



## September Rewind

Of the month of September, the Connersville FFA Chapter has participated in many competitions, practices, and activities. Those include the following CDEs: Livestock Skill-a-Thon and Soils. The activities include District Kickoff and Ice Cream Social were all well attended. These fun activities and competitions had a good level of participation and success throughout our chapter and we are proud to have multiple members be successful and hunt for their future career interests in the agricultural world.

First of all, the CDEs that took place during September include one of our most popular CDEs of the year, Livestock Skill-a-Thon. We had 11 FFA members go to practices and work their hardest at identifying different breeds of multiple animals. They also identified multiple tools, meats, and feeds. All their hard work earned them 6th place! Another CDE that happened during September was Soils. 5 members identified different soil types, whether a house could be suitable on the plot, and much more. They earned 13th place.

During the month of September, there were multiple activities that a large group of our members participated in. An annual activity that we have during the beginning of the year is Ice Cream Social. This is a Chapter Meeting where the officers introduced themselves to the rest of the chapter. We also played multiple games after the members finished their ice cream! A few days later, we had 11 members attend District 9 Kickoff. They played games and had tons of fun with some of the state and district officers!

## Fun Facts about the our FFA Chapter.

1. We have 13 students that make up our officer team
2. We have 2 chapter reporters and 2 vice presidents.
3. We own a 17 acre farm that we have students plant, harvest, and take care of.



# Backing Up October

## October Sum-Up

In October, we had a team and an individual compete in State Dairy Foods. We also put on our annual Farmer's Appreciation, Tending the Trails and our October Chapter Meeting. We attended the Alquina Trunk or Treat and the second day of the 95th National FFA Convention.

## Yum... Garlic Milk

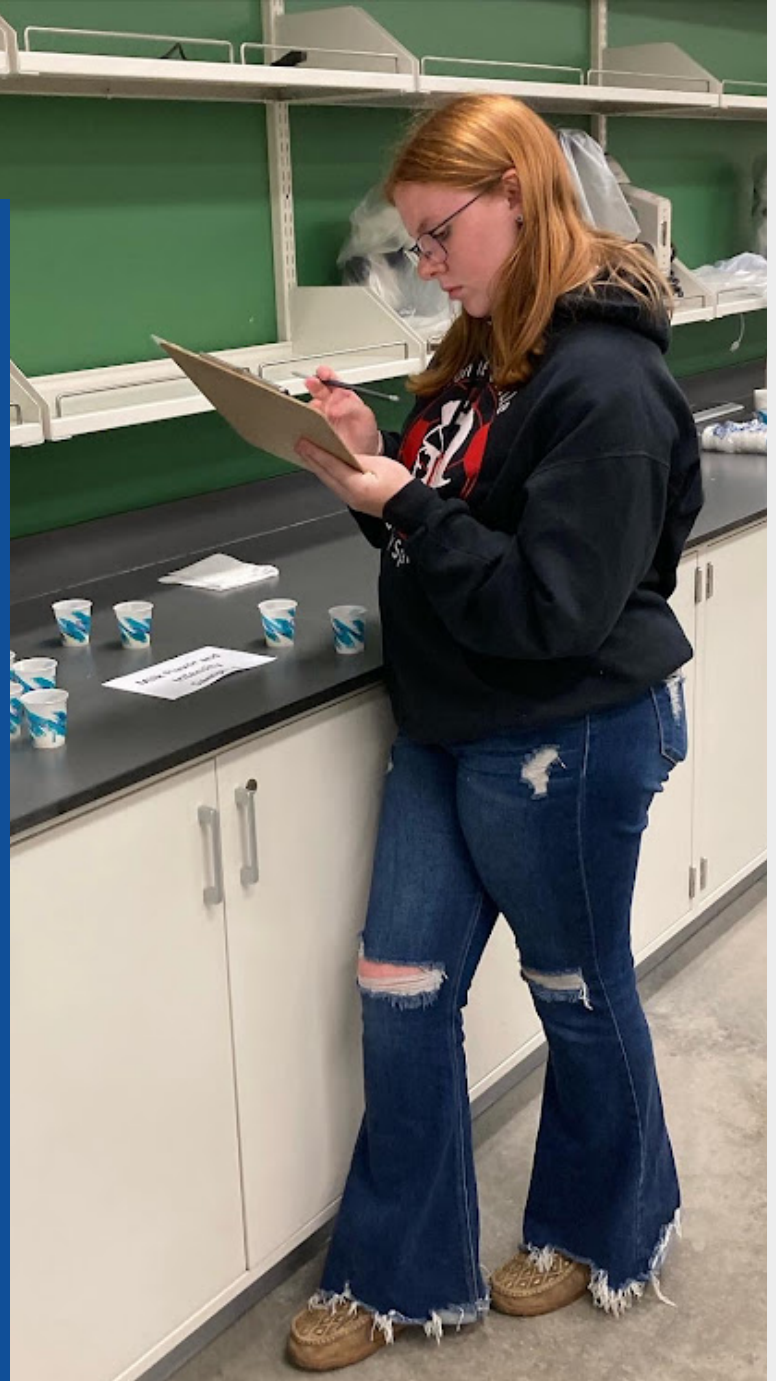
For the first time in Connersville FFA History, we had a team of 4 and an individual compete in State Dairy Foods CDE competition. During this CDE, students identified different milk products, cheese, milk flavors/deficiencies, and much more. They placed 20th out of 36.

