

# FFA Basics and Timeline Worksheet

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### Look It Up!

Using the classroom projector and internet, visit each of the websites listed and answer the questions related to each of the websites and use the notes from the power point too!

To get started, go to [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) and then click on “About Us”

1. The club called the Future \_\_\_\_\_ of America began in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Future Farmers of America started in \_\_\_\_\_ but changed their name to The National FFA Organization in \_\_\_\_\_ because FFA is about more than just farming but a lot of people don't know this fact! It is your job to help teach people that we are the FFA, not Future Farmers.

Now click on “History”. In the right hand column click on “FFA Timeline”.

3. In 1925 a guy named Henry \_\_\_\_\_ started the FFA and became known as “the father of the FFA”. Kind of a cool name and fun to say – you try it.
4. They became an organization in 1928 and A-C Central joined on board the next year in \_\_\_\_\_ which is also when they adopted the official colors. They are \_\_\_\_\_ gold and national \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A few year's later a members mom made the first FFA jacket in the year \_\_\_\_\_. It was made of this material (and boy is it hot!):
6. In 1935 the \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers of America formed. They later joined the Future Farmers of America in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Many female ag students felt left out because they could not join the Future Farmers of America. Many of the boys and teachers felt that the women should not be part of the organization but in the year \_\_\_\_\_ girls were finally allowed to join the FFA!

Go back to “About Us” and click on “Statistics”.

8. How many FFA members are there in the US, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands?

9. How old do you have to be in order to be a member?
10. How many FFA chapters or schools are there?
11. What percent of FFA members are female?
12. What percent of FFA members live in each of the following areas:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rural, farm areas  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rural, non-farm areas  
\_\_\_\_\_ Urban & Suburban areas

Now see if you can find the FFA Motto:

**Now visit [www.illinoisffa.org](http://www.illinoisffa.org) for information about FFA in Illinois.**

23. According to the table on the right hand side of the screen, who are the five State FFA Officers for 2011-2012? One of them will visit you this fall!

President

Vice President

Reporter

Secretary

Treasurer

**Click on Illinois History in the column on the left.**

24. How many National FFA Officers have been from Illinois?
  
25. How many National Officers have been from Ashland or Pleasant Plains?  
Who? What office and what year?
  
27. What year was Illinois FFA Association founded?
  
26. What university did the members first meet at?
  
27. What was the name of the first State FFA President? How old was he?
  
28. There have been 3 state officers from Ashland and A-C Central. List the name, year and office held for each.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  
29. Who was the 2000-2001 Illinois State Treasurer? How do you know her?
  
30. Click on Officers in the left hand column. Then click on "Section Bios". Next Select Section 14 from the pull down menu. What is the name of the President for our section? Where is he/she from?

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2. The Future Farmers of America started in **1928** but changed their name to The National FFA Organization in **1988** because FFA is about more than just farming but a lot of people don't know this fact! It is your job to help teach people that we are the FFA, not Future Farmers.

Now click on “History”. In the right hand column click on “FFA Timeline”.

3. In 1925 a guy named Henry **GROSECLOSE** started the FFA and became known as “the father of the FFA”. Kind of a cool name and fun to say – you try it.
4. They became an organization in 1928 and A-C Central joined on board the next year in **1929** which is also when they adopted the official colors. They are **CORN** gold and national **BLUE**.
5. A few year's later a members mom made the first FFA jacket in the year **1933**. It was made of this material (and boy is it hot!): **Corduroy**
6. In 1935 the **NEW** Farmers of America formed. They later joined the Future Farmers of America in the year **1965**.
7. Many female ag students felt left out because they could not join the Future Farmers of America. Many of the boys and teachers felt that the women should not be part of the organization but in the year **1969** girls were finally allowed to join the FFA!

Go back to “About Us” and click on “Statistics”.

8. How many FFA members are there in the US, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands? **523,309**
9. How old do you have to be in order to be a member? **12-21**

10. How many FFA chapters or schools are there? 7487

11. What percent of FFA members are female? 38%

12. What percent of FFA members live in each of the following areas:

27% Rural, farm areas

39% Rural, non-farm areas

34% Urban & Suburban areas

Now see if you can find the FFA Motto:

**Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve**

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13. According to the table on the right hand side of the screen, who are the five State FFA Officers for 2011-2012? One of them will visit you this fall!

**THESE WILL BE DETERMINED THIS SUMMER – I DON'T KNOW NOW**

President

Vice President

Reporter

Secretary

Treasurer

**Click on Illinois History in the column on the left.**

14. How many National FFA Officers have been from Illinois? **17**

15. How many National Officers have been from Ashland or Pleasant Plains?  
Who? What office and what year?

**TOM JOHNSON – 68-69 – Vice President**

**Dan Lehman – 70-71- President**

27. What year was Illinois FFA Association founded? **1929**

16. What university did the members first meet at? **University of Illinois**

17. What was the name of the first State FFA President? How old was he?

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18. There have been 3 state officers from Ashland and A-C Central. List the name, year and office held for each.

**1. President, Tom E. Johnson – Ashland – 1967-1968**

**2. President, Dan Lehmann - Pleasant Plains – 1968-1969**

**3. Vice President, Lindi Stremsterfer - A-C Central – 1996-1997**

19. Who was the 2000-2001 Illinois State Treasurer? How do you know her?

**Jennifer Herman (Waters) – Your Ag Teacher**

20. Click on Officers in the left hand column. Then click on “Section Bios”. Next Select Section 14 from the pull down menu. What is the name of the President for our section? Where is he/she from?

**Morgan Kolenko (or something like that) - Lincoln**