

2026 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	Callahan Lemar, Grand Forks
FFA Administrative Assistant	Atiana Beck, Bismarck
FFA Foundation Executive Director	Laiken DeMorrett, Bismarck
FFA Foundation Sponsor and Program Coordinator	Kayla Hart, Bismarck
ND Association of Agricultural Educators (NDAAE) Intern	Haley McLeod, Fargo

FFA NDSF Leadership

General Manager	Cameron Young, Edgeley/Kulm
Assistant Manager	Amanda Huettl, Max
Assistant Manager	Missy Hansen, Carrington
Tractor Operator Superintendent	Heather Riemer, Northern Cass
Tractor Operator Assistant Superintendent	Daniel Deck, Harvey
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	Marita Erman, Finley-Sharon
Field Crop Superintendent	Desi Severance, Wyndmere
Field Crop Assistant Superintendent	Mitchell Becker, Carrington
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
Public Relations – ND FFA State Officers	Maksim Nelson, Acelynn Lagerquiest, Roxanne Quigley, Leah Davidson, Aubrey Odens, Boedy Miller, Abby Lee

Tractor Operator Contest

Superintendent	Heather Riemer, South Prairie
Assistant Superintendent	Daniel Deck, Harvey
Department Assistants:	
	Levi Reese, Hillsboro
	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:		
Dalton Wheeler, Washburn	Shawn McCloud, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Benjamin Seidler, South Prairie
Cassidy Bishop, Lisbon	Isaac Ripplinger, Rugby	Ryan Sand, Leeds
Lane Moellenkamp, Fessenden/Bowdon	Zach Krein, Glen Ullin	Riston Zielke, Hebron
Erik Johnson, Killdeer	Joe Oderman, Westhope-Newburg	Bill Zingg, Hazen
		Jayden MacDonald, Bismarck

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	Emily Casner, South Prairie

Educational Department

Superintendent	David Leier, Killdeer	
Assistant Superintendent	Marita Erman, Finely/Sharon	
Department Assistants:		
McKayla Carlson-Hughes, Hankinson	Allison Nord, Enderlin	Kiley Kvamme, Turtle Lake-Mercer
Emma Klaudt, Lisbon	Marita Erman, Finely/Sharon	

Field Crop Department

Superintendent	Desi Severance, Wyndmere
Assistant Superintendent	Mitchell Becker, Carrington
Department Assistants:	Madeline Severance

Floriculture Department

Superintendent	Carissa Spelhaug, Wilton
Assistant Superintendent	Melaree Lee, Kindred
Department Assistants:	
Hannah Gress, Central Cass	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:		
Scott Thiel, Wahpeton	Leah VanTilborg, Mandan	Cohl Ringler, North Sargent
Katherine Duchsherer, Drake-Anamoose	Cora Smith, Beulah	Danielle Wolf, Minot
James Jansen, David Llyod Lamoure	The Quam Family, Des Lacs Burlington	

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.

Beef	Superintendent Audra Montgomery, Medina Assistant Superintendent Christine Fannik, Velva
Dairy Cattle	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 Kristi Tonnessen, Rugby Assistant Superintendent Hailey Filipek, Berthold
Swine	Superintendent Emily Casner, South Prairie Assistant Superintendent Cora Smith, Beulah Assistant Superintendent Iris Dukart, Mohall
Round Robin Showmanship	Beef: Audra Montgomery, Lisbon Dairy: Brooke Kunz, New Salem Goats: Bailey Hawbaker, Stanley & Ashley Bachmeier, Granville Sheep: Sam Poland, Flasher Swine: Emily Casner, South Prairie
Static Livestock (Rabbits & Poultry)	Superintendent Jared Lovro, Garrison Assistant Superintendent Rebecca Schmidt, Center