

Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders CONFERENCE 2025

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WELCOME TO IFAL

Welcome to the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) Program! This unique five-day summer leadership conference, hosted by Kentucky Farm Bureau and Murray State University, aims to develop your understanding of the agricultural industry's nature and needs, including career opportunities. You'll explore both basic and applied science in agriculture, enhance your leadership, social, and recreational skills, and become aware of emerging technical areas in agriculture and agribusiness. Make the most of your IFAL experience by actively participating in discussions, sharing your ideas, and asking questions.

This program is intense and is designed for the mature, above-average young adult. Our goal is that all those attending the seminar will find the material interesting and the sessions challenging. May your participation in the seminar prove to be a valuable experience and provide pleasurable memories for the years ahead.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As mature, responsible young people who have been carefully selected, we believe it is unnecessary to have a long list of rules. With privileges come responsibilities, and how you fulfill those responsibilities will determine your level of success throughout life. There should be no need to state rules that stem from good common sense, courtesy, and respect for others.

Dress for the seminar sessions as a leader looking to lead by example. For safety reasons, private automobiles will not be driven either on or off campus after arrival or prior to departure without special permission from Mr. Nash. Be in your assigned room with lights out by midnight. Common courtesy is expected toward speakers. Attend all functions, be on time, and be alert. By honoring these few simple requests, you will gain the maximum from this conference and ensure its continued success.



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY & KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU

Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders

June 15-19, 2025

Sunday, June 15

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Counselor & Staff Setup Clark Hall

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Participant Check-in Clark Hall

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Orientation & Mixer Clark Hall

Rhea Ann: General Overview/Intro of Staff

Orientation/Welcome from KFB

Counselors: Ice Breakers before Scavenger Hunt

6:00 p.m. On campus Photo Scavenger Hunt

6:45 – 7:45 p.m. Dinner Burrito Shack

7:45 p.m. Group Activities/Free Time Clark Hall

9:30 p.m. Nightly Meeting Clark Hall

Discussion Meet Intro

10:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

Counselor Meeting



6:15 a.m.	Wake-up	
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Winslow
7:45 a.m.	Depart for Industry Tours	Clark Hall
8:45 a.m.	Tour – Fourqurean Farms	Trigg Co., KY
10:30 a.m.	Tour – Hampton Premium Meats	Hopkinsville, KY
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Christian County Farm Bureau Office	Hopkinsville, KY
2:00 p.m.	Challenge Course Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN
6:15 p.m.	Dinner Sirloin Stockade	Murray, KY
7:30 p.m.	Return to Clark Hall Free Time Until Meeting	
9:00 p.m.	Group Meeting/Refreshments	Clark Hall
10:00 p.m.	LIGHTS OUT! Counselor Meeting	

Dress: Business casual for Discussion Meet & Lunch

6:45 a.m.	Wake-up	
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Winslow
8:00 a.m.	Discussion Meet Intro	105 S. Oakley Ap. Science
8:30am	Prep Time for Discussion Meet	Oakley Applied Science
10:00 a.m.	Discussion Meet	Freed Curd Auditorium
12:00 p.m.	Etiquette Luncheon Marsha Parker, Retired FCS Agent Christ	CFSB Center Murray Room ian Co.
1:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker Mr. Kyle Kelly, Kentucky Farm Bureau	
2:30 p.m.	College Prep 101 MSU Office of Recruitment	Curris Center
3:30 p.m.	Return to Clark Hall Free time until dinner	
5:30 p.m.	Dinner	Calloway Co. Farm Bureau
7:00 p.m.	Barnyard Olympics *Wear Old Clothes*	MSU West Farm
10:00 p.m.	Group Meeting/Refreshments	Clark Hall
10:30 p.m.	LIGHTS OUT!	

