

2025 - 2026 Year in the Life of a State FFA Officer

(All dates haven't been entered yet, but a Google calendar will be shared with you, and Parents can see their full schedule all the time - ALL of Summer is in the list)

JUNE:

- June 12 - 13 - State FFA Officer Orientation Meeting following convention (2 days)
- June 16 - 20 - Attend IAVAT Conference (5 days) - Springfield
- June 23 - 26 - BASE Camp – National FFA Training (4 days) - FFA Center
- June 27 - Start planning the July state officer meeting - FFA Center

JULY:

- June 30 - July 3 - Office Orientation, planning the July state officer meeting, theme work, work, work work for things coming up (4 days) - FFA Center
- July 1 - Administrative Council Meeting for the State President
- July 4 - HOME
- July 7 - 11 - State Officer Meeting (6 days)- Carbondale
- July 13 - 17 - Corn Congress & State Officer Summit (6 days) (Partial weekend) - Washington, DC
- July 21 - 24 - Leadership Camp (5 days) (Partial weekend) - Monticello
- July 25 - Potentially HOME
- July 28 - 30 - ICTSO (3 days) - Springfield

AUGUST:

- Planning for state fair, chapter visits, STAR conferences & LTS's - FFA Center
- FFA Board Meeting
- July 31 - August 1 - FFA Board meetings - Springfield
- August 4 - FFA Center - Planning for state fair, chapter visits, STAR conferences & LTS's - FFA Center
- August 5 - 7 - State Officer Meeting (3 days) - FFA Center
- August 9 - St.Louis Cardinal Day with FFA - St Louis
- August 7 - 17 - Attend the ENTIRE (11 days) State Fair – barnyard, interviews, parades, Sale of Champions, Ag Day (Weekends)
 - o **Will have 3 days off, with one of the three being Officer Family Day, August 10, 2025**
- August 18 - Youth Education Committee Meeting & Team PHOTOS - Bloomington
- August 19 - 20 - Training with Andrew McCrea (2 days) - FFA Center
- August 22 - and August 25 - DuQuoin State Fair (2-3 days) - somewhat optional
- August 23 - Half Century of Progress - Rantoul - need a couple to attend this
- August 26 - 28 - Farm Progress Show - Decatur - Odd years Attend Farm Progress Show in Decatur- all 5 officers- (3 days)- **THEY WILL ATTEND THIS YEAR**
- August 29 - Office Work Day until 2:00ish

SEPTEMBER:

- STAR Conferences (5 days)
 - o District 1 – September 12, 2025 – Black Hawk College - Vet Sciences Center,
 - o District 2 – September 11, 2025 – Joliet Junior College - Main Campus,
 - o District 3 – September 11, 2025 – John Wood Community College,
 - o District 4 – September 9, 2025 – Lake Land College, 5001 Lake Land Blvd, Mattoon, IL 61938

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- o District 5 – September 9, 2025 – Southern Illinois University
- Chapter Visits
 - o September 15 - 19, 2025
 - o September 22 - 26, 2025
 - o September 29 - October 3, 2025
- Conduct 2-3 weeks of Chapter Visits
- September 27 - State Forestry CDE – 2 – 3 Officers (Saturday)

OCTOBER:

- State Land Use CDE – 2 – 3 Officers
- Chapter Visit Planning - FFA Center
 - o October 6 - 10, 2025
- Chapter Visits and LTS's (4-5 weeks)
- ICCCTSO Board Meeting – 1 officer
- National FFA Convention Delegate (7 days - partial weekends)
- October 26 - November 1 - National FFA Convention

NOVEMBER:

- ICAE/ILCAE Meeting – all 5 officers
- Youth Education Meeting
- Alumni Council Meeting – 1 officer
- PAS Fall Conference
- State Convention planning
- November 8 - State Ag Sales CDE– 2 – 3 Officers (Saturday)
- Chapter Visit Planning - FFA Center
 - o November 17 - 21, 2025
- November 23 - 25 - BUILD (3 days)
- November 26 - 30 - HOME
- Business & Industry Visits (3 days)
- Administrative Council Meeting for the State President

DECEMBER:

- December 1 - 5 - FFA Center - National FFA Training, Evaluations, Admin Council
- December 6 - State Agronomy & Dairy Products CDE – 2 – 3 Officers (Saturday)
- December 5- 7 - Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting - Chicago - Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting (4 days - weekend)
- Chapter Visits
 - o December 8 - 12, 2025
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- December 15 - 17 - Officer Retreat & Convention Planning (3 days)
- December 19 - FFA Center Christmas Party - ALL Officer Families Invited

BREAK - December 19 after the party until January 5, 2026

JANUARY:

- Convention Planning
- Attend IAVAT Meeting
- FFA Board of Directors Meeting
- January 17 - 18 - Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant (2 days - weekend)
- January 23 - 24 - Attend FFA Alumni Annual Meeting - all 5 officers- (2 days - weekend)
- Youth Education Meeting
- Work in the Office (2-3 days/week)
- Ground Zero Split officers between 3-5 locations- (6-10 days, some Saturdays)

FEBRUARY:

- Business & Industry Visits (5 days)
- More Convention Planning
- PAS Spring Conference
- National FFA Week Activities & Interviews
- Grain & Feed Association Convention (2 days - partial weekend)
- Speak at various functions and meetings
- Work in the Office (2-3 days/week)
- State Officer Orientation Meeting (Saturday)

MARCH:

- State Meats and Vet Science, and Ag Education – 2 – 3 Officers (Saturday)
- District Proficiency Awards
- Ag Day Seminar & Reception
- Ag Legislative Day
- Convention Planning
- ICCCTSO Board Meeting – 1 officer
- Speak at 5 - 10 Banquets
- Youth Education Meeting
- Work in the Office (2-3 days/week)
- Illinois Products Expo (2 days - weekend)
- State Awards Day (Saturday)

APRIL:

- Final planning for State Officer Meeting
- Convention Planning
- Speak at 5 - 10 Banquets
- FFA Magazine Deadline – Reporter
- Work in the Office (2-3 days/week)
- State Officer Candidate Interviews (Saturday)
- Illinois Foundation FFA Meeting
- State Livestock, Poultry, Horticulture CDE's – all 5 officers
- State Dairy CDE – 2 – 3 Officers
- State Food Science CDE– 2 – 3 Officers

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- Administrative Council Meeting for the State President
- Attend State Horse Judging CDE – 2 – 3 Officers

MAY:

- Program Judging & various judging of applications
- District Public Speaking LDE
- State Parliamentary Procedure & Conduct of Chapter Meeting LDE – 2 – 3 Officers
- State Ag Mechanics – 2 – 3 Officers
- Finish Convention Planning
- May State Officer meeting (2 days)

JUNE:

- Last Minute Convention Planning
- Memorizing Convention Script
- Prepare for State Officer Meeting
- Prepare materials for the Orientation Meeting
- State Officer Meeting (1 day)
- State FFA Convention (3 days)
- Premier Chapter Award Tour (7 days)
- Office cleanout

JULY:

- Officer Transition Week & Debrief