

North Carolina FFA Foundation

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW AND IMPACT

1. MISSION & PROGRAMS:

The North Carolina FFA Foundation provides financial support and public awareness for agricultural education and FFA in order to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

With more than 300 Agricultural Education programs/FFA chapters in public, private, home, and charter schools in North Carolina and more than 400 Agricultural Education teachers, the over 42,000 students enrolled in 23 Agricultural Education courses are provided relevant, quality education in the various fields of agriculture. Through leadership training, student recognition, classroom instruction, and real world experiences, students are currently being prepared for the more than 300 careers within the food, fiber and natural resources industries.

2. CUSTOMER/ TARGET POPULATION

The following individuals/groups directly benefit from Agricultural Education/FFA in North Carolina: teachers, students, the agricultural industry, local communities, schools, school administrators, parents, and the state of North Carolina.

3. ORGANIZATION INCEPTION

The North Carolina FFA Association dates back to 1928 (formerly known as the Young Tarheel Farmers) and formerly joined the National FFA Organization in 1929.

4. FOOTPRINT

The North Carolina FFA Association is a statewide organization.

5. BUDGET

The North Carolina FFA Association operates on the fiscal year of September 1 – August 31.

TOTAL BUDGET:

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$571,938	\$575,400	\$596,450	\$636,250	\$640,116

INCOME FUNDING SOURCES:

SOURCE	2008**	2009	2010	2011	2012
Membership Services	\$177,541	\$171,335	\$168,747	\$228,879	\$243,366
Conferences/Convention	\$96,796	\$101,236	\$100,409	\$139,037	\$165,647
FFA Center*	\$417,681	\$446,385	\$442,474	\$504,388	\$455,367
Other	\$371,257	\$8,592	\$17,387	\$20,319	\$22,634
Total	\$729,657	\$742,723	\$729,017	\$892,623	\$887,014

*FFA Center line item includes annual State Appropriated Funds

**2008 included restricted income funds from a construction loan of \$333,618

6. SALARY COMPLIANCE

There are no state supported positions within the North Carolina FFA Association.

7. LOBBYING SERVICES

The North Carolina FFA Association does not employ a lobbyist nor has it expended any funds for the purpose of lobbying.

8. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The following indicators are used to measure the effectiveness of the organization:

Number of teachers, number of programs, student enrollment, FFA membership, number of courses offered.

A.

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Agriculture teachers/FFA Advisors	284	407	+132
Number of programs	229	302	+73
Student enrollment	23,723	46,797	+23,074
FFA membership	14,257	19,301	+5,044
Number of ag ed courses	13	23	+10

B. The North Carolina FFA Association operates on a \$832,000 budget which equates to approximately \$17.78 per student enrolled in Agricultural Education.

9. SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no other organizations that directly provide Agricultural Education to North Carolina schools.

10. BUDGETARY IMPACT

With the reduction in state funding, student fees have been used to make up the annual difference. Also, fees have increased for outside rental groups/agencies that use the North Carolina FFA Center. The loss of state funding would have a direct impact on FFA members in North Carolina as rates to use the North Carolina FFA Center for leadership training and development would increase and be directly passed onto the student, their teachers, and local Agricultural Education programs.

The North Carolina FFA Association would welcome the opportunity to work with the NER subcommittee to identify specific programs/projects that could be funded through state funds that would have both a positive impact on the North Carolina FFA Association, the North Carolina FFA Center, and the state of North Carolina.