

ARKANSAS FFA

2011-2012 Year In Review



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A Letter From the State Office



To: FFA Members, Teachers and Supporters

As we look back at the 2011-2012 school year, one word can summarize the activities of our association...Growth.

Arkansas FFA experienced growth in numerous ways throughout the year, including an increase in state membership by more than 1,000 members, an increase in the number of state conferences offered (both Arkansas Leadership Conference and 360/Greenhand Conferences), and an increase in awareness and action by FFA members in the fight against hunger and poverty in our state.

Also, it is obvious that Arkansas FFA members embraced the theme of "I BELIEVE" this year. Not only did they believe in themselves, but they believed in the Arkansas FFA Association.

This year, we decided to create a "Year in Review" publication that will spotlight some of the major accomplishments made by our members throughout the year. As you read, you will see many exciting things have happened, including an increase in chapters participating in the Leadership & Curriculum program, members excelling in various Career Development Events and Leadership Events, and members experiencing personal growth by attending conferences and functions such as the World Food Prize, Heifer International and traveling abroad.

Arkansas FFA Members prepare themselves to be the leaders that are necessary for truly making a positive difference in the world. This theme of growth in our Association fits nicely in to the 2012 National Convention theme of GROW, which will be used throughout the year at conventions and conferences.

Again, we will hold three weeks of 360/Greenhand Conferences, along with hosting the National FFA Officer team in January for a week as they interact with members while traveling across our state. Our state Alumni Association has big plans for the upcoming year, as well, with the John Deere Gator giveaway, practice CDE contest and alumni convention taking place.

We look forward to the new school year and are excited about what is to come and the things our members will accomplish. We encourage each of you to become active members of our Association and continuous supporters of our Foundation and Alumni Association. Remember, challenge yourself throughout the year and continue to GROW.

Sincerely,

Arkansas FFA State Staff

Marion D. Fletcher,
State FFA Advisor

Bart Draper,
Public School Program
Advisor/ Executive Secretary

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Public School Program
Advisor

Samantha McCullah,
Administrative Specialist II



2011-2012 STATE OFFICERS

Pictured: (L to R) Reporter Brittany Richert, Southern V.P. Emily Hawkins, President Victoria Maloch, Northwestern V.P. John Coffey, Secretary Ethan Thomas, Eastern V.P. Clayton Harlan

Many GREAT People Are Affiliated With Arkansas FFA!

HONORARY STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS:

Derek Frewert	Tom Peebles
Jerry Smith	James McJunkins
William Harlan	Vickie Crossland
Timothy Hawkins	Brenda Waller
Phillip Thomas	Dan Tweedy
Ken Coffey	Byron Busby
Bruce Maloch	John Haid, Jr.
Leslie Frewert	Dr. Dwight Armstrong
Genice Smith	Gary Kaufman
Alicia Hawkins	Sherrie Kennedy
Laura Thomas	Tim Loupe
Linda Coffey	Clyde West
Martha Maloch	Junior Barnett
Eugene McKay	Mickey McDaniel
Steve Burgess	Ralph Cheshier
Tom Cox	

LEADERSHIP & CURRICULUM FEE PROGRAM

This program is designed to allow every student enrolled in Ag Education classes to have full access to everything the organization has to offer. Inclusion of students who might otherwise not have the chance to enjoy these activities will only serve to strengthen the nation's largest youth organization!

CHAPTER PARTICIPANTS:

Acorn	Lake Hamilton
Augusta	Lamar
Bismarck	Lincoln
Brinkley	Manila
Cabot	Mt. Judea
Centerpoint	Nemo Vista
Cotter	Newport
Crossett	Pea Ridge
Drew Central	Piggott
Emerson	Prairie Grove
Flippin	Prescott
Fountain Lake	Sheridan
Green Co. Tech	Shirley
Greenbrier	Star City
Guy-Perkins	Waldron
Jackson County	Wonderview
Kingston	



The 2011-12 Arkansas FFA State Officer team was presented with leather briefcases by Arkansas Farm Bureau, represented by Andy Guffey.

