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## News Release

## Iowa FFA Holds 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

ANKENY, Iowa--FFA members across Iowa will be celebrating success when they gather virtually for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Iowa FFA Leadership Conference on May 11-15, 2020. The Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference is one the largest of its kind in the National FFA Organization.

"Unconventional" is the theme for this year's convention, as COVID-19 will not allow members to meet as they typically do to compete and celebrate accomplishments of the year. Although this year's conference will look and feel much different, the same passion and dedication has gone into adapting the traditions that have been in place for more than 90 years. FFA members can still make their voices 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.

The online conference will provide agricultural education students the opportunity to be recognized for accomplishments in events during the past year, acknowledge sponsors for FFA events and be inspired by a message from Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Naig.

Mamie Hertel, National FFA Central Region Vice President will kick off the weeklong events with a keynote address on Monday, May 11. Recognition videos will be released each day of the week, culminating with accolades for the 696 members who have obtained the Iowa FFA Degree this year.

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 more than 16,000 student members as part of 246 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.