## Trick or Treat!

You know it's Halloween when the Connersville FFA has a large cauldron filled to the brim of candy (literally). On the 15th, Mrs. Harmeyer, 6 members and 2 middle school FFA members handed out candy!!

## Tending the Trails

What says "We love the environment" more than our chapter picking up multiple trash bags full of trash along the Brookville Lake shores? Every year, we serve our community and pick up trash, but this year, we had a change. We invited our new Middle School FFA! We had 6 members join us and we cannot wait to invite more to come!



## October Chapter Meeting

During our first Chapter meeting of the 2022-2023 School Year, we accomplished many things. Officers did Opening Ceremonies and the Treasurer, Reporter, and Committees made Officer Reports. Then, we moved onto business and approved the following: a chapter apparel website that sells t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc; the chapter officer fundraiser challenge (includes the officers raising \$1000 to make a new officer room); having a party for the class that sold the most during the fundraiser. During the meeting, the attendees also had pizza, pop, and chips!

# Farmer's Appreciation

Farmer's Appreciation is a national holiday that is used to show appreciation to farmers who raise and make our food. Without farmers, the world wouldn't be as advanced or have as much food as we have now. So, to show our appreciation to those farmers, we set up a booth at Consolidated Grain & Barge. At this booth, we hand out McDonald's burgers, chips, cookies, drinks, and handouts from multiple seed companies and agricultural companies. Some of those companies that sponsored us this year was Becks Hybrids, Koenig Equipment, and Stine Seed Co. Thank you for your help!!! Not only did we have multiple companies help us, but we had 15 CHS FFA members and 2 CMS FFA members come together to hand out those goodie bags! Thank you everyone that came out and showed their appreciation towards our local farmers!



*We had 16 High School FFA Members come and hand out food and snacks along with two Middle School FFA Members.*



*Mr. Nobbe, an Advisor of Connersville FFA, works hard to break up tree roots from previous trees along the Train Station's plot of land next to the road.*

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## Connersville Day of Service

On October 5th, members of our chapter helped out our community by planting trees, shrubs, and flowers along our train station. From 8 to 2 PM, they worked hard with volunteers to make our community look the best it can. So, if you drive past the train station by the Courthouse, please take into consideration that the Connersville FFA Chapter and local volunteers worked hard to make that strip look better.



## School Farm

Our FFA Chapter has a 17 acre school farm located right behind the football and softball fields at the high school. The weekend of September 30th the Garret family (with two students helping) harvested the field and Chris Gettinger hauled the grain to Consolidated Grain and Barge for us. We would like to send a huge thank you to those people, Thank you! We plan on using the money we profit from the farm to replant it next year, put on our annual banquet, and much more.



## SOAR

Over the weekend of the 7-9th, we had a group of members that were 8th graders to freshmen to participate in the SOAR leadership camp. They participated in multiple activities, CDE and LDE mock competitions, a dance, and multiple leadership sessions with the state FFA officers. Each one of them had tons of fun meeting new people and getting to know their counselors

and members of their groups. The theme for the 2022 SOAR Leadership camp was Teen Beach Movie. We also had one counselor from our chapter go and be a great role model to the younger generations. Christina Caldwell stated that she had plenty of fun "getting to know more people and coaching her kids through the mock CDEs and LDEs.

## National Convention

The importance of national convention is to train leaders in this organization by letting them watch the current national officers present a session. The members were also able to visit colleges and company's in the agriculture industry from all across the nation. This year we took 14 members from our chapter to experience this convention. They attended the 3rd general session and walked around the expo and stores. We even had our chapter president and one of the vice president walk across the national stage to receive recognition for being a national one star chapter.

