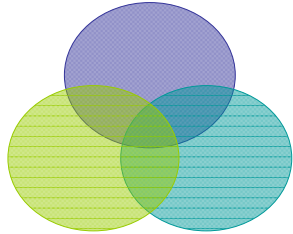


# OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WATERTOWN AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM



*The Watertown FFA is an organization for anyone that likes animals, plants, ecology and natural resources.*

## What is the FFA?

*It is NOT the Future Farmers of America!!!*

- The Watertown FFA is a student organization that helps young people develop career, leadership, and life skills while learning about agriculture.

## MISSION:

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

## HISTORY

The National FFA was founded in 1928 for young men wishing to learn more about agriculture before becoming a farmer. Since that time the FFA has opened its doors and its arms to minorities and women, ensuring that all students could reap the benefits of agricultural education. The FFA remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement for whatever occupation they wish to pursue.

**The Watertown Agriculture Education Program can be divided into three areas:**

### CLASSROOM

### SAE OR EXPERIMENT LEARNING PROJECT

### FFA PROGRAMS

Each one of these areas by itself is important, but when students participate in all three areas they really have the greatest opportunity for growth in leadership, career preparation and personal growth.

## CLASSROOM

The Watertown Agricultural Education Program offers 15 different semester classes that relate to agriculture.

First Semester:

Agriscience & Natural Resources I  
Greenhouse Management I  
Environmental Conservation

- Earn a ½ a science credit

UW-River Falls Intro to Environmental Studies (3 college credits)  
Companion Animals  
Veterinary Science  
Agribusiness & Leadership  
Agriculture Youth Apprenticeship I

Second Semester:

Agriscience & Natural Resources II  
Greenhouse Management II  
Wildlife & Natural Resources  
Animal Care  
Horse Care Management  
Ag Power & Production  
Agriculture Youth Apprenticeship II  
Companion Animals

The agriculture classes besides having a classroom also offer a shop, animal lab, greenhouse and 20 acre land plot.

## **EXPERIEMENT LEARNING PROJECT**

Students are encouraged to have a project that relate to animals, plants or natural resources to learn more about careers and the areas of agriculture that interest them. The project can either be a job, hobby or some type of experimental research.

Through the FFA there are several opportunities for students to compete in areas that relate directly with their experiment learning projects.

### **AGRISCIENCE FAIR**

Compete in six different categories that relate to agriculture

### **STATE FFA PROFICIENCIES**

Compete in 50 different categories that relate to your jobs or hobbies in agriculture

### **COUNTY FAIRS**

Exhibit at either Jefferson or Dodge County Fair in:

Dairy Cattle	Cats
Beef	Plant & Soil Science
Swine	Flowers & Houseplants
Sheep	Natural Science
Goats	Naturespace
Horse & Pony	Shooting Sports
Poultry	Cultural Arts
Rabbits	Photography
Dogs	Woodworking
Veterinary Science	Electricity
Foods	Mechanical Projects

## **FFA OPPORTUNITIES**

### **COMPETITION**

#### *Speaking Contest*

FFA Creed (Freshmen Only)  
Quiz Bowl      Prepared Speech  
Job Interview    Extemp. Speech  
Discussion      Parliamentary Proced.

#### *Career Development Events*

- test students knowledge in a team event

Ag Sales	Forestry
Ag Mechanics	Horse
Agronomy	Livestock
Dairy Cattle	Meats
Dairy Foods	Landscape
Dairy Handler	Poultry
Environmental	Veterinary
Farm Business	Wildlife
Floriculture	Ag Issues
Food Science	Ag Marketing

#### *Other Competitions*

FFA Essays Contests  
Talent Competitions  
Tractor Driving Competitions  
Land Evaluation

#### *Other Opportunities*

Honors Band  
Honors Choir  
Courtesy Corps State Convention  
Newsroom Staff State Convention

## **LEADERSHIP**

### **WORKSHOPS**

FIRE Conference  
Sectional Leadership Workshop  
Parliamentary Procedure Workshops  
PDPW Workshop

### **CONFERENCES**

212  
360  
Half-Time  
Farm Forum  
Coops Yes  
Colt Conference  
Washington Leadership Conference

### **CONVENTIONS**

State Convention

- Chapter Delegate
- Chapter Voting Delegate
- State Committees

National Convention

- Chapter Delegate
- State Delegate

### **LEADERSHIP ROLES**

- Committee Chair  
- Chapter Officer  
- State Officer

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## **GIVING BACK**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**AG LITERACY**