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News Release

32nd Annual Legislative Symposium & FFA Day at the Capitol

DES MOINES, IOWA—FFA members from across Iowa will converge on the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates and the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism.

Over 500 high school students wearing blue corduroy from over 80 schools will flood the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines on January 31. The students will visit with legislators, exhibit skills learned in the agriculture classroom and learn the importance of citizenship. This is all part of the 32nd Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol.

During the morning, FFA members will hear from Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Libby Crimmings of the World Food Prize will address students about the future of Iowa agriculture and the importance of being involved with statewide issues. The FFA members will also hear remarks from Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds about the importance young agriculturalists can play in the legislative process.

Governor Branstad will sign the FFA Week Proclamation, declaring February 18-25, the week of President George Washington's Birthday, FFA Week in Iowa. The proclamation signing will take place during a special ceremony at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates following legislative visits at the Iowa State Capitol Building.

The 32nd Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol is made possible with support from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 232 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, on Facebook, and Twitter.