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## **News Release**

# **Iowa FFA Holds 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

ANKENY, Iowa--FFA members across Iowa will be celebrating success when they gather for the 90<sup>th</sup> Iowa FFA Leadership Conference on April 22-24 at Iowa State University's Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. The Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference is one the largest of its kind in the National FFA Organization.

"I Can. We Will." the theme for this year's convention, implies FFA members can make their voice be heard in educating others on the importance of agriculture and growing resources in the food, fiber and natural resources industry as it impacts the quality of life. Together, the message becomes stronger.

The annual conference will provide agricultural education students the opportunity to participate in Career Development Event competitions, be recognized for accomplishments in events during the past year, become inspired by motivational speakers, interact with college and business professionals, and develop leadership skills. Chapter delegates and Iowa FFA Officers will also conduct the annual business session to make decisions for the student-run Iowa FFA Association. Students will also be engaged in a service project with Meals from the Heartland with a goal of packaging 150,000 meals.

Several exciting guests will be present at the 2018 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. Keynote speaker Mandy Harvey, motivational speaker and National FFA Secretary, Erica Baier will address the conference. State officers from ten other states will also be in attendance presenting various workshops and interacting with FFA members from Iowa

The Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference is presented with support from the 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 15,200 student members as part of 235 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.