

2016 Fact Sheet

West Virginia FFA and Agricultural Education



By the Numbers

Classroom Instruction

105 Agricultural Education Teachers

76 Agriculture Programs in

47 West Virginia Counties



78% offer agribusiness



52% offer plant systems



37% offer agricultural mechanics



36% offer animal systems and animal processing



34% offer natural resources



75% of WV agriculture teachers have been trained in entrepreneurship



14% of WV agriculture teachers have been trained in CASE



24 meat processing facilities

West Virginia Agricultural Education prepares students for more than 300 careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture, food and natural resources. Rigorous and engaging coursework follows specific content skill sets aligned with industry standards and is taught in laboratory settings such as greenhouses, mechanics labs, live animal facilities and meat processing labs. Students completing Introduction to Agriculture, a core content and a specialization course, and two years of a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAE) within a specific agricultural concentration of study receive the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Industry Certification. To review all of the Agriculture courses and concentrations available visit the WV CTE website at <http://careertech.k12.wv.us/>.

The Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) is a nationally developed curriculum focused on inquiry-based learning. CASE infuses science, math and language arts into career and technical relevant content. Students completing the curriculum can receive a nationally recognized credential. More WV agriculture programs are implementing the curriculum each year.

Made possible by a generous grant from the Benedum Foundation, WV agriculture teachers received training and curriculum to infuse engaging entrepreneurship activities and concepts into every agriculture concentration offered. As a result, many agriculture students across WV are starting their own Agribusiness.

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The FFA is an integral, co-curricular part of agricultural education by making classroom instruction come to life through realistic, hands-on applications. FFA provides significant leadership and career development experiences for its members at the local, state and national levels. Local FFA chapters elect officer teams, conduct meetings using parliamentary procedure and have members serve on committees to plan and coordinate numerous activities. FFA chapters are very involved in giving back to their communities through various service learning projects such as growing and distributing food, creating and maintaining walking trails and recycling programs.

The Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) is a unique aspect of agricultural education, providing students with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to real-life work experiences outside of classroom time in the areas of Exploratory, Research, Work Placement and Entrepreneurship. Every student enrolled in an agriculture concentration is required to develop an SAE and to complete the concentration the student must implement an SAE and keep on-line financial records of all transactions. To supervise the student SAE process, WV Agricultural Education teachers have extended teaching contracts so they are able to visit students after school and during the summer months. Many students across WV sell meat and produce to the school system in the ever growing Farm to School Program.

The FFA Mission: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The Agricultural Education Mission: Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

By the Numbers

FFA Membership

5,091 Number of students who are members of the WV FFA Association



43% Female

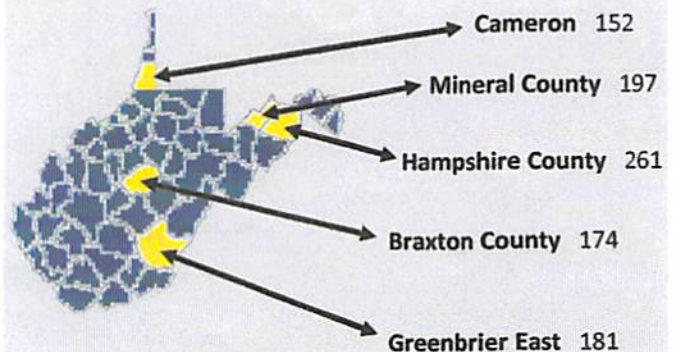


57% Male

67 High School FFA Chapters

9 Middle School FFA Chapters

Chapters with largest FFA membership



FFA Participation

600 members attended Fall Leadership Conf.

800 members attended WV FFA Convention

1000 + members participated in a Career Development (CDE)

\$25,000 state and national scholarships awarded

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

\$ 3 million economic impact in WV from student agricultural enterprises

191 State FFA Degree Recipients

35 American FFA Degree Recipients

3 National Proficiency Award Finalists

1 National Star in Ag. Placement Finalist

1 National Proficiency Award Winner