

2015 National FFA Convention Award Winners from California

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The 88th National FFA Convention was held on October 28-31, 2015 at Louisville, Kentucky. The convention set an all-time attendance record with 65,357 members, teachers, and guests in attendance.

Listed below are the awards and achievements of California FFA members, chapters, and educators:

<u>National Contests:</u>	<u>Team Placing</u>		<u>High School</u>
Agricultural Issues	2nd	Gold	Tulare HS
Agriculture Mechanics	National Champions	Gold	Golden West HS
Agricultural Sales	7th	Gold	Liberty Ranch HS
Agronomy	3rd	Gold	Tulelake HS
Creed Speaking	2nd	Gold	Nipomo HS
Dairy Cattle Judging	10th	Gold	Petaluma HS
Environmental & Natural Resources	4th	Gold	Nevada Union HS
Extemporaneous Speaking	2nd	Gold	West Valley HS
Farm Business Management	---	Silver	Elk Grove HS
Floriculture	8th	Gold	Madera South HS
Forestry	---	Bronze	Red Bluff HS
Horse Judging	4th	Gold	Pioneer HS
Job Interview	National Champion	Gold	Hughson HS
Livestock Evaluation	10th