

History of the FFA:

The Future Farmers of America was established in 1928 at the Hotel Baltimore in Kansas City, Missouri. National dues were set at 10 cents per member. The national colors of blue and gold were selected at the national convention in 1929. Public Law 740, passed by Congress in 1950, granted the FFA a federal charter. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine saw its first issue in 1952. In 1988, the official name was changed from Future Farmers of America to the National FFA Organization. The FUTURE FARMER magazine's name was changed to FFA New Horizons in 1989.

FFA Creed:

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

LEARNING TO DO

DOING TO LEARN

EARNING TO LIVE

LIVING TO SERVE