



## **Dassel-Cokato Agricultural Education**

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Hello Dassel-Cokato FFA members, family, and friends!

Summer is in full swing. The motto of the National FFA Organization is “Leaning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve”. There are several opportunities for you to get involved and rev-up up for the 2022-23 school year.

Dassel Cokato FFA, it is time to... *Rise and Shine!*



### **It's County Fair Time!**

**Wright County Fair**, Howard Lake July 20-24

DC FFA members educated fairgoers in the Wright County Agricultural Education Center, showed livestock, and competed in the antique tractor pull at the Wright County Fair.

**Meeker County Fair**, Litchfield August 3-7

- **Friday, August 5** DC FFA will staff the FFA Barnyard/Agriculture Education Center from 10am-9pm.

We need people to sit with the animals and talk to fairgoers. Generally we divide into shifts, so you can also enjoy the rest of the fair. It is very easy and fun!

-Throughout the fair, watch some of our FFA members showing livestock and look at the exhibits in the FFA Ag Ed Center. Start planning for next year!



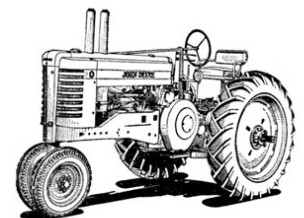
### **Cokato Corn Carnival August 8,9,10**

→ **Parade** - Monday, August 8 starts at 6pm. Join in the parade by riding on the FFA float. You can also help build the FFA Parade float, watch the DC FFA facebook page to time and place. Carly Zeidler is our chairperson for parades, contact her for more information.

→ **Malt Stand** - What goes better with the free sweet corn at Corn Carnival? Ice Cream of course! A delicious attraction at Corn Carnival, the DC FFA has again teamed up with the Wright County American Dairy Association to sell malts/shakes. We need student and adult helpers to run the malt stand. Please scan the QRcode to access the sign-up sheet or contact chairpeople Layla Erickson, Lainie Curlew, Otilia Spurzem, and Ms. Nelson. Even if you don't sign-up, stop by and see if you can help. [Sign-Up For Corn Carnival Malts](#)

### **Forest City Thresher's Show August 20 and 21**

Dassel-Cokato FFA helps prepare and serve a lunch meal during the Forest City Threshing show. We need 6-8 people each day from 10am - 2:30pm. No experience required, we will train. Then enjoy the show, tractor pulls, and threshing demonstrations!





## **AG ROOM Make-Over**

**Monday, August 15 and Wednesday, August 17 9am-6p**

Welcome to the Ag Room! We all know it is the best room in the school, but it needs a facelift.

Fun fact: Nelson loves home makeover and repair shows. She has wanted to do a "Home Makeover Show" in the Ag Room for years. Let's agree, she pretty much lives there and has a lot of visitors. Help Ms. Nelson paint the walls, assemble furniture, redecorated, and rearrange the room. Come and go anytime on these dates, no sign-up, just show up to the Ag Room. Oh, and of course there will be socializing and treats.



## **Minnesota State Fair "The Great Minnesota Get Together"**

The 12 best days of summer and Dassel-Cokato FFA will be there!

### → **Landscape Display**

DC FFA creates a Landscape Display just outside of the CHS Miracle of Birth Center. We will have scheduled two days to work on building and installing this display. Come for one or join in all both.

**August 15 & 17** - Prop building and painting at school. We will create personalized stepping stones, build pollinator houses, and paint fence panels. This will be held in conjunction with Ag Room make-over. Come and go when it works for you.

**August 22 or 23** - Site prep and installation at the state fair. There is not a lot of space in the display area, looking for six people for this project. We will meet at school, pack the trailer, and travel to the state fairgrounds. We will work together to build a blue ribbon display to be enjoyed by millions of fairgoers.

### → **All You Can Drink Milk**

I Love Milk! Want to volunteer to serve milk at the State Fair? Work a 4 hour shift and get a free shirt, hat, and fair ticket. Space is limited. Talk to Nelson if interested. I do not have a time or date yet.



### → **Livestock Exhibits September 2-5**

You can show livestock (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Pigs, and Market Goats) at the State Fair! Entries are due online by August 8th. You can own livestock or even lease from a friend. Exhibitors can be entering 7th grade through members who have not yet turned 21. Talk to Ms. Nelson if you plan to exhibit, she has to do an advisor's consent form.

### → **State Fair FFA Safe Tractor Operator's Contest Friday, Sept 2 3:30pm**

We can enter up to three FFA members in the Tractor Driving Contest. Please let Nelson know if you are interested so she can register and get you information.

### → **CHS Miracle of Birth Center and Minnesota FFA Chapter House** Open from 9am - 9pm

One of the most popular attractions at the Minnesota State Fair, visited by nearly 2 million people during the 12 days, is all about agricultural education and FFA. Six Dassel-Cokato FFA members have been selected to be "Barnies" at the Miracle of Birth Center! They will care for the animals, educate fairgoers, and represent FFA. If you are at the state fair, be sure to say hi.





