

2024 North Dakota State Fair (NDSF) – FFA Advisor Assignments

ND FFA Leadership

FFA State Advisor	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Bismarck
FFA Executive Secretary	Darin Spelhaug, Bismarck
FFA Association Staff	Breanna Mueller, Bismarck
FFA Foundation Executive Director	Laiken DeMorrett, Bismarck
FFA Foundation Sponsor and Program Coordinator	Kayla Hart, Bismarck
ND Association of Agricultural Educators (NDAAE) Intern	Dalton Wheeler, Fargo

FFA NDSF Leadership

General Manager	Cameron Young, Edgeley/Kulm
Assistant Manager	Amanda Huettl, Max
Assistant Manager	Missy Hansen, Carrington
Tractor Operator Superintendent	Lucas Schmaltz, Northern Cass
Tractor Operator Assistant Superintendent	Heather Riemer, South Prairie
Agricultural Mechanics Superintendent	Shawn Feiring, New Salem
Agricultural Mechanics Assistant Superintendent	Pete Martin, Kidder County
Agricultural Produce Superintendent	Jeff Bjugstad, Lidgerwood
Agricultural Produce Assistant Superintendent	JoDee Free, Harvey
Educational Superintendent	David Leier, Killdeer
Educational Assistant Superintendent	Cheyenne Ketterling, Edgeley/Kulm
Field Crop Superintendent	Desi Severance, Wyndmere
Field Crop Assistant Superintendent	Ben Seidler, South Prairie
Floriculture Superintendent	Carissa Spelhaug, Wilton
Floriculture Assistant Superintendent	Melaree Lee, Kindred
Horticulture Superintendent	Brandon Quam, Des Lacs Burlington
Horticulture Assistant Superintendent	Tony Boehm, Richland 44
Livestock Superintendent	Mitchell Becker, Carrington
Static Livestock Superintendent	Jared Lovro, Garrison
Public Relations – ND FFA State Officers	Mariah Lovro, Teagan Erberle, Bailey Urlacher, Anna Palmer, Joe Lindberg, Dawsyn Malkowski, Grant Anderson

Tractor Operator Contest

Superintendent	Lucas Schmaltz, Northern Cass
Assistant Superintendent	Heather Riemer, South Prairie
Department Assistants:	
Molly Hanson, Surrey (Tabulations)	Levi Reese, Hillsboro
Heather Riemer, South Prairie (Tabulations)	Brian Schneider, Napoleon

This is your event to develop and operate. Developing the Written Tests, Securing Tractors and Trailers for each division, Practice session on Thursday, Supplying and Setting Up the Course, Prepping the Judges, Onsite Registration, Announcements, Prepping the Participants, Procedures, Tabulations (no electricity on sight, need power convertor or electrical outlet in your vehicle to operate scanner and your laptop), and everything else required to run the event. Provide electronic results by email to state staff, to be entered into the awards script. The State Officers will present awards upon completion of tabulations.

Advisors of the district winners are required to register the state qualifiers via the ND FFA website. The registration file will be provided to the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Tabulations by email.

Static Exhibit Department Entry, Judging, & Expectations

See “Schedule of FFA Events” on page two of the FFA Activities and Premium List (Blue Book) for entry procedures, entry times, and judging. Find NDSF FFA details and schedule on www.ndffa.org/state-fair. The webpage contains the FFA Static Exhibit and Horticulture Superintendent Duties.

A judge, volunteer, and FFA Advisor meal sponsored by the NDSF and catered by Homesteaders Restaurant of Minot will be held in 4-H Hall, Upper Level, at 11:30 am on Thursday.

Entry of **ALL** Static Exhibits at the NDSF is Wednesday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Thursday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Judging of Horticulture exhibits will begin at 8:00 am on Thursday and judging of Static Exhibits will begin at 12:30 pm on Thursday. Ribbon & Point appeals must be made to the Superintendent within 24 hours of Judging of the Exhibit.

Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents are required to be at the NDSF during the scheduled entry times on Wednesday and Thursday.

Department Assistants attendance is required on Thursday and may be required on Wednesday (dependent upon Superintendents Expectations/Needs based upon specific department needs). Department Assistants must discuss responsibilities with the Superintendent prior to the NDSF.

Each department and all advisors are required to assist with organizing the display of exhibits upon entry, during and after judging, the recording of results/tabulations, and final paperwork.

Agriculture Mechanics Department

Superintendent	Shawn Feiring, New Salem	
Assistant Superintendent	Pete Martin, Kidder County	
Department Assistants:		
Alicia Lund, Kindred	Dan Ryba, Lakota	Bekka Bummer, Divide County
Daniel Deck, Harvey	Isaac Ripplinger, Rugby	Trevor Steeke, Bowman County
Carson Houser, McClusky	Zachary Krein, Glen Ullin	Riston Zielke, Hebron
Erik Johnson, Killdeer	Evan Mellmer, Wishek	Bill Zingg, Hazen
Mike Kamrath, Washburn	Lane Moellenkamp, Fessenden/Bowdon	Jayden MacDonald, Center

Agriculture Produce Department

Superintendent	Jeff Bjugstad, Lidgerwood
Assistant Superintendent	JoDee Free, Harvey
Department Assistants:	
Alan Geiger, Beulah	Mike Axt, Wing
Second Show:	
Mike Axt, Wing	

