

2026 - 2027 Calendar for Illinois Association FFA Section Presidents

Convention Schedule for June 2026

- June 9 - 11, 2026 - State FFA Convention
- June 11 - 12, 2026 - State Officer Meeting, IL FFA Center - you will stay in Springfield overnight as a part of the state officer team through lunch on Friday, June 12, 2026. Overnight at the [Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, IL](#)

Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10, 2026

- State Officer Meeting, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Sunday, July 12 - Thursday, July 16, 2026

- National Corn Congress with Illinois Corn Growers, Washington, DC
- A \$100.00 deposit is required - the rest of the trip is covered.

Sunday, July 19 - Thursday, July 23, 2026

- Illinois FFA Leadership Camp, 4-H Camp, Monticello
- Sunday is group leader training

Wednesday, August 12 – Friday, August 14, 2026

- State Officer Meeting - Illinois FFA Center

Thursday, August 13 – Sunday, August 23, 2026

- All-day Illinois State Fair – Section Presidents are required to work 3 days.
- Barnyard hours are 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. daily

District STAR Conferences

All-day - Section Presidents (and section officer team) to attend in their district.

- **District 1 – Thursday, September 10, 2026**– Black Hawk College - Student Center, 26230 Black Hawk Rd, Building A, Room A-225, Galva, IL 61434
- **District 2 – Thursday, September 10, 2026** – Joliet Junior College - Main Campus, U Building, 1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, IL 60431
- **District 3 – Wednesday, September 9, 2026** – John Wood Community College, 37803 St Hwy 104, Baylis, IL 62314
- **District 4 – Tuesday, September 8, 2026** – Lake Land College, 5001 Lake Land Blvd, Mattoon, IL 61938
- **District 5 – Tuesday, September 8, 2026** – Southern Illinois University - Agriculture Building, Room 209, 1205 Lincoln Drive, Carbondale

Sunday, October 18 – Saturday, October 24, 2026

- National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN
- *** Delegates from the team of Section Presidents are selected
- A \$250.00 fee is required. Section Presidents can earn a \$50.00 good attendance bonus (per event) to cover this cost by attending each of the following events:
 - o July State Officer Meeting at SIUC
 - o Corn Congress to Washington, DC
 - o State FFA Leadership Camp
 - o August State Officer meeting in Springfield
 - o Work all three of their days at the Illinois State Fair

November- Middle School Conferences

- Dates Section Presidents serve at these are **determined** by the availability of the Section President and the FFA Center State Staff
 - Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - MS Conference at Lincoln Land CC
 - Wednesday, November 18, 2026 - MS Conference at Richland CC

Sunday, November 22 - Tuesday, November 24, 2026

- BUILD Conference - Illinois State University
- Sunday, November 22nd, for Training

Saturday, December 5, 2026– for those requested to attend.

- State Agronomy CDE
- State Dairy Foods CDE

Friday, January 8, 2027, TBD – District Directors

- Friday, January 8, 2027 - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - FFA & Joint Board - **IN-PERSON**

January and February - Ground Zero Conferences

- Dates Section Presidents serve at these are **determined** by the availability of the Section President and the FFA Center State Staff
 - Wednesday - Thursday, January 20 - 21, 2027 - Northfield, Springfield, IL
 - Monday - January 25, 2027 - Effingham, IL
 - Wednesday - Thursday, January 27 - 28, 2027 - Northfield, Springfield, IL
 - Friday - Saturday, January 29 - 30, 2027 - SIUC, Carbondale, IL
 - Monday, February 1, 2027 - Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL
 - Tuesday, February 2, 2027 - Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL
 - Thursday, February 4, 2027 - WIU, Macomb, IL

National FFA Week February 20 - 27, 2027

TBA - March – Ag Legislative Day – TBA – will have an evening and the next day.

Wednesday, March 3, 2027, District Proficiencies

- Will be requested to attend in your district. Work with your FFA Adult Board member.

Saturday, March 6 - Sunday, March 7, 2027

- State Officer Meeting & Illinois Food Products Expo - Illinois State Fairgrounds

Friday, March 19 - Saturday, March 20, 2027

- State Officer Meeting and State Awards Day

April - Middle School Conferences

- Dates Section Presidents serve at these are **determined** by the availability of the Section President and the FFA Center State Staff
 - Tuesday, April 6, 2027 - MS Conference at Sauk Valley CC
 - Thursday, April 8, 2027 - MS Conference at Lake Land College
 - Friday, April 9, 2027 - MS Conference at Lincoln Land CC

April, TBD 2027 - Premier 20 Conference

- For the Top 10 Section Presidents that Illinois Farm Bureau invites

Tuesday, April 13, 2027 - FFA Board Meeting

- For those serving as District Directors
- Tuesday, April 13, 2027 - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - **IN-PERSON**

Friday, April 23, 2027 - Super Friday - for those who are requested to attend

- IAVAT State CDEs

Wednesday, May 26 - Thursday, May 27, 2027, State Officer Meeting

- State Officer Meeting - FFA Center, Springfield - Stay at the Ramada
- State Convention preparation/logistics/practice

Monday, June 7 – Friday, June 11, 2027

- All-day Illinois State FFA Convention – Springfield - Monday set up, Tuesday - Thursday convention, Thursday evening - Friday - officer team meeting
- Retiring and newly elected Section Presidents are to stay over Thursday, June 10, 2027, through lunch on Friday, June 11, 2027. Overnight at TBA

Chapter Visits Weeks: Section Presidents and Section Chairs complete a preference form to determine 2026 Chapter Visits for their Sections. [Click here](#) to view the 2025 schedule.

- September 14 - 18, 2026
- September 21 - 25, 2026
- September 28 - October 2, 2026
- October 5 - 9, 2026
- November 9 - 13, 2026

FFA Board Meetings for District Representatives to Attend:

- Monday, August 3 & Tuesday, August 4, 2026 - - **IN-PERSON**
- Wednesday, September 2, 2026 - 3:30 – 5:30 pm - **VIRTUAL**
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - **IN-PERSON**
- Thursday, November 19, 2026 - 3:30 – 5:30 pm - **VIRTUAL**
- Tuesday, December 15, 2026 - 3:30 – 5:30 pm - **VIRTUAL**
- Friday, January 8, 2027 - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - FFA & Joint Board - **IN-PERSON**
- Tuesday, February 16, 2027 - 3:30 – 5:30 pm - **VIRTUAL**
- Wednesday, February 24, 2027 - 3:30 – 5:30 pm - Adult Board - **VIRTUAL**
- Tuesday, April 13, 2027 - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - **IN-PERSON**
- Tuesday, May 18, 2027 - 3:30 – 5:30 pm - **VIRTUAL**