

Gov. Kelly Proclaims official Kansas FFA Week Feb. 16-23

**The 203 chapters of the Kansas FFA Association will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 16-23, 2019. FFA Week embraces more than 91 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. In Kansas, more than 9,700 members participate in Kansas FFA Week activities.**

**Kansas FFA members have a passion for agriculture. Kansas Governor Laura Kelly officially proclaimed the celebration and joined with Kansas State FFA officers and members representing the Jefferson West and Washburn Rural FFA Chapters for the official signing of the proclamation.**

**Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education.**

**Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for more than 250 unique career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.**

**"Kansas FFA members are a dynamic group and because of the educational opportunities and experiences that they've gained through agriculture education classes we know that our members will provide leadership in their local communities and in our great state and across this country for decades to come," said Max Harman, state FFA president from the Inman FFA chapter. "Agriculture is the largest economic driver in our state and we are excited to be a part of this dynamic and diverse industry."**

***The Kansas FFA Association is a statewide organization of more than 9,700 agricultural education students in 203 chapters in every corner of Kansas. It is part of the National FFA Organization, a national youth organization of 669,989 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 8,630 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit [www.ksffa.org](http://www.ksffa.org) for more information.***