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Historical and Biographical Notes

Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a youth organization in high schools and postsecondary educational institutions nationwide. There are local chapters, state

associations, and the national organization. Local chapters can be chartered through the state association by any public school that offers an agricultural education program. The program uses hands-on experiences to teach agricultural and leadership skills.

FFA was established in Kansas City, Missouri in 1928 and the first convention was held in the city that year. From 1928 until 1998, the yearly national convention was held in Kansas City. During those conventions, the organization saw the Postal Service issue a commemorative 25th anniversary of the FAA stamp, the national organization place a commemorative marker to note the organization's founding, and former President Harry S. Truman speak.

The Missouri association, Missouri Future Farmers of America (previously Missouri Association of Future Farmers of America) was chartered in 1929. The organization continues to work closely with many Missouri schools and maintains a close relationship with the Missouri State Fair, both by sending students for competitions and maintaining the FFA Building at the state fairgrounds. It also runs Camp Rising Sun, a yearly six-week summer leadership camp.

Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 81-740 in 1950, granting FFA a federal charter. This law was revised through the 105th Congress and replaced by Public Law 105-225 on August 12, 1998. In 2019, H.R. 439, the National FFA Organization's Federal Charter Amendments Act (also known as Public Law 116-7), became the latest federal legislation in support of the FFA.

Timeline

Year	Event
1928	Future Farmers of America was established in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 20. The first national convention was also held in Kansas City.
1929	Missouri Future Farmers of America (FFA) established.
1950	President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 81-740 into law, granting a federal charter to FFA.
1953	A postal stamp was issued at the annual convention for FFA's 25 th anniversary.
1957	Former President Harry S. Truman spoke at the National FAA Convention.
1978	As part of the National FFA Convention, a commemorative marker noting the site of the organization's founding was unveiled in Kansas City.
1998	Federal Public Law 81-740 was revised through the 105th Congress and replaced by Public Law 105-225 on August 12.
2019	H.R. 439, the National FFA Organization's Federal Charter Amendments Act (also known as Public Law 116-7), became law.

Additional Descriptive Information

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Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Agricultural Education Directories, 1979-2024

Agricultural Education Reports, 1971-2023

Annual Reports of Missouri Association of Future Farmers of America to National Organization, 1946-1966

Missouri Annual Convention Records, 1939-2023

Newsletters, 1937-2023

Publications, Other, 1978-2023

State Fair Correspondence Files, 1964

Agricultural Education Directories, 1969-2024

Extent: 1 cubic ft. (2.5 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

The directories are a yearbook of all the agriculture teachers at all public schools and of the agricultural programs at the colleges and universities statewide. The publication began with the 1969-1970 school year. Up until the 1976/1977 school year, the directory was published by the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. After that school year it was published by the Missouri Farm Bureau. Starting in 1990/1991 the directory was retitled from the *Missouri Vocational Agriculture Directory* to the *Agricultural Education Directory*.

The following years are missing: 1986-1987, 1987-1988, 1988-1989, 1991-1992, 1992-1993, 2000-2001, 2002-2003, and 2020-2021.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date
8	1	1969-1970
8	2	1970-1971
8	3	1971-1972
8	4	1972-1973
8	5	1973-1974
8	6	1974-1975
8	7	1975-1976
8	8	1976-1977
8	9	1977-1978
8	10	1978-1979
8	11	1979-1980
8	12	1980-1981
8	13	1981-1982
8	14	1982-1983
8	15	1983-1984
8	16	1984-1985
8	17	1985-1986
8	18	1990-1991
8	19	1993-1994
8	20	1994-1995
8	21	1995-1996
8	22	1996-1997
8	23	1997-1998

Box	Folder	Date
8	24	1998-1999
9	1	2003-2004
9	2	2004-2005
9	3	2005-2006
9	4	2006-2007
9	5	2007-2008
9	6	2008-2009
9	7	2009-2010
9	8	2010-2011
9	9	2011-2012
9	10	2012-2013
9	11	2013-2014
9	12	2014-2015
9	13	2015-2016
9	14	2016-2017
9	15	2017-2018
10	1	2018-2019
10	2	2019-2020
10	3	2021-2022
10	4	2022-2023
10	5	2023-2024

Agricultural Education Reports, 1971-2023

Extent: 6 folders

Arrangement: Chronological by data date

Scope and Content

The Agricultural Education Reports contain data such as number of agricultural education departments and their enrollments, teacher salary and years of experience, and Missouri Future Farmers of America (FFA) membership data.

