

2017 Fact Sheet

West Virginia FFA and Agricultural Education



By the Numbers

Classroom Instruction

101 Agricultural Education Teachers

78 Agriculture Programs in

47 West Virginia Counties



79% offer agribusiness



59% offer plant systems



43% offer agricultural mechanics



41% offer animal systems and
animal processing



28% offer natural resources



24 meat processing facilities



Science and Technology infused
in Agriculture curriculum



\$4.3 million economic impact
in WV from student
agricultural enterprises

West Virginia Agricultural Education prepares students for more than **235 unique careers** in the science, business and technology of agriculture, food and natural resources. Rigorous and engaging coursework follows specific content skill sets aligned with industry standards and is taught in laboratory settings such as greenhouses, mechanics labs, live animal facilities and meat processing labs. Students completing Introduction to Agriculture, a core content and a specialization course, and two years of a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAE) within a specific agricultural concentration of study receive the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Industry Certification. To review all of the Agriculture courses and concentrations available visit the WV CTE website at <http://careertech.k12.wv.us/>.

The **Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)** is a unique aspect of agricultural education, providing students with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to real-life work experiences outside of classroom time in the areas of Exploratory, Research, Work Placement and Entrepreneurship. Every student enrolled in an agriculture concentration is required to develop an SAE and to complete the concentration the student must implement an SAE and keep on-line financial records of all transactions. To supervise the student SAE process, WV Agricultural Education teachers have extended teaching contracts so they are able to visit students after school and during the summer months.

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The **FFA** is an integral, co-curricular part of agricultural education by making classroom instruction come to life through realistic, hands-on applications. FFA provides significant leadership and career development experiences for its members at the local, state and national levels. Local FFA chapters elect officer teams, conduct meetings using parliamentary procedure and have members serve on committees to plan and coordinate numerous activities. FFA chapters are very involved in giving back to their communities through various service learning projects such as growing and distributing food, creating and maintaining walking trails and recycling programs.

The West Virginia FFA Foundation builds partnerships with individuals, industries, education, government, foundations and nongovernmental organizations to secure resources for the future of agricultural education and student leadership development. Charitable donations to the foundation allow FFA to provide sustainable impact on the local and state levels. Individuals can make donations through the WV FFA website (www.wvffa.net).

The WV FFA Alumni is growing in our state. Alumni members provide local teachers with support and encouragement so more students can be impacted. An individual does not have to be a former FFA member to get involved with Alumni. To join an FFA Alumni chapter near you or to start a new chapter contact the WV FFA Association.

The FFA Mission: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

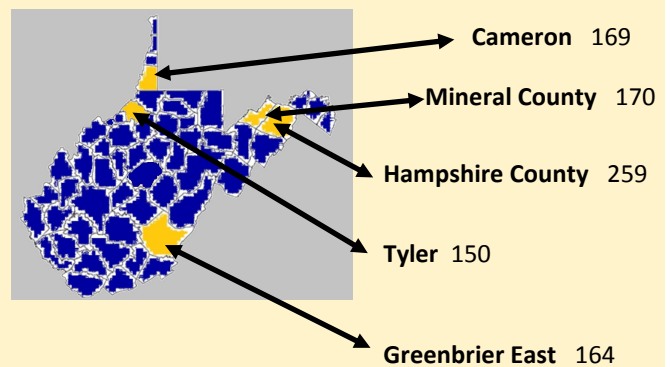
The Agricultural Education Mission: Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

By the Numbers

FFA Membership

- 4,653** Number of students who are members of the WV FFA Association
- 68** High School FFA Chapters
- 10** Middle School FFA Chapters
- 1010** Alumni Members
- 24** FFA Alumni Chapters

Chapters with largest FFA membership



46 % Female



54% Male

FFA Participation

- 600** members attended Fall Leadership Conf.
- 800** members attended WV FFA Convention
- 1000 +** members participated in a Career Development (CDE)
- \$22,000** state and national scholarships awarded

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

- 217** State FFA Degree Recipients
- 49** American FFA Degree Recipients