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## **News Release**

# 2016 National FFA Week, February 20-27

ANKENY- FFA Chapters across Iowa will celebrate National FFA Week, February 20-27. This year's theme is **Amplify** and it embraces more than 80 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than half a million members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state, and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

Designated as National FFA Week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday is FFA Week, and runs from Saturday to Saturday. FFA Week gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education. FFA chapters across Iowa will celebrate National FFA Week by participating in activities such as: service activities, appreciation breakfasts, Agricultural Olympics, dress up days, and drive your tractor to school day.

Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

The Iowa FFA Association provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to over 14,800 student members who belong to one of 226 local FFA chapters throughout Iowa.

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### **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 226 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at [IowaFFA.com](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.