August 24-28: Lucy Carpenter (rabbits) and Carly Zeidler (chickens)  
 August 28- Sept 1: Ethan Farber (dairy), Nathaniel Farber (dairy),  
 Cooper Ernst (goats), and Devin Holtslander (pigs).

**Dassel Red Rooster Days September 2-5**

→ **Parade - Sunday, September 3. 2:00 pm**

Join in the parade by riding on the FFA float. You can also help build the FFA Parade float, watch the DC FFA facebook page to time and place. Carly Zeidler is our chairperson for parades, contact her for more information.

**Supervised Agricultural Experience projects**

Do you have a job? Do you have livestock or operate your own business? Do you want to earn FFA awards and scholarships for something you are already doing? Yes! A SAE is an independent, student created, student drive project. Almost anything can be a SAE project. Students keep records on their projects and use their records to fill out proficiency applications for regional and state competitions. You can keep records on paper or use the online record-keeping system AET (Ag Experience Tracker). Ms. Nelson can activate your account. If you have an account, remember the chapter number is MN0070.




**Summer is a great time to work on your SAE project.**

**Dassel-Cokato FFA**  
Presents

# Charge-Up Night

**Monday, September 12th**  
Dassel-Cokato High School  
Agriculture Room



5:30 pm	Socializing and Food
6:00 pm	September Chapter FFA Meeting
7:00 pm	Student Recreation
7:00 pm	Parent and Alumni Q & A session


Current members, new members, family, alumni, and friends are encouraged to attend DC FFA Charge-Up Night!

Questions: Ask Ms. Nelson [tracy.nelson@dc.k12.mn.us](mailto:tracy.nelson@dc.k12.mn.us)

FFA is open to all students grades 7-12. There are tons of opportunities for all interests. The Chapter meets once per month; other practices and events are scheduled to best fit the members involved.

Dassel-Cokato FFA is a State and Nationally awarded organization.

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Learn. Do. Earn. Serve.

**School Open House**

**Wednesday, August 31 5-7pm**

Welcome back to school! FFA will have a display at the high school and middle school open house. Stop by and visit. Tour the Ag Room. Say hi to Ms. Nelson. Bring a friend or two.

**FFA Charge Up Night**

**Monday, September 12**

Kick off the 2022-23 FFA year with our annual FFA Charge-Up Night! This event is held in conjunction with our September FFA Chapter meeting. Check out what we do in FFA, tour the Ag Room, meet current and future FFA members, eat, and recreation activities. There will also be an optional session for parents, hosted by DC FFA Alumni and Ms. Nelson, explaining FFA to parents. Bring the family and some friends (and their families) for supper and fun!



## **National FFA Convention and Expo**

**Indianapolis, IN    October 26-29**

Dassel-Cokato has two teams competing in National Contests, Food Science and Parliamentary Procedures. Additionally, we will take a set number of FFA members and chaperones to experience the National FFA Convention and Expo. More information to come near the start of school.



## **Career and Leadership Development Events**

CDEs and LDEs are a big part of FFA. There are a lot to choose from. Most teams consist of four members and practices are scheduled to best fit team members. What do you want to do this year? A full calendar of 2022-2023 events and membership forms will be available in the Ag Room at open house and all year.

## **2022-2023 Officer Team**

DC FFA will Rise and Shine this year. Leading that charge is a fun group of officers. Dayna Terning, Gus Bergquist, Ethan Farber, Nathaniel Farber, Cooper Ernst, Devin Holtslander, Lucy Carpenter, Bree Hopkins, Carly Zeidler, and Dessa Terning.

## **Dassel-Cokato FFA Alumni and Supporters**

This fantastic group of people helps with FFA events. Whether it is serving food, coaching, practicing interviews, reviewing applications, chaperoning, or just being present, this group is essential to the success of the DC FFA chapter and members. A great investment!

The FFA Alumni and Supports meet once a month at 7pm (following the 6pm FFA Chapter Meeting).

You do not have to have been in FFA to be part of the Alumni and Supporters.

## **Follow FFA Events and Updates**

- Follow us on facebook [dasselcokatoffa](#)
- SnapChat [dc\\_ffa](#)
- Instagram [dc\\_ffa](#)
- Stop in the Ag Room
- Email Ms. Nelson [tracy.nelson@dc.k12.mn.us](mailto:tracy.nelson@dc.k12.mn.us)



**Scan this QR code for a digital copy of this newsletter with active links to the sign up.**

Open your phone's camera, hold over the code until the link shows, then click the link.



## **[Sign Up for FFA Summer Events](#)**

Click on the link for a sign-up genius for county fair, parades, and threshing show.

## **[Sign-Up For Corn Carnival Malts](#)**

Click on this link to sign up for helping sell malts.  
We need some adults too.