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### UVATA President's Message

Once again the school year as come to an end and we are shifting gears from classroom activities to summer activities. I hope that this year's conference will be relaxing as well as informative so that you are able to come back to your program with new ideas and energetic. While on this trip please take the time to get to know the teachers within this state.

I have enjoyed the opportunity that I have had in serving you as your UVATA President this past year. We have encountered many interesting things for this year and I would like to mention just a few.

One thing that hasn't gone away is the Carl Perkins Act. President Bush's proposal is to take this away from Career and Technical Education and use it for other funds within the educational fields. While I am pleased that education is getting a lot of attention, I am also upset that we are taking from one educational field to fund others. This is an extremely important issue and I would hope that our agriculture teachers in this state would take time to contact your congressman to help us with this issue. If you have questions about this please contact Allan Sulser or me. You are also able to access information as well as help in writing a letter to your congressman by using the NAAE website ( [www.naae.org](http://www.naae.org) ).

This year's state skill's testing is now over and it looks like some progress has been made. In talking with Buddy Deimler test results are higher this year than in years past. Each test has been re-written this past year and our students are completing these tests at a higher rate than ever before. While we are improving on the test results we are still ignoring one important area. There are still programs out there that aren't able to give these tests because of their trimester or semester based courses. Many programs instructors don't have an option to change. We need to make sure that we work together accommodate all programs within the state.

One major change this year is happening with the NAAE/ACTE. This year's national convention will again be under the umbrella of the ACTE convention. This years convention with be held in Las Vegas. If you are attending this year's convention be sure you register through the ACTE website ([www.acte.org](http://www.acte.org)) and make sure you check the agriculture education field. This way NAAE will not lose any money from your registration.

Again, it has been a pleasure for me to serve you this past year. We have an outstanding group of UVATA Officers. But when you are surrounded by an outstanding group of professionals as we have in the agriculture teachers in this state, you can't help but enjoy your association as well as your profession. I applaud you in all your efforts and Best Wishes

Michael D. Gowans  
UVATA President

## 2004- 05 Proficiency Areas

1. Agricultural Communications - Entrepreneurship/Placement
2. Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement
3. **Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship**
4. **Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Placement**
5. Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placemen
6. Agricultural Processing - Entrepreneurship/Placement
7. Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship
8. Agricultural Sales – Placement
9. Agricultural Services - Entrepreneurship/Placement
10. Aquaculture – Entrepreneurship/Placement
11. Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
12. Beef Production – Placement
13. Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship
14. Dairy Production – Placement
15. Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
16. Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship
17. Diversified Crop Production – Placement
18. Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship
19. Diversified Horticulture – Placement
20. Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship
21. Diversified Livestock Production – Placement
22. Emerging Agricultural Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement
23. Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement
24. Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
25. Equine Science – Placement
26. Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
27. Floriculture - Entrepreneurship/Placement
28. Food Science and Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement
29. Forage Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement
30. Forest Management and Products - Entrepreneurship/Placement
31. Fruit Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement
32. Grain Production – Entrepreneurship
33. Grain Production – Placement
34. Home and/or Community Development - Entrepreneurship/Placement
35. Landscape Management - Entrepreneurship/Placement
36. Nursery Operations - Entrepreneurship/Placement
37. Outdoor Recreation - Entrepreneurship/Placement
38. Poultry Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement
39. Sheep Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement
40. Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship
41. Small Animal Production and Care - Placement
42. Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
43. Specialty Crop Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement
44. Swine Production – Entrepreneurship
45. Swine Production – Placement
46. Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship
47. Turf Grass Management – Placement
48. Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
49. Wildlife Management – Entrepreneurship
50. Wildlife Management - Placement

## Got too many white flies, mites, and other problems in your greenhouse?

- Get rid of weeds underneath your benches, in your pots, and adjacent to your greenhouse.
- Also **dispose of** all infested plants. Mites love weeds, ivies, roses, carnations and dianthus, foliage plants, etc. and they can crawl from pot to pot across drip systems.
- White flies have a fondness for Poinsettias, tomatoes, cineraria, Pick-a-Back plants, and basically any fuzzy leafed plants. (Plants with pubescence)
- Any one white fly or mite is too many and control needs to be done immediately.
- Use appropriate and registered chemical controls (approved for the specific situation and greenhouse) if chemicals are warranted.
- In summer time when there is nothing in the greenhouse, consider closing it down completely and allow it to heat up in order to control weeds, their seeds, and the insects that accompany them. This is another mechanical way of controlling pests.
- As you shut down for the summer, remove all plants and plant litter, old pots, trays, and spilt soil from the greenhouse. This is also a good time to weed in and around your facility. After weeding all you can, use a spray such as Roundup for and young or small weeds that remain. Be diligent and continue your attack throughout the summer whenever they appear.
- Remove any weed seed from your benches (especially the clover-like oxalis plant, which launches its projectile seeds throughout the greenhouse into pots and on benches), by spraying them down and disinfecting them with a disinfectant using a stiff scrub brush. Weed seed will wash down and should you have soil or gravel underneath your benches, the weed seed will germinate over a period of time. I suggest that you water the area where weed seeds may be lodged and get them germinated. Once they have germinated, you can spray them with a weed killer. You may be required to repeat this process several times.
- Remember to be diligent on weed control throughout the year even when there are projects underway in your greenhouse. I find it especially useful to be able to use student labor for such things as weeding. (Students who have either a deficit attendance wise, or may have missed an assignment that cannot be made up, find it extremely beneficial to have the opportunity of weeding for me).
- Finally, make sure that you clean and sterilize in between each crop. This will control insect and weeds.
- Enjoy a clean greenhouse!