There are no reports created for 2000-2009.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
10	6	Enrollment and FFA Membership, 1967-1990	c. 1990
10	7	Annual Reports	1969-1979
10	8	Annual Reports	1980-1989
10	9	Annual Reports	1990-1999
10	10	Annual Reports	2010-2019
10	11	Annual Reports	2020-2023

Annual Reports of Missouri Association of Future Farmers of America to National Organization, 1946-1966

Extent: 1.6 cubic ft. (4 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Series consists of copies of the Missouri Future Farmers of America (FFA) Annual Reports to the national organization filed with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The reports include: a transmittal letter from the Executive Secretary of the Missouri FFA; statistical reports on organizations chartered and membership status; chapter program accomplishments; cooperative activities; community service; leadership; public relations; and other items. Also included are a list of chartered active chapters and new chapters; a copy of the annual program and association budget; state FFA convention; supervisors' letters and copies of the publication *Missouri Future Farmer* for the year of the report.

Container List

Box	Folder	Fiscal Year
1	1	1946-1947
1	2	1948-1949
1	3	1949-1950
1	4	1950-1951
2	1	1951-1952
2	2	1952-1953
2	3	1953-1954
2	4	1954-1955
3	1	1955-1956
3	2	1956-1957
3	3	1957-1958
3	4	1958-1959
3	5	1959-1960
4	1	1960-1961
4	2	1961-1962
4	3	1962-1963
4	4	1963-1964
4	5	1964-1965
4	6	1965-1966

Missouri Annual Convention Records, 1939-2023

Extent: 3.73 cubic ft. (4.5 Hollinger boxes and 2 oversized boxes) and 32 DVDs

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Program materials relating to the annual convention of the Missouri Future Farmers of America (FFA). Items in folders for each convention may include the official program, registration cards, issues of *Missouri Future Farmer*, supervisors' letters, contest rules and announcements, applications and examinations for State Farmers Degree, report of the convention, lists of officers and teachers, lists of State Farmers, contest reports, contest agendas, delegates, contest score cards, committee reports, financial statements, awards, contest winners, chapter activities, contestant speeches and correspondence. After 1963, only the programs are included. Starting in 1986, most years have video recordings as well.

There are no records for the following conventions in the following years: 1927-1938, 1940-1944, 1946, 1968, and 1971-1972.

For DVDs, barcode number replaces box and folder number.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
10	12	12th Annual Convention	1939
5	3	17 th Annual Convention (includes 6 photos)	1945
10	13	19 th Annual Convention	1947
10	14	20 th Annual Convention	1948
5	4	21 st Annual Convention	1949
5	5	22 nd Annual Convention	1950
5	6	23 rd Annual Convention	1951
5	7	24 th Annual Convention (includes a blue-ribbon pin and a lapel pin)	1952
6	1	25 th Annual Convention	1953
6	2	26 th Annual Convention	1954
6	3	27 th Annual Convention	1955
6	4	28 th Annual Convention	1956
6	5	29 th Annual Convention	1957
6	6	30 th Annual Convention	1958
6	7	31 st Annual Convention	1959
7	1	32 nd Annual Convention	1960
7	2	33 rd Annual Convention	1961

