

## **West Virginia FFA State FFA Officers Develop Team Leadership Skills at National FFA Conference**

West Virginia State FFA Officers participated in the National Leadership Conference for State Officers July 30 to August 3 at Wintergreen Resort in Virginia. They worked throughout the week with other state FFA officer teams from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia learning cutting-edge leadership strategies and how to apply those concepts to their responsibilities as state FFA officers. West Virginia State FFA officers in attendance included: Hunter Smitley, President; Mikayla Hargis, Secretary; Emily Hunt, Vice President; Lindsey Knotts, Vice President; Lainey Smith, Vice President; Nathan Casto, Vice President; Zachary Shumaker, Vice President; Devann Fox, Vice President; and John McCutcheon, Vice President. During the four-day conference conducted by national FFA officer, Trey Elizondo, Texas and two facilitators Abrah Meyer and Levy Randolph, state officers learned how to improve techniques and team performance, implement project management techniques, build relationships, develop, deliver and evaluate presentations, and how to knowledgeably discuss issues that face the National FFA Organization. On the way to the conference, the team visited Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's plantation.