Educational Department

Superintendent	David Leier, Killdeer	
Assistant Superintendent	Cheyenne Ketterling, Edgeley/Kulm	
Department Assistants:		
Marty Campbell, Golden Valley	Allison Nord, Enderlin	Cassidy Bishop, Lisbon
Samantha Doneen, Watford City	Marita Erman, Finely/Sharon	

Field Crop Department

Superintendent	Desi Severance, Wyndmere
Assistant Superintendent	Ben Seidler, South Prairie
Department Assistants:	
Tanner Zetocha, North Sargent	

Floriculture Department

Superintendent	Carissa Spelhaug, Wilton
Assistant Superintendent	Melaree Lee, Kindred
Department Assistants:	
Paul Bucholz, Turtle Lake-Mercer	Rivers Bachman, Stanley

Horticulture Department

Superintendent	Brandon Quam, Des Lacs Burlington	
Assistant Superintendent	Tony Boehm, Richland 44	
Coordinate Quality Inspection:	Jeremy Carkuff, Tioga	
Department Assistants:		
Hannah Gress, Central Cass	Brady Coleman, Wahpeton	Cohl Ringler, Hankinson
Calista Heley, Wahpeton	Leah Kessler, Mandan	Kay Poland, Dickinson
Natalie Wibe, Rolette	Colbey Steeke, Dickinson	Nettie Denowh, Alexander
	Samantha Schmoker, Bismarck	Katherine Filler, Drake-Anamoose
	Garrett Stroklund, Kenmare	Natalie Janzen, Larimore
Gavin Black, Midkota	Lance Schoenwald, Minot	Shonda Gasman, Nedrose
Kurt Wollschlager, New Town	Anna Kemmer, Oakes-SC-Ellendale	Grace Dragseth, Watford City - Middle
Seely Daniels, Williston	Cora Smith, Beulah	

Entry of Horticulture exhibits at the NDSF is Wednesday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Thursday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Judging of Horticulture exhibits begins at 8:00 am on Thursday.

All Horticulture Division Assistants must be at the NDSF before 8:00 am on Thursday to assist with organization of exhibits and judging process. This includes arranging of plants upon entry, judging, scanning, tabulations, and ribbon placement.

Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Coordinator of Quality Inspection are required to work on Wednesday with display, organization, and quality checking of plants. Some Division Assistants will need to arrive on Wednesday based upon Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent directions to assist with quality check and entry.

All exhibits will go through a quality check point following the criteria in the “FFA Activities & Premium List” before being placed on tables by their designated classes. If the plants do not meet the quality standards, they will not be allowed in the NDSF Lower Atrium and must be taken home or disposed of in the dumpster. ND FFA does not want volunteers to arrive on Thursday morning to judge plants that are not free of weeds, diseases, insects, and insect damage or exhibits not meeting the entry requirements.

Livestock & Static Livestock Department

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On Monday, at 12:30 pm, there is a livestock and static livestock (rabbits and poultry) superintendent meeting in FFA Hall. Bring your laptop with and you will need the laptop during the registration process on Tuesday. All superintendents will make changes to entries, create the show orders, and enter results in FairEntry.

Livestock Superintendent	Mitchell Becker, Carrington
Beef	Superintendent Audra Montgomery, Lisbon Assistant Superintendent Christine Fannik, Velva
Dairy Cattle	Superintendent Kristi Tonnessen, Rugby Assistant Superintendent William Fritz, Rolla Assistant Superintendent Brooke Kunz, New Salem
Goats (Dairy, Meat & Hair)	Superintendent Bailey Hawbaker, Stanley Assistant Superintendent Ashley Bachmeier, Granville Assistant Superintendent Jason Mongeon, Towner
Sheep	Superintendent Sam Poland, Flasher Assistant Superintendent Zach Wiest, South Prairie Assistant Superintendent Hailey Filipek, Berthold
Swine	Superintendent Emily Casner, Minot Assistant Superintendent Cora Smith, Beulah Assistant Superintendent Iris Dukart, Mohall
Round Robin Showmanship	Beef: Audra Montgomery, Lisbon Dairy: Kristi Tonnessen, Rugby Goats: Bailey Hawbaker, Stanley & Ashley Bachmeier, Granville Sheep: Sam Poland, Flasher Swine: Misty Steeke, Scranton
Static Livestock (Rabbits & Poultry)	Superintendent Jared Lovro, Garrison Assistant Superintendent Avery Roth, Grant County

Advisors who did not complete the sign-up process:

Isaac Ripplinger
Zachary Klein
Lane Moellenkamp
Trevor Steeke
Bill Zingg
Levi Reese
Brian Schneider
Leah Kessler
Sammantha Schmoker

Colbey Steeke
Katherine Filler
William Ogdahl
Garrett Stroklund
Dan Ryba
Natalie Janzen
Gavin Black
Lance Schoenwald
Shonda Gasmann

Kurt Wollschlager
Anna Kemmer

Grace Dragseth
Seely Daniels

Responded Not Attending:

Brittany Betlaf
Macey Kleinjan
Breann Heaton
James Jansen
Debra Hatlewick
Amy Rime
Callahan Lemar
Ryan Sand
Tanasha Wanner
Stephen Kessler
Jenny Vandehoven
Troy Enga

Karagan Friedt
Ben Krebs
Seth Haugland
Sara Jo Gieseke
Danielle Hannon
Scott Wisness
Joseph Oderman
Adam Riddle
Gabe Kiefer
Nick Bettenhausen
Mack Buckmier