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
7	3	34 th Annual Convention	1962
7	4	35 th Annual Convention	1963
10	15	36th Annual Convention	1964
10	16	37th Annual Convention	1965
10	17	38th Annual Convention	1966
10	18	39th Annual Convention	1967
10	19	41st Annual Convention	1969
10	20	42nd Annual Convention	1970
10	21	45th Annual Convention	1973
10	22	46th Annual Convention	1974
10	23	47th Annual Convention	1975
10	24	48th Annual Convention	1976
10	25	49th Annual Convention	1977
10	26	50th Annual Convention	1978
10	27	51st Annual Convention	1979
11	1	52nd Annual Convention	1980
11	2	53rd Annual Convention	1981
11	3	54th Annual Convention	1982
11	4	55th Annual Convention	1983
11	5	56th Annual Convention	1984
11	6	57th Annual Convention	1985
11	7	58th Annual Convention	1986
16		58th Annual Convention Video (1 VHS)	1986
11	8	59th Annual Convention	1987
11	8	60th Annual Convention	1988
16		60th Annual Convention Video (2 VHS)	1988
11	10	61st Annual Convention	1989
16		61st Annual Convention Video (6 VHS)	1989
17		61st Annual Convention Video (2 VHS)	1989
11	11	62nd Annual Convention	1990
16		62nd Annual Convention Video (2 VHS)	1990
11	13	63rd Annual Convention	1991
16		63rd Annual Convention Video (1 VHS)	1991
11	13	64th Annual Convention	1992
16		64th Annual Convention Video (1 VHS)	1992
11	14	65th Annual Convention	1993
16		65th Annual Convention Video (1 VHS)	1993
11	15	66th Annual Convention	1994
16		66th Annual Convention Video (5 VHS)	1994
11	16	67th Annual Convention	1995
11	17	68 th Annual Convention	1996
11	18	69 th Annual Convention	1997
16		69 th Annual Convention Video (5 VHS)	1997
11	19	70 th Annual Convention	1998

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
16		70 th Annual Convention Video (1 VHS)	1998
11	20	71 st Annual Convention	1999
17		71 st Annual Convention Video (3 VHS)	1999
11	21	72 nd Annual Convention	2000
17		72 nd Annual Convention Video (3 VHS)	2000
11	22	73 rd Annual Convention	2001
17		73 rd Annual Convention Video (5 VHS)	2001
11	23	74 th Annual Convention	2002
17		74 th Annual Convention Video (3 VHS)	2002
11	24	75 th Annual Convention	2003
11	25	76 th Annual Convention	2004
17		76 th Annual Convention Video (5 VHS)	2004
11	26	77 th Annual Convention	2005
11	27	78 th Annual Convention	2006
11	28	79 th Annual Convention	2007
11	29	80 th Annual Convention	2008
17		80 th Annual Convention Video (1 VHS)	2008
11	30	81 st Annual Convention	2009
11	31	82 nd Annual Convention	2010
11	32	83 rd Annual Convention	2011
11	33	84 th Annual Convention	2012
#005296320, #005296324, #005296327, #005296331, #005296334, #005296336, #005296338		84 th Annual Convention Video (7 DVDs)	2012
11	34	85 th Annual Convention	2013
#005296344, #005296346, #005296348, #005296351, #005296352, #005296355		85 th Annual Convention Video (6 DVDs)	2013
11	35	86 th Annual Convention	2014
#005296364, #005296365, #005296366, #005296367, #005296368, #005296369		86 th Annual Convention Video (6 DVDs)	2014
12	1	87 th Annual Convention	2015

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
#005296370, #005296371, #005296372, #005296373, #005296374, #005296375		87 th Annual Convention Video (6 DVDs)	2015
12	2	88 th Annual Convention	2016
#005296377, #005296378, #005296379, #005296380, #005296381, #005296382, #005296383		88 th Annual Convention Video (7 DVDs)	2016
12	3	89 th Annual Convention	2017
12	4	90 th Annual Convention	2018
12	5	91 st Annual Convention	2019
12	6	92 nd Annual Convention Cancellation Notice	2020
12	7	93 rd Annual Convention	2021
12	8	94 th Annual Convention	2022
12	9	95 th Annual Convention	2023

Missouri Future Farmers of America Constitutions, 1937-2020

Extent: .1 cubic ft. (1/4 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

The Constitutions series are the governing documents of the Missouri Future Farmers of America as updated over time.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date
12	10	1936
12	11	1947 (suspected)
12	12	1957
12	13	1971
12	14	1980
12	15	1983
12	16	1996
12	17	2006
12	18	2013
12	19	2016
12	20	2019
12	21	2020
12	22	2022