FOUNDATION PLUS CHAPTERS:

Centerpoint
Emerson
Farmington
Franklin County
Glen Rose
Lake Hamilton
Mena
Mountain Home
Newport
Prairie Grove
Waldron



ARKANSAS FFA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Steve Davis, Newport
Troy Buck, Centerpoint
Mike Collins, Mena
Joe Don Greenwood, Hermitage
Jim Wilcox, Waldron
David Hays, Prairie Grove
Josh Baker, Mountain Home
John Jones, Glen Rose (AVATA President)

WORLD FOOD PRIZE PARTICIPANTS:

Courtney Martin, Flippin FFA
Tanner Yates, Lamar FFA

FACING WORLD HUNGER

During December, the Arkansas FFA State Officer team, along with the National FFA Officer team, National FFA staff and Public School Program Advisor Chris Bacchus spent a weekend in the Global Village at Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas. While there, they learned more about world hunger and the poverty situation facing us today. The group divided into three “families” and spent the weekend living the lifestyle of a family in poverty in three different countries.



Arkansas FFA Recognized for Hunger Relief

Arkansas FFA was recognized at the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance awards breakfast held at the Governor’s Mansion for our efforts toward hunger awareness.

After the four hunger banquet activities which were hosted by the State Officers in July, several individual chapters hosted similar activities for faculty and students at their school, applied for grants to start community gardens, and increased their weekend backpack programs.



ARKANSAS FFA PRESIDENT TRAVELS TO CHINA

2011-12 State FFA President Victoria Maloch

When we were little, we always thought that if we dug far enough in the dirt, we would reach China.

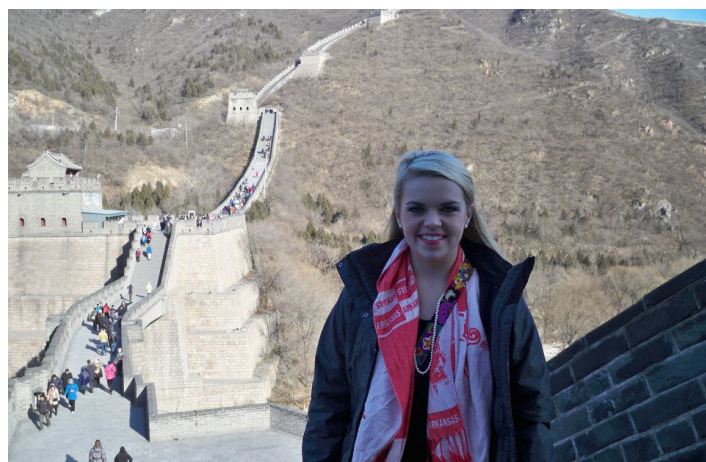
While I spent plenty of time playing in the dirt, I never imagined that one day I would actually make it to China. But, in January of this year, that is exactly what I did as a part of the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO).

This program is led by the National FFA Organization with the purpose of helping current and former FFA state officers learn more about another important geographic region and its role in matching the world’s food supply with global demand.

During the 10 days I spent in the country, I was able to experience the culture and agriculture of China.

Some of the highlights of my trip include climbing the Great Wall of China, seeing the Terracotta Warriors, visiting a cooperative dairy farm and watching silk being processed and made into a usable form.

It would be great for other Arkansas FFA State Officers to continue to travel as a part of this international seminar because this trip gave me not only a better understanding of another country and its agriculture, it also gave me a greater appreciation for agriculture in Arkansas and the United States.



Originally built for protection against invasions, the Great Wall now serves as one of China’s most recognizable landmarks. (Above) Victoria Maloch climbs the wall and takes time to enjoy views of surrounding landscape.