**Former National FFA Officer and Agriculture Teacher Named  
Chief Operating Officer for the National FFA Organization**

Doug Loudenslager has been selected to become chief operating officer for the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation.

Loudenslager's roots in FFA and agricultural education run deep. Born and raised on a crop and livestock farm in Marion County, Ohio, he was a student of vocational agriculture and served as state FFA treasurer in 1973, an office his father held 20 years earlier. While a student at The Ohio State University, Doug was elected National FFA Eastern Region Vice President for 1975-76.

After graduating from Ohio State with a Bachelors of Science degree in agricultural education, Loudenslager began his career as a teacher of vocational agriculture at Cory-Rawson High School in northwest Ohio. He quickly rebuilt a lagging program, with many of his students receiving state and national recognition. His wife, Barbara, was a vocational teacher in home economics, also at Cory-Rawson.

Loudenslager garnered considerable experience in the industry of agriculture. He served as communications manager for the Ohio Farmers Grain and Supply Association (a regional grain and supply cooperative) and as executive director of the Ohio Soybean Association. During his time with the Ohio Soybean Association, Loudenslager organized and carried out numerous education, public relations and lobbying efforts.

Holding a Masters in Business Administration degree from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, Loudenslager brings solid business management experience to FFA. Since 1987, he has been employed by Edward Jones Investments headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. With Edward Jones, he has held various positions including investment representative, full service account manager, new investment representative trainer, and area manager. Currently, he leads the Van Wert office, where he is responsible for managing \$265 million in assets and over 3,200 client relationships.

While in St. Louis, Loudenslager completed coursework through Asbury Seminary. He is a member of the Van Wert Rotary Club, First United Methodist Church, Defiance District UMC Strategy Team, the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church Capital Campaign and the Ohio State University Alumni Advisory Committee. He served as president and board member of Rotary clubs in two communities.

The Loudenslagers are proud parents of three children. Jennifer is a recent graduate of Wilmington College with a degree in elementary education. David is a sophomore at The Ohio State University. Christopher will be in the 8th grade. His wife, Barbara, is also a graduate of Ohio State with a degree in home economics education.

Loudenslager will report to the National FFA Center June 28 and officially assume the duties of chief operating officer July 21.

# 2004-2005 Utah FFA Association Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Call for Information
May 7-8, 2004	Utah Envirothon (Utah Environmental Science State CDE)	Park City	Jennifer Hines
May	National FFA Officer Candidate Selection	Logan	Brett Evans
<i>June 13-15, 2004</i>	<i>ATELO Leadership Training Institute</i>	Provo	Brett Evans
June 14-18	ATE Teachers Conference	On the Road	Mike Gowans
June 22	Ag Teachers Trail Ride	Tooele	Ed Johnson
<i>July 4-9, 2004</i>	<i>Four Corners National Leadership Conference for State Officers</i>	Tempe, AZ	Brett Evans
July 13-14	Chapter Officer Leadership Training Camp - Southern (Southern COLT)	SUU Mt. Center	Brett Evans
<i>July 20-24</i>	<i>FFA State Presidents Conference</i>	<i>Washington D. C.</i>	Brett Evans
July 27	Chapter Officer Leadership Training - One Day (One Day COLT)	Lone Peak High School	Brett Evans
July 28-29	Chapter Officer Leadership Training Camp - Northern (Northern COLT)	Morgan Fair Grounds	Brett Evans
August 2004			
Sept 9-19, 2004	Utah State Fair (FFA Barnyard Friends)	Salt Lake City	Brett Evans
Sept 29	Utah Council of Farmer Cooperatives Coop Quiz Competition (Cooperator of the Year Award Presentation)		Brett Evans/Devon Bailey
Oct 19, 2004	Snow College Field Day	Snow College	Jack Anderson
Oct 27 - 30	National FFA Convention	Louisville, Kentucky	Brett Evans
Nov 18, 2004	Utah Farm Bureau Convention (Presentation of FFA Leadership in Agriculture Award)	Salt Lake City	Brett Evans
Dec 3, 2004	Utah Cattlemen's Assoc. Conv. (Presentation of Cattleman of the Year Award)	Salt Lake City	Brett Evans
Dec 3-4	Utah Leadership Conference I	Provo	Brett Evans

Dec 10-11	Utah Leadership Conference II	Provo	Brett Evans
Jan??, 2005	UACTE Teacher Conference		Buddy Deimler
Jan ??	Collegiate FFA State Officer Candidate Training		USU Collegiate FFA
Feb, 2005	Area Contests		Area Chair
Feb 21-28	National FFA Week		National FFA
Feb 24	FFA Week Declaration/Legislature Ice Cream Social	State Capital	Brett Evans
March 24 - 26, 2005	Utah FFA Association State Convention	???	Brett Evans
April 26-27,2005	Utah FFA Association State Career Development Events	Logan	Brett Evans

*Italicized events are State Association activities for the general information of the chapters but may not include direct chapter involvement.*