

## 2023-2024 Kansas FFA Discussion Meet Question Resources

### FFA:

One of the pillars of the agricultural education model that makes it uniquely successful is Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE). How can we help individual FFA members understand the value of SAEs and get connected to meaningful experiences during their time as a member?

- [SAE for ALL](#)
- [SAE Philosophy and Principles](#)
- [What SAE for ALL is](#)
- [National Council Report on Philosophies and Principles of SAE](#)
- [Explore SAE for ALL Opportunities](#)

### Agriculture Education:

An important part of a student's education is discovering career paths and gaining hands-on experiences alongside career professionals in the industry. For example, programs like "Ag Immersion Events" provide structure for experiencing specific career options first-hand. How can agricultural education improve or enhance career exploration opportunities for students?

- [Immersion Experience Article 1](#)
- [Immersion Experience Article 2](#)
- [Innovative Agriculture Education Program](#)
- [AgExplorer Website Information](#)
- [CDE/LDE Information](#)

### Crops:

Innovation has always been an important part of U.S. agriculture. In Kansas, we are seeing the rise of both new commodities and production methods to help farmers enter the industry and diversify their operations through things like hemp, cotton and hydroponics. How can FFA help young and aspiring farmers discover and find success with new production practices, crops and markets?

- [Emerging Crops in the Midwest](#)
- [Specialty Crops in Kansas](#)
- [Kansas Agriculture Overview](#)
- [Regenerative Agriculture](#)
- [Industrial Hemp KDA](#)
- [Hemp in Kansas](#)
- [Vertical Farming Technology](#)

- [Hydroponics in a Kansas school](#)

### **Natural Resources:**

In September 2022, 67 out of 105 Kansas counties were under emergency status due to drought conditions. Reduced rainfall adversely affects livestock and crop operations' productivity. How are Kansas farmers and ranchers currently adapting to the short and long-term effects of drought and depleting water resources and what innovative approaches can be adopted to remain viable and profitable?

- [Kansas Drought Information](#)
- [U.S. Drought Monitor + Update](#)
- [Drought History in Kansas](#)
- [Drought Plaguing Kansas](#)
- [How Farmers Conserve Water](#)
- [Flickner Innovation](#)
- [Western Kansas Farmers Combating](#)
- [Ogallala Aquifer Article](#)
- [Farmers Rely Heavily on Ogallala](#)
- [Water Withdrawals and cuts](#)
- [Water Management](#)

### **Livestock:**

In the past year, 11 Kansas counties experienced outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), posing risks to the state's livestock industry. Enhancing biosecurity measures and promoting industry awareness are crucial to mitigating the potentially devastating impacts. How can on-farm biosecurity efforts and awareness be improved in the Kansas agriculture industry?

- [KDA Biosecurity Resources](#)
- [KDA Foreign Animal Disease Response](#)
- [KDA Emergency Preparedness Exercise](#)
- [NBAF Information](#)
- [NBAF Article](#)
- [Preparing for an Animal Disease Outbreak](#)
- [Avian Flu in Kansas](#)
- [Avian Flu Information](#)