2011-2012 LDE & CDE WINNERS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Creed Speaking

Winner: Ashton Outlaw, Hermitage

Sponsor: AVATA

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Winner: Webb Pierson, Prairie Grove

Sponsor: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation

Opening/Closing Ceremonies

Winner: Mena FFA

Sponsor: Arkansas FFA Alumni

Parliamentary Procedure

Winner: Newport FFA

Sponsor: Farm Credit Services of Arkansas

Prepared Public Speaking

Winner: Amanda Bacon, Springdale Har-Ber

Sponsor: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Agricultural Communications

Winner: Mena FFA

Members: Taylor Hale, Britain Morris, Justin Wiseman

Advisors: Mike Collins, Bryan Maye

Sponsor: Fresh Country Fund Raising

Agricultural Issues

Winner: Mountain Home FFA

Advisors: Josh Baker, Richard Grissum

Sponsor: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Winner: Gurdon FFA

Members: Jase Anderson, Terry Franklin, Seth

Shaver, Dylan Watson

Advisor: Stacey Stone

Sponsor: P.C. Hardware and Machinery

Agronomy

Winner: Alpena FFA

Members: Garrett Brock, James Rose, Lesley Smith, Katie Welch

Advisor: Chris Adams

Sponsor: Riceland Foods Foundation

Electricity

Winner: Lafayette County FFA

Members: Mitchell Brantley, Jason Clark, Joseph Glass, Anthony Rogers

Advisors: Mark Fullenwider, Brian Bell

Sponsor: Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas

Farm Business Management:

Winner: Prairie Grove FFA

Members: Wade Pierson, Webb Pierson, David Smith, Charlie Swearingen

Advisors: David Hays, Clint Hale

Sponsor: Arkansas FFA Foundation

Floriculture:

Winner: Greenbrier FFA

Members: Cassidy DeSalvo, Ashton Martin, Katie Ramirez, Savannah Snowden

Advisors: Becca Spinks, Rodney Wiedower, Jason Davis

Sponsor: L.C. Fundraisers, Inc.

Food Science

Winner: Lincoln FFA

Members: Bailey Heffley, Jace Newby, Kory Reed, Chasidi Rose

Advisors: Kevin Barenberg, Wes Newby

Sponsor: Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture Food and Life Sciences, University of Arkansas Fayetteville

Forestry

Winner: Hermitage FFA

Members: Austin Ferrell, Chaney Richard, Lane Richard, Collin Wilkerson

Advisor: Joe Don Greenwood

Sponsor: Arkansas Forestry Association

Horse

Winner: Lincoln FFA

Members: Tandy Kidd, Kelsey Matthews, Cassy Ramsey, Susan Rhodes

Advisor: Kevin Barenberg, Wes Newby

Sponsor: CEV Multimedia

Land

Winner: Two Rivers FFA

Members: Dakota Ellis, Caleb Lisenbey, Gary Morrison, Dustin Powell

Land (cont.)

Advisor: Bob Powell

Sponsor: Arkansas FFA Foundation

Livestock

Winner: Elkins FFA

Members: Wes Henry, Morgan Marley, Katy Tunstill, Brittany Richards

Advisor: Denise Trotter

Sponsor: Seitz Gift and Fruit

Meats Evaluation

Winner: Green Forest FFA

Members: Sydney Cary, Zach Eagleson, Aaron Hart, Tiffany Swofford

Advisor: Keith Kilbourn

Sponsor: Arkansas Beef Council

Milk Quality and Products

Winner: Lincoln FFA

Members: Sierra King, Katelyn Napier, Holly Rush, Paige Villines

Advisor: Kevin Barenberg and Wes Newby

Sponsor: Southwest Dairy Museum, Inc.

Nursery/Landscape

Winner: Mena FFA

Members: Zachary Anderle, Hailey Knittig, Maddison Liles, Keegan Tatsch

Advisors: Mike Collins, Bryan Maye

Sponsor: Arkansas FFA Foundation

Poultry

Winner: Lincoln FFA

Members: Shae Dorman, Alex Durham, Danielle Edwards, Daniel Truitt

Advisors: Kevin Barenberg, Wes Newby

Sponsor: Tyson Foods, Inc

National FFA Alumni Development Conference



Arkansas was the host state for the National FFA Alumni Development Conference during the third week of July. The National FFA Alumni Association was organized 40 years ago and supports agricultural education on all levels. Alumni members from across the country toured agricultural, educational, and popular tourist locations across the state while sharing ideas on how to grow their membership and expand their support of FFA.

