

Minnesota State FFA Convention

Inclement Weather

Health and Safety

The health and safety of everyone attending the Minnesota State FFA Convention is our top priority. FFA is working with the venue locations and authorities to ensure the safety of our FFA members and all attendees.

- Watch for emergency notifications. If an emergency arises in the area, local law enforcement may issue phone alerts.
- Pay attention to the weather. Listen for tornado sirens.
- Review the [Minnesota State Fair map](#). The [severe weather shelters are noted on the 2024 State Fair map](#) by a red lightning bolt. The 4-H building (location of the career fair), the AgHort building and the lower level of the Grandstand are designated storm shelters. The State Fair police will ensure these storm shelter locations are open if we need them.
- **Minnesota State Fairgrounds** information on [Inclement Weather](#) notification.
- **University of Minnesota:** All U of MN buildings have storm shelter locations. Look for signage to direct you where to go. 3M Arena at Mariucci is an official severe weather shelter.
- Sometimes cell service can be spotty due to the large number of people at the event. In those instances, find a severe weather shelter map near building entrances, the [FFA website](#), or ask Minnesota State Fair, University of Minnesota or emergency personnel for directions or help.

Weather Update - 2025 Convention

4-27-25 1:45 p.m. update

- Conversations have occurred with the CEO of the State Fair and local authorities. FFA will be on a national NOAA webinar this afternoon on the weather forecast for Monday's severe weather forecast.
- All agree right now that Monday morning will be very wet but nothing severe in the Twin Cities. We will proceed. Bring rain gear!
- There should be a midday calm before the severe weather arrives in the metro area. It is forecasted to be very intense but short-lived, right now the predicted window for severe weather is sometime between 4 - 6 p.m.

Career Development Events

- We are continuing as scheduled.
- *Only change is the* Forestry and Soils have been moved inside.
- We are working to have all CDEs completed by 4 p.m., and students moved to drier locations like Mariucci.
- We want everyone to be safe!
- Stay alert to the advisor Listserv for any changes or updates.

Staff Preparation and Emergency Communication

- In the event of an emergency affecting all participants, advisors will receive instructions via the Listserv on next steps including checking-in with youth.
- An email on the advisor Listserv will be sent when an emergency involves a small group of participants.
- We are working cooperatively with Minnesota State Fair staff, University of Minnesota staff and local authorities to manage any emergencies.