**Agricultural Education News**

- **State HBE Show:** The State Ham, Bacon, and Egg Show and Sale is set for March 8 & 9. Products are to be brought to Building 7 of the Capitol Complex (same location as in previous years) on Sunday, March 8, between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. (Different time this year) Eggs will be judged that evening, but hams and bacon will not be judged until Monday morning. Monday evening’s sale will begin at 7 p.m. Rules and regulations for the state show can be found on the state FFA website in the Classroom/Teachers section. Please remember to mail your ham sample to Dr. Pitts at least two weeks before your local sale.

- **2015 Governing Body:** The 2015 Governing Body meeting will be held in Morgantown, WV and will begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 27, 2015. Additional details will be e-mailed as the time draws closer to the meeting. To find out more information about the purpose of the governing body meeting go to the WV FFA website section “About Us” and read the Clarification of WV FFA Governance. Please e-mail any additional agenda items to jehughes@k12.wv.us by March 20, 2015.

- **Program Modernization Grants Available:** The 2015 application can now be found at http://careertech.k12.wv.us/administrators.html. The deadline is April 15, 2015.

- **AE-5 Report and Individual SAE Summary:** As you begin summarizing student records for 2014, don’t forget to collect data needed to complete the AE-5 and the Individual SAE Summary. Both reports are required and are due on April 15. You can find both forms in the SAE section of the WV FFA website. We suggest you gather the information as you summarize record books and complete the report soon thereafter. Please use the Excel versions of both forms and e-mail to us. *If you are already using the AET record keeping system for all of your students, we will be able to gather this information using the reporting tools in that system and you do not have to submit the two Excel forms.*

**FFA News**

- **State FFA Degree Applications:** Just a reminder... there are only two acceptable State FFA Degree applications. The Excel version of the application can be found on the WV FFA website under the SAE section and the AET application can be found within the on-line system.

- **American Degree and Proficiency Applications and Award Script and Picture Requirement:** Please remember to only use the most current National FFA applications for American Degrees and Proficiency Awards. Outdated applications will not be accepted. Please also remember the policy requiring all American Degree and proficiency award applications to have six pictures on a jump drive and a detailed script for each picture with the application at the Governing Body Meeting on March 27. If these items are missing, the application will be disqualified.

- **State FFA Degree Regional Reviews:** All of the documents needed for the State FFA Degree Reviews are posted on the state FFA website in the SAE section. The teacher at the host school should access these materials and make sufficient copies prior to the review. REMINDER – It is highly recommended to review American FFA Degrees at regional reviews and be sure to use the State Star Battery application for Star consideration at both regional and state review.

- **Agriscience Fair:** Have you mentioned to your students the opportunities available through the Agriscience Fair? Though the competition is not until June, **NOW** might be the time to discuss this with students so they can develop high-quality projects. The state competition follows the national rules (available from the National FFA website). An agriscience project also makes an excellent research SAE. Please remember the Agriscience Fair will be held in conjunction with the state CDE events on June 3 in Morgantown.

- **2015 National FFA Convention Rooms:** The form to reserve rooms for the 2015 National FFA Convention is available at the WV FFA website in the Classroom/Teachers section. Chapters may reserve a maximum of four rooms by completing and submitting the form AND sending a $100 deposit per room requested.

**Important Dates**

- March 8-9 – State FFA Ham, Bacon & Egg Show & Sale – Charleston
- March 27 – WV FFA Governing Body Meeting – Morgantown
- **April 10:** WV Beef Expo and WV Grasslands – Jackson’s Mill
- **April 16-17:** WV Envirothon – Camp Caesar
- **April 18:** Equine CDE/Livestock Quiz Bowl – Potomac State College
- **June 2-4:** WVU CDEs – Morgantown, WV