STARS OVER ARKANSAS WINNERS

Star Farmer

Winner: Amanda Bacon, Springdale Har-Ber FFA

Star in Agribusiness

Winner: Andy Little, Flippin FFA

Star in Ag Placement

Winner: Blake Freeman, Lamar FFA

Star in Agriscience

Winner: James Rose, Alpena



Visit ArkansasFFA.org to see National Chapter Winners, Proficiency Winners, Scholarship Recipients and Degree Recipients!

AGRISCIENCE FAIR: 1ST PLACE WINNERS BY DIVISION

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DIVISION ONE

Plant Systems: Erica Fultz, Alpene
Animal Systems: Zane Hulse, Alpene
Env. Service Systems: Cortland Mathis, Alpene
Food Products/Processing System: Karli Matlock, Alpene
Power, Structural & Tech. Systems: Rodney Drew, Arkansas High

Overall Winner Division 1:
Erica Fultz, Alpene

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DIVISION TWO

Plant Systems: Cami Farmer, Alpene
Animal Systems: Talesha Thomas, Alpene
Env. Service Systems: Dylan Ratzlaff, Flippin
Food Products/Processing System: Savannah Colbert, Alpene
Power, Structural & Tech. Systems: Will Welch, Alpene

Overall Winner Division 2:
Will Welch, Alpene

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DIVISION THREE

Plant Systems: Carley Allen & Abigail Sanders, Oark
Animal Systems: Logan Hurst & Coy Flippin, Flippin
Food Products/Processing Systems: Stephen Daniels & Chester McDowell, Arkansas High

Overall Winner Division 3:
Carley Allen & Abigail Sanders, Oark

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DIVISION FOUR

Plant Systems: Joshua Einert & Justin Edgmon, Oark
Env. Service Systems: Cheyenne Christenson & John Solley, Arkansas High
Food Products/Processing System: Callie Hicks & Faith Knudtson, Arkansas High
Power, Structural & Tech. Systems: David Anthony Gatlin & Ben Witherspoon, Glen Rose
Social Systems: Amber Smith & Kayla Looney, Arkansas High

Overall Winner Division 4:
Cheyenne Christenson & John Solley, Arkansas High



For the second year in a row, Agriscience Fair participation was up. This year, 49 members registered projects in more than 20 categories. In effort to continue this growth, plans are being made to host the fair earlier during the year and possibly in a new location.



Did You Know?!

In 2011, more than 20 Arkansas FFA members were recognized for earning their American FFA Degree!

Great job, degree recipients!

ARKANSAS STATE FAIR AG IN ACTION

PARTICIPATING CHAPTERS:

Oark
 Guy-Perkins, **Top Chapter Award winner**
 Centerpoint
 Conway
 Lonoke
 Prescott
 Wonderview
 Emerson
 Hope
 Mountainburg
 Arkansas High



This year showed an increase in activities with industry groups such as the (AGIA) and the Soybean Promotion Board.



(Above) Rachel Stivers from Lonoke received an iPad for winning the Top Hand award, sponsored by the Arkansas Soybean Association.

Good Weather Makes for Great Camps

For the first year, 360 Conference, presented by National FFA, and the Greenhand Conference, presented by State Officers, was hosted for three weekends.

Luckily, weather didn't force us to cancel any conferences this year and several chapters were able to participate in additional leadership training at Camp Couchdale!



During Spring Break, the 2011-12 State Officer team made industry visits to the Arkansas Cattle-men's Association, Riceland Foods in Stuttgart, Ag Heritage Farm Credit, Farm Bureau, Arkansas Plant Board and the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. Also, along the way, they had brief meetings with Congressman Mike Ross and Governor Beebe.

