



99TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION & EXPO
OCT. 21-24, 2026 | INDIANAPOLIS

2026 General Sessions

All times Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Schedules are subject to change

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026

Opening Session 1A

Doors open: 2 p.m.

Session Time: 3:30 p.m.

Convention Kick-Off
Opening Ceremony
Presentation of Flags
National Advisor's Welcome
Recognition of Sponsors' Board
Chorus
Keynote Speaker

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026

Opening Session 1B

Doors open: 6:30 a.m.

Session Time: 8:00 a.m.

Convention Kick-Off
Opening Ceremony
Presentation of Flags
National Advisor's Welcome
Band
Keynote Speaker:

Second General Session

Doors open: 1:00 p.m.

Session Time: 2:00 p.m.

Session Chairs: Jael Cruikshank & Lilly Nyland

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Agricultural Communication; Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship; Agricultural Sales – Placement; Agricultural Services; Agricultural Education; Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems; Service-Learning

Agriscience Fair: Social Science

Talent

Retiring Address: Joey Nowotny

National Chapter Award: Middle School Models of Excellence

Talent

Career Development Events: Agronomy, Creed, Farm & Agribusiness

Management, Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Nursery/Landscape,

Veterinary Science

National Chapter Awards: 1, 2 and 3-star

National FFA Talent Competition Round 1

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Third General Session

Session Time: 7:00 p.m.

Session Chairs: Trey Myers & Joey Nowotny

Opening Ceremony

Outstanding Alumni Awards

Proficiency Awards: Agriscience Research-Animal Systems; Beef Production-

Entrepreneurship; Beef Production- Placement; Dairy Production-

Entrepreneurship; Dairy Production- Placement; Diversified Agricultural

Production; Diversified Livestock Production; Equine Science-

Entrepreneurship; Equine Science- Placement; Agricultural Processing

Agriscience Fair: Animal Systems; Food Products & Processing

Talent

Retiring Address: Lilly Nyland

National Chapter Award: Model of Excellence

Talent

Career Development Events: Agricultural Sales; Extemporaneous Speaking;

Forestry; Livestock Evaluation; Prepared Public Speaking

Friday, Oct. 23, 2026

Fourth General Session

Doors Open: 7:00 a.m.

Session Time: 8:00 a.m.

Session Chairs: T. Wayne Williams & Joey Nowotny

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Goat Production; Poultry Production; Sheep Production; Small Animal Production & Care; Specialty Animal Production; Swine Production – Entrepreneurship; Swine Production – Placement; Veterinary Science

Agriscience Fair: Environmental Services & Natural Resources

Chorus

Retiring Address: Claire Woeppel

Honorary American Degree

Distinguished Service Citation

VIP Awards

Keynote Speaker

Premier Chapter Award: Growing Leaders

Chorus

Career Development Events: Agricultural Communications; Agricultural Issues; Dairy Cattle; Employment Skills; Horse Evaluation

Fifth General Session

Doors Open: 1:30 p.m.

Session Time: 2:30 p.m.

Session Chairs: Trey Myers & Lilly Nyland

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Agriscience Research – Plant Systems; Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship; Diversified Crop Production – Placement; Diversified Horticulture; Fiber & Oil Crop Production; Forage Production; Fruit and Nut Production; Grain Production; Landscape Installation; Nursery Operations; Specialty Crop Production; Turf and Landscape Maintenance; Vegetable Production

Agriscience Fair: Plant Systems

Band Selection

Retiring Address: Jael Cruikshank

Recognition: National Officer Candidates

Band Selection

Premier Chapter Award: Building Communities

Recognition: National Officer Mentors

Career Development Events: Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems; Conduct of Chapter Meetings; Environmental and Natural Resources;

Marketing Plan; Meats Evaluation and Technology; Milk Quality Products; Poultry

National FFA Talent Competition Finals

Time: 5:30 p.m.

National FFA Band & Chorus Concert

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Sixth General Session

Session Time: 7:00 p.m.

Session Chairs: Claire Woeppel & Jael Cruikshank

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Environmental Science & Natural Resources

Management; Forest Management & Products; Outdoor Recreation; Wildlife

Production & Management; Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication;

Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Entrepreneurship; Agricultural

Mechanics Repair & Maintenance- Placement

Agriscience Fair: Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Band

Retiring Address: T. Wayne Williams

Premier Chapter Award: Strengthening Agriculture

Career Development Events: Parliamentary Procedure

Chorus

American Star Awards: Star in Agribusiness

American Star Awards: Star in Agricultural Placement

American Star Awards: Star in Agriscience

American Star Awards: Star Farmer

Recognition: American Star Awards

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2026

American Degree

Doors Open: 6:00 a.m.

Session Time: 7:30 a.m.

Session Chair: Trey Myers

Seventh General Session

Doors Open: Noon

Session Time: 1:30 p.m.

Session Chairs: Jael Cruikshank & Joey Nowotny

Opening Ceremony

Recognition: Nominating Committee

Recognition: Past National Officers
National Officer Family Recognition
Band
Retiring Address: Trey Myers
Delegate Reports
National Officer Election
Chorus & Band
Installation Ceremony
New National President's Remarks
Convention in Review Video