6:30 a.m.	Wake-up	
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Winslow
8:00 a.m.	Board Vans for MSU Farm Tour	Clark Hall
8:15 a.m.	MSU Farm Tour	
11:45 a.m.	Student/Faculty Lunch	Oakley Applied Science
1:00 p.m.	"KFB Insurance Careers & Opportunities"	AS 300S
1:30 p.m.	"Youth and Young Farmer Opportunities Taylor Nash, Kentucky Farm Bureau	AS 300S
3:00 p.m.	Board Vans for Tour	Clark Hall
3:20 p.m.	Tour: Chadwick Sheep Company	Murray, KY
6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Calloway Co. Farm Bureau
7:00 p.m.	"I Choose To Be Happy" Ms. Missy Jenkins Smith	Calloway Co. Farm Bureau
9:15 p.m.	Reflections	TBD
11:00 p.m.	Group Meeting/Refreshments	Franklin Hall
11:30 a.m.	LIGHTS OUT! Counselor Meeting	



7:30 a.m. Wake-up

8:15 a.m. Breakfast & Thank-You Notes Franklin Hall

Pack for Dorm Check-Out

10:00 a.m. Depart Clark Hall

10:30 a.m. IFAL Photo Session CFSB Center Murray Room

11:00 a.m. Closing Banquet CFSB Center Murray Room

Keynote Speaker:

Mr. Eddie Melton, Kentucky Farm Bureau

12:30 p.m. Dorm Check-Out Clark Hall

Don't forget to turn in your Evaluation Form & Room Key!

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!





IFAL PARTICIPANTS

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Lulu Dalbey Boone



Grace Ball Breckinridge



Ben Jones Caldwell



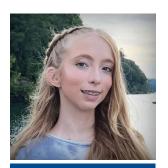
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Zoe Jordon Garrard



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Ainslee Dolen Wayne

Animal Groups

Emma Arnett: Chameleon

Cierra Couch Meredith Hampton Mikka Horn Ben Jones Brooklynne Perry Kaden Seaford Delaney Tabor



Scottie Berry: Deer

Cara Capps
Colton Hardy
Shelby Howard
Claire McCain
Julie Patterson
Sahara Peterson
Audrey Roberts
Austin Van
Riley Witt



McKenna Ice: Mouse

Lulu Dalbey
Laken Davis
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Amber Gilbert
Brianna Griffin
Madie Jones
Owen Pack
Robert Pease
Karly Roy

Dani Rubenacker: Narwhal

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Ainslee Dolen
Joslyn Hinton
Zoe Jordon
Alyza Lawson
Riley Palmer
Caleb Mason

Jenna Wethington:

Callie Fitzgerald Clara Griffin Marli Hale Jordyn McDonald Shyanne Pasley Will Tabor Cade Tobin Kaidance Vela

2025 Discussion Meet Groups

Team #1: Jenna Wethington

Grace Ball	Clara Griffin	Owen Pack
Cierra Couch	Ben Jones	Audrey Roberts
Laken Davis	Zoe Jordon	Delaney Tabor

Topic: Working with elected officials, in all levels of government, is critical to advancing public policy that supports farmers and ranchers. How can Farm Bureau help elected leaders better understand the challenges of the agriculture sector and the importance of supporting the financial viability of America's family farms and ranches?

Team #2: Dani Rubenacker

Cara Capps	Meredith Hampton	Riley Palmer
Cailey Divine	Shelby Howard	Karly Roy
Marli Hale	Robert Pease	Clay Zumwalt

Topic: How can organizations such as FFA and Farm Bureau work with industry partners to help high school students learn about, gain access to, and incorporate emerging technologies into their agriscience programs and individual projects?

Team #3: McKenna Ice

Lucas Campbell	Colton Hardy	Jordyn McDonald
Lillian Darr	Mikka Horn	Claire McCain
Amber Gilbert	Alyza Lawson	Cade Tobin

Topic: Mental health issues and opioid abuse have become major issues facing the agriculture community. How can Farm Bureau help the industry address these issues?

2025 Discussion Meet Groups

Team #4: Emma Arnett

Ainslee Dolen	Shyanne Pasley	Kaidance Vela
Brianna Griffin	Julie Patterson	Riley Witt
Caleb Mason	Austin Van	

Topic: With children being further removed from the farm, how can the agriculture community and Farm Bureau have a more profound impact on students at a young age to broaden their knowledge of the agriculture industry? Discuss programs and/or events that can be brought into schools or community events to help children better understand the agriculture industry.

Team #5: Scottie Berry

Lulu Dalbey	Madie Jones	Kaden Seaford
Callie Fitzgerald	Brooklynne Perry	Will Tabor
Joslyn Hinton	Sahara Peterson	

Topic: Agriculture uses water for everything from growing crops, raising livestock and moving products to and from farms and ranches. Water issues are often hotly debated, are unique to each region, and can pose significant challenges to growers. How can Farm Bureau help address water management challenges and seek long term solutions for farmers and ranchers?