MEET THE 2012-13 OFFICER TEAM



STATE PRESIDENT

Name: Dausen Duncan
Chapter: Southside Bee Branch FFA
Education: Arkansas Tech University studying Ag Business



STATE SECRETARY

Name: John Brian Kirksey
Chapter: Centerpoint FFA
Education: Senior at Centerpoint High School



STATE REPORTER

Name: Amie Wilcox
Chapter: Waldron FFA
Education: U of A at Fayetteville studying Biological Engineering



EASTERN DISTRICT VP

Name: Vicky Gallaher
Chapter: Nettleton FFA
Education: Arkansas State University studying Ag Marketing



NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT VP

Name: Jarrett Turner
Chapter: Ozark FFA
Education: University of Arkansas studying Poultry Science/Ag Business



SOUTHERN DISTRICT VP

Name: Lucas Head
Chapter: Mena FFA
Education: Rich Mountain Community College studying Natural Resources



Arkansas FFA State Officers lead the membership of the state association and are elected by state FFA convention delegates during the annual business session. At the 2012 State Convention, there were:

117

Arkansas FFA Chapters

471

Total Possible Delegates

720

FFA Members Present

2011-2012 FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

Major Sponsors

AgHeritage Farm Credit Services
 Arkansas Farm Bureau
 Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas
 Farm Credit Services Midsouth
 Farm Credit Services of Western Arkansas

\$2,000 +

Centerpoint
 Garland County

(\$500-\$599 cont.)

Sheridan
 Taylor
 Waldron

(\$200-\$249 cont.)

Fayetteville
 Hoxie
 Pottsville
 Salem
 Western Yell

\$1,500 - \$1,999

Pulaski County

\$400 - \$499

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 Springdale
 Walnut Ridge

\$150 - \$199

Crossett
 Decatur
 Hackett
 Hillcrest
 Magazine

\$1,000 - \$1,499

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 Greenbrier
 Lake Hamilton
 Mena
 Mountain Home
 Prairie Grove

\$300 - \$399

Bismarck
 Clinton
 Elkins
 Gravette
 Marion County
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 Pea Ridge
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 Spring Hill
 Springdale Har-Ber

\$100 - \$149

Acorn
 Ashdown
 Augusta
 Bigelow
 Blevins
 Foreman
 Jackson County
 St. Paul
 Stone County
 Wickes

\$750 - \$999

Centerpoint
 Garland County

\$600 - \$749

Cabot
 Farmington
 Mountain View
 Newport
 Rogers
 Smackover

\$250 - \$299

Bergman
 Hermitage
 Searcy
 Southside Bee Branch
 Weiner

\$1 - \$99

Arkansas High
 Beebe
 Franklin County
 Nashville
 South Pike

\$500 - \$599

Greenwood
 Harmony Grove
 Lee County
 Magnolia
 Murfreesboro



2011 NATIONAL FFA RESULTS

Agriscience Fair

Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology: Division 1	Alpena FFA	Bronze
Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology: Division 2	Alpena FFA	Gold
Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology: Division 3	Alpena FFA	Silver
Botany: Division 1	Alpena FFA	Silver
Botany: Division 2	Alpena FFA	Gold
Botany: Division 4	Alpena FFA	Gold
Engineering: Division 1	Glen Rose FFA	Bronze
Engineering: Division 2	Alpena FFA	Gold
Environmental Science: Division 1	Alpena FFA	Silver
Environmental Science: Division 2	Alpena FFA	Silver
Environmental Science: Division 3	Alpena FFA	Gold
Zoology: Division 1	Alpena FFA	Gold
Zoology: Division 2	Alpena FFA	Bronze
Zoology: Division 4	Alpena FFA	Gold

Agriscience Fair Gold Winners



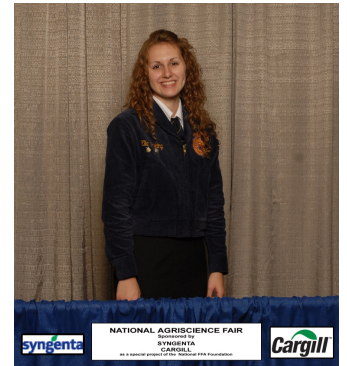
Biochemistry - Alpena



Botany - Alpena



Botany - Alpena



Engineering - Alpena



Env. Science - Alpena



Zoology - Alpena



Zoology - Alpena

Career Development Events

Agricultural Communications	Prairie Grove FFA	Gold
Agricultural Issues Forum	Mountain Home FFA	Bronze

Career Development Events (cont.)

