FFA Emblem

- A cross-section of an ear of corn. The symbol of corn represents our common agricultural interests, is native to America, and is grown in every state.



Symbols of the FFA Emblem



- The rising sun. It symbolizes progress in agriculture and the confidence that FFA members have in the future.

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- The plow. It is a symbol of labor and tillage of the soil.



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- The owl. It symbolizes wisdom and knowledge.

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- The eagle. This is symbolic of the national scope of the FFA.



Symbols of the FFA Emblem



- The words “Agricultural Education” surround the letters “FFA.” This tells us that FFA is an important part of agriculture and agribusiness programs.

Some Guidelines For Wearing the FFA Jacket

- 1. It should only be worn by FFA members.
- 2. It should always be clean and neat.
- 3. It should only have the names of the state association and local chapter on the back. Individual's name and office of honor should be on the front.

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- 4. It should be worn with the zipper fastened to all official FFA occasions.
- 5. It should not be worn with apparel bearing the insignia of other organizations.
- 6. It should be worn with no more than three medals beneath the individual's name.

The FFA Creed

- I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

The FFA Creed

- I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fond-ness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

The FFA Creed

- I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

The FFA Creed

- I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and paying square with those whose happiness depends upon me.



The FFA Creed

- I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.



Where to get more information

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