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Libby Clifton Head Counselor



Hi, I'm Libby Clifton, and I'm so excited to serve as head counselor for IFAL this summer! I'm a sophomore Agribusiness major from Union County, Kentucky. At Murray State, I serve as secretary of Collegiate Farm Bureau and Treasurer of the Ag Business Club, and was recently selected as an Agriculture Ambassador for the Hutson School of Agriculture. I can't wait to meet everyone and am looking forward to a great week!



Hey y'all! My name is Emma Arnett, and I'm excited to welcome you to Murray State and to IFAL! I've called Calloway County home for my whole life, and I can't wait to share a little bit of it with you. I am currently a junior here at Murray State studying Agriculture Education. I am a part of many organizations on campus including: Collegiate FFA, Agriculture Engineering and Technology (AET) Club, Agriculture Ambassadors, and Kappa Delta sorority. Some things I love are my dog Bo, Mexican food, the color pink, and ice cream! I'm PUMPED to get to know all of you and have the best week ever!!

Emma Arnett





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Hey y'all, I'm Scottie Berry. I will be a senior this coming semester at Murray State. I am an Agronomy major with a minor in Unmanned Aerial Systems. I am from Todd County, Kentucky, where I work on my family's farm. We are primarily a row crop farm and grow corn, soybeans, and wheat. We also have a beef cattle operation. My hobbies include playing both acoustic and electric guitar.



Hello! My name is McKenna Ice, and I am studying Pre-Veterinary Medicine here at Murray State. I grew up on a beef cattle farm in Bardstown, Kentucky, and I currently work at a veterinary clinic back home. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends, hiking, and fencing (the sport). I am excited to meet everyone and cannot wait to have a great week at IFAL!



IFAL Counselors











My name is Dani Rubenacker and I'm from Dahlgren, Illinois. I am a senior Agriculture Education major with a minor in Animal Science. I am involved in many organizations including Agriculture Ambassadors, Collegiate FFA, Swine Club, Agriculture Engineering and Technology (AET) Club, and Agronomy Club. I work at L&L Hog Farm in Piopolis, Illinois, as well as the Swine Unit here at Murray State. I enjoy playing sports, reading, baking, eating ice cream, and hanging out with my friends in my spare time!



Hi! My name is Jenna Wethington. I will be a junior here at Murray State, studying Agricultural Sciences with an emphasis in Extension Leadership. I am from Liberty, Kentucky, and I participated in IFAL in the summer of 2022 and also served as a junior counselor for the 2024 conference. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, working on the farm, and hanging out with friends. I cannot wait to meet everyone! Let's make IFAL 2025 the best one yet!

Jenna Wethington





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Anna Sink



Hi! My name is Anna Sink, and I am from Trigg County, Kentucky. I am an Agriculture Education major here at MSU, and I am passionate about leadership development and the future of agriculture. With a strong background in FFA and youth engagement, I am committed to helping students explore agricultural careers and also grow as leaders in their communities. I look forward to being a part of the IFAL 2025 staff and getting to know all of you.



OUR MISSION

Kentucky Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization dedicated to serving our membership family and their communities. As the Voice of Agriculture, we identify problems, develop solutions, promote economic success, and enhance the quality of life for all.

ABOUT KFB

Kentucky Farm Bureau has served as the "Voice of Kentucky Agriculture," representing the interests of agricultural producers and rural communities. The organization was founded at a meeting in Louisville, in November 1919. With hundreds of thousands of members, KFB is one of the largest Farm Bureaus in the nation.

Kentucky Farm Bureau has established a reputation as an effective advocate for its members. Its information products and member service programs are also well respected and highly successful.

Programs offered include Public Affairs, Farm Bureau Insurance and other member services, Women's Leadership Activities, Ag in the Classroom, Safety, Health and Wellness, Theft Reward, Estate Planning, Commodity Market Information, Scholarships, Certified Farm Markets, and Young Farmers.

GET INVOLVED WITH KFB

Learn how you can get involved with Kentucky Farm Bureau by scanning the QR code below or <u>click here</u>.