Newsletters, 1937-2023

Extent: 1.2 cubic ft. (3 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

The Missouri Future Farmers of America (FFA) newsletters, which had its name change over the years as seen in the table below, are the organization's official member-targeted publications. Many issues in this series are photocopies provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The number of issues per year varies between 1 and 12, typically numbering 4-8. Most issues were published during the school year months of January-May and September-December. These appear to be complete or near complete up to 1959, then issues retained were more sporadic. From 1937 to 1966, copies of the newsletters were also included in the Annual Reports. 2012 and after, the newsletters were issued quarterly and are complete sets.

In addition to missing issues within years, the following years have no included issues: 1961, 1967-1968, 1970, 1972-1974, 1977-1978, and 1982.

Container List

Box	Folder	Title	Date
12	23	<i>The Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1937
12	24	<i>The Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1938
12	25	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1939
12	26	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1940
12	27	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1941
12	28	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1942
12	29	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1943
12	30	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1944
12	31	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1945
12	32	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1946
12	33	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1947
12	34	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1948
12	35	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1949
13	1	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1950
13	2	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1951
13	3	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1952
13	4	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1953
13	5	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1954
13	6	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1955
13	7	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1956
13	8	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1957

Box	Folder	Title	Date
13	9	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1958
13	10	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1959
13	11	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1960
13	12	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1962
13	13	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1963
13	14	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1964
13	15	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1965
13	16	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1966
13	17	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1969
13	18	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1971
13	19	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1975
13	20	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1976
13	21	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1979
13	22	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1980
13	23	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1981
13	24	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1983
13	25	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1984
13	26	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1985
13	27	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1986
13	28	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1987
13	29	<i>Missouri Future Farmer</i>	1988
13	30	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1988
14	1	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1989
14	2	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1990
14	3	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1991
14	4	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1992
14	5	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1993
14	6	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1994
14	7	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1995
14	8	<i>The Missouri FFA</i>	1996
14	9	<i>Missouri FFA</i>	1996
14	10	<i>Missouri FFA</i>	1997
14	11	<i>Missouri FFA</i>	1998
14	12	<i>Missouri FFA</i>	1999
14	13	<i>MO FFA</i>	1999
14	14	<i>MO FFA</i>	2000
14	15	<i>MO FFA</i>	2001
14	16	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2001
14	17	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2002
14	18	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2003
14	19	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2004
14	20	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2005
14	21	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2006
14	22	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2007

Box	Folder	Title	Date
14	23	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2008
14	24	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2009
14	25	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2010
14	26	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2011
14	27	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2012
14	28	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2013
14	29	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2014
15	1	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2015
15	2	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2016
15	3	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2017
15	4	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2018
15	5	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2019
15	6	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2020
15	7	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2021
15	8	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2022
15	9	<i>Missouri FFA Today</i>	2023

Publications, Other, 1978-2023

Extent: .2 cubic ft. (.5 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

The Publications series includes items created by the Missouri Future Farmers of America (FFA) for both member and public use.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
15	10	Agricultural Education in Missouri Fact Sheets	2014-2023
15	11	Five Year Strategic Plan, 2024-2029	2024
15	12	<i>FFA at 50 in Missouri, 1928-1978</i> (two copies)	1978
15	13	Preparing for Success: Missouri Agricultural Education Annual Report	2020
15	14	Preparing for Success: Missouri Agricultural Education Annual Report	2021
15	15	Preparing for Success: Missouri Agricultural Education Annual Report	2022
15	16	Preparing for Success: Missouri Agricultural Education Annual Report	2023
15	17	Reinventing Agricultural Education	2020

State Fair Correspondence Files, 1964

Extent: 0.2 cubic ft. (1/2 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Correspondence between the state organization, the state fair, the University of Missouri, and local future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters relating to FFA participation in the Missouri State Fair. Also includes letters from award donors, including J.C. Penney via his executive secretary.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
5	1	Correspondence	1964
5	2	Correspondence	1965