Agricultural Mechanics	Gurdon FFA	Bronze
Agronomy	Clinton FFA	Bronze
Creed Speaking	Greenbrier FFA	Bronze
Dairy Cattle Evaluation	Horatio FFA	Bronze
Dairy Foods	Greenbrier FFA	Silver
Environmental and Natural Resources	Paris FFA	Silver
Farm Business Management	Harrison FFA	Bronze
Floriculture	Vilonia FFA	Bronze
Food Science and Technology	Lincoln FFA	Silver
Forestry	Mena FFA	6th Place Gold
Horse Evaluation	Springdale Har-Ber FFA	Gold
Livestock Evaluation	Southside FFA	8th Place Gold
Meats Evaluation and Technology	Harrison FFA	Bronze
Nursery/Landscape	Greenbrier FFA	Bronze
Parliamentary Procedure	Greenbrier FFA	Bronze
Poultry Evaluation	Lincoln FFA	2nd Place Gold
Prepared Public Speaking	Emerson FFA	Silver

National Career Development Event Gold Winners



Ag Comm - Prairie Grove



Forestry - Mena



Horse Eval. - Springdale Har-Ber



Livestock Eval. - Southside Batesville



Poultry Eval. - Lincoln

Proficiency

Agri Entrepreneurship	Chris Heiser	Lamar FFA	Gold
Veterinary Medicine	Heather Leding	Springdale Har-Ber FFA	Gold

Arkansas FFA was well represented at the 2011 National FFA Convention!

National Delegates:

Amanda Bacon, John Brian Kirksey,
Brittany Long, Amie Wilcox

National Officer Candidate:

Mike Norton

HONORARY AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Patrick Breeding
Instructor, Greenbrier

Greg Cole
CEO, Ag Heritage Farm Credit

Cynthia Edwards
Dept of Agriculture, Arkansas

Gary Kinder
CEO, Mid South Farm Credit

Glen Manchester
CEO, Western Arkansas Farm Credit

VIP Awards:

Congratulations to the following agriculture supporters for being selected by the National FFA Organization to receive a special VIP Citation for making significant contributions to agricultural education:

**John Davidson of Conway, Arkansas
and
Eva Fletcher of Hot Springs, Arkansas**

The VIP Citation recognizes the dedicated individuals who contribute to the FFA mission of premier leadership, personal growth and career success through their hard work and cooperation. Without such strong and outstanding commitment, FFA would not be able to help build strong character in its members, who in turn build strong families, communities and industries.

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Hattie Anastasio, Elkins FFA
Justin Craig Bacon, Har-Ber FFA
Andrew Bolton, Lake Hamilton FFA
Andi Carlton, Valley Springs FFA
Amanda Crangle, Bismarck FFA
Dustin Dixon, Siloam Springs FFA
Mollie Dykes, Lake Hamilton FFA
Brian Heath Ertle, Guy-Perkins FFA
Andrew Haggard, Searcy FFA
Jessica Heffley, Lincoln FFA
Mason Hudson, Searcy FFA

Jessica Johnson, Lincoln FFA
Samantha Leona Maestas, Lincoln FFA
Ellie Morales, Lincoln FFA
Ashley Nelson, Valley Springs FFA
Trapper Padgett, Conway FFA
Kayla Samples, Emerson FFA
Wesley Clayton Smith, Mountain Home FFA
Meghan Oleta Sommers, Morrilton FFA
Tessa Souers, Valley Springs FFA
James Ira Stone, Delight FFA
Reilly Thurow, Lincoln FFA



Arkansas FFA had a *wonderful* 2011-12 and looks forward to another **GREAT** year!



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