



2026 North Dakota FFA Delegate Committees

The 2025 – 2026 State FFA Officer Team has commissioned eight committees for delegate work at the 97th North Dakota FFA State Convention in June.

State Program of Activities Committee

Committee Chairs: Lucas Miller & Cooper Darby

Committee State Officer Representative: Cole Anderson

Board Liaison(s): Jeff Bjugstad

Purpose:

Review and revise the State Program of Activities. This committee will evaluate local POA implementations and the operation of our key state and national activities.

Guided Questions:

1. How can we support chapters and officers with developing and implementing their POA's?
2. What should be added to the State POA? What should be subtracted?
3. How can we recognize chapters for quality POAs?

Resources Required:

1. ND FFA Association Program of Activities 2025-2026
2. ND FFA Program of Activities Manual
3. State Premier and Superior chapter results: 2025
4. Program of Activities Divisions and Quality Standards

Auditing Committee

Committee Chairs: Taylor Schollmeyer & Natalee Gappert

Committee State Officer Representative: N/A

Board Liaison(s): JoDee Free

Purpose:

Review and discuss the State Association Financial Report. Look specifically at expenditures and reimbursements for various events and officers.

Guided Questions:

1. Do the financial documents appear clear and complete?
2. Review the cost for events.
3. Need to make a motion during new business to set the dues for 2025-2026.

Resources Required:

1. Treasurer's Report (Overall Budget, Budget by event, Net Worth/Ledger, Dues)
2. Spreadsheet showcasing which chapters are affiliated vs those who are not.
3. Membership by Chapter Spreadsheet

Middle School Engagement Committee

Committee Chairs: Aubrey Steinert & Hailey Praus

Committee State Officer Representative: Evelyn Seil

Board Liaison(s): Callahan Lemar

Purpose:

Determine ways for middle school members and chapters to become more involved and engaged in activities and events.

Guided Questions:

1. Should adjustments be made to make certain events more geared towards middle school members and how?
2. How should these (potential) events be promoted?
3. Are there any resources that should be provided/ more accessible to help middle school members learn more about FFA?

Resources Required:

1. Current middle school resources and guidelines (what can they do and are these things appropriate for the age group- mainly 5th & 6th grade members that can't do things above the chapter level)
2. Current numbers for our state membership and attendance at the middle school level

Event Evaluation Committee

Committee Chairs: Molly Hansen & Audrey Redburn

Committee State Officer Representative: Makayla Kraft

Board Liaison(s): Colbey Steeke

Purpose:

Review how competitive and non-competitive events influence ND FFA members and identify ways to improve participation, experience, and impact.

Guided Questions:

1. In what ways are our current events achieving their intended goals?
2. How do we get feedback from students and advisors about how events run?
3. Do our competitive events participants understand the rules and expectations?
4. Are there ways to improve our non-competitive event experiences to promote member retention and/or belonging?
5. Are there any ideas to add to current events for the future?

Resources Required:

1. Past state event attendance (State CDE, State LDE, Leadership Conference, State Convention)
2. Calendar of events (Long range and short term)
3. State Fair event participation

Potential CDEs and LDEs Committee

Committee Chairs: Abby Lee & Lane Risovi

Committee State Officer Representative: Tate Norby

Board Liaison(s): Missy Hansen

Purpose:

To discuss student interest in expanding Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs/LDEs) and gather feedback on potential new opportunities within FFA.

Guided Questions:

1. Are students interested in adding more CDEs or LDE's? What are the potential reasons why there shouldn't be more activities?
2. Do students feel there should be more activities that focus on specific careers in agriculture?
3. What careers or industries are currently not represented well in FFA contests?
4. Do students feel like there needs to be more activities that focus on specific careers in Agriculture?
5. Ag Ed- CDE
6. Ag Issues- CDE
7. Auctioneering- CDE
8. Bee Production- CDEs
9. If we added one new event, which should it be and why?

Resources Required:

1. Auctioneering
2. Agricultural Issues Forum | National FFA Organization
3. Geaux Teach Ag : CDE-LDES : What We Do : Louisiana FFA

Agricultural Opportunities Committee

Committee Chairs: Hadley Abentroth & Boedy Miller

Committee State Officer Representative: Ryan Schumacher

Board Liaison(s): Bill Zingg

Purpose:

Are there any new ideas or perspectives we can bring into the North Dakota FFA to enhance our touch on Agricultural and community aspects?

Guided Questions:

1. Are there already implemented applications from the national standpoint that may help us direct the future of student engagement to the opportunities we can offer?
2. Might this reflect current opportunities we offer through SAEs, such as livestock production, Business management, Research and development, and if not, how can we change it?
3. How can we reach out to chapters to receive useful feedback to assist in the development of this proposition?

Resources Required:

1. ND Agriculture Career Pathways

Chapter to Chapter Interaction Committee

Committee Chairs: Leah Davidson & Paisley Wagner

Committee State Officer Representative: Kristyn Bauer

Board Liaison(s): Erik Johnson

Purpose:

Discuss ideas for chapters to interact with one another, to increase awareness of chapter activities statewide, and to foster connections between FFA chapters in North Dakota.

Guided Questions:

1. What are chapters already doing to build connections with other chapters?
2. How can we encourage meaningful interactions between chapters?
3. Should NDDFA develop resources to assist chapter connections?

Resources Required:

1. National Chapter Connect Program description
(<https://www.ffa.org/98th-national-ffa-convention-expo/ffa-chapter-connect-program-unit-es-members-nationwide>)

Strategic Planning Committee

Committee Chairs: Aubrey Odens & Logan Tyler

Committee State Officer Representative: Rose Schiele

Board Liaison(s): Jeremy Carkuff

Purpose:

To represent the perspectives of members by discussing and providing recommendations for the organization's strategic plan, ensuring it reflects shared priorities, long-term goals, and the collective interests of the membership

Guided Questions:

1. Why does the North Dakota FFA Association Exist?
2. What are the most important priorities our organization should focus on over the next 3-5 years?
3. What are the biggest needs for our members right now?
4. Who does our strategic plan need to encompass?

Resources Required:

1. Copy of Potential Strategic Plan
2. Copy of national strategic plan