

The Cap - Represents the knowledge of a learned scholar. Displaying the MD State flag, it shows the ties to the Maryland State Department of Education.

The Tassel - A leaflet representing the owl to be a teacher of agriculture. The leaflet is a generalization that shows Ag. Teachers not only teach about agriculture, but also floriculture, forestry, natural resource conservation, life sciences etc.

The Owl - "A time-honored emblem of knowledge and wisdom." This represents the roles which an Ag. Teacher must provide. Not only do they impart their wisdom and knowledge to the students as any teacher does, but Ag. Teachers must also to serve in the capacity of the FFA Advisor, (another role symbolized by the owl).

The Tree - Represents a successful, mature student. Started from a sprout, this one has grown into a strong tree with deep roots helping it stand firmly on its own in adult life, as well as branches that can spread out into its community. This is also similar to a symbol that the U.S. Department of Education uses in their logo, helping tie in with them as well.

The Diploma - The owl, as an "Ag. Teacher" already has its own diploma. At the same time it is also responsible for handing down this knowledge for students to achieve diplomas of their own. This is why the diploma is in the beak of the owl, but the leaves of the tree are starting to curl around it.

Sprouts - Represent the students. The shape of the top leaf is the same as the leaves of the tree. The shape of the bottom leaves are the same as the beak and brows of the owl. This shows that as growing, young sprouts, there is the potential to bloom into anything. Not only do these sprouts represent the individual student, they also represent the 5 regions of the MD FFA, and are placed approximately in the same locations where those regions would be found across the state.

The Rising Sun - Represents a brighter future dawning on the horizon. And just like the light of the sun helps plants to blossom and develop, the light that Ag. Teachers shine helps the students blossom and develop, into adults as well.

Cultivation - The cultivating work Ag. Teachers do as stated in the adopted M.A.T.A. Logo, "Cultivating the future".

The Book - Foundations of knowledge which the tree's roots have wrapped and embedded themselves into. This has helped the tree grow tall and strong. The Owl's beak also points to the book, as if appearing read its wisdom to all who will listen.



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