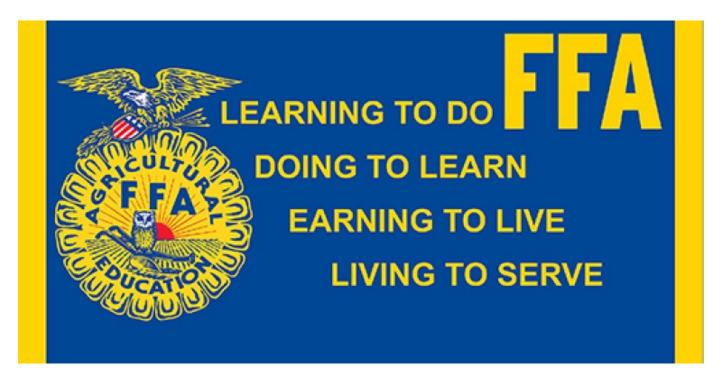


Ritchie to Host "Future Farmers" at State Capitol Tuesday

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Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Senator Patty Ritchie will host members of Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters from across the state and local school districts—including South Jefferson, Carthage, Gouverneur and Belleville Henderson—on Tuesday in Albany.

FFA members will join Senator Ritchie for the first Senate Agriculture Committee meeting of the year to hear firsthand about what she's doing to support farmers, as well as to share information on what they are learning today that will help protect the future of New York's

leading industry.

"Students who are part of FFA represent the next chapter of agriculture in New York State," said Senator Ritchie. "Not only are these bright students learning about the importance of farming, they're also learning valuable leadership skills that will last a lifetime. I'm excited to welcome FFA members to Albany and hear about the things they are doing today that will help farming remain a vitally important part of our economy for many years to come."

In addition, students will also be honored by Senator Ritchie during the day's Senate Session with an official Resolution recognizing them for their achievements and naming February 18th to 25th "FFA Week in the State of New York."

Both the Senate Agriculture Committee meeting and the Session will be streamed live at www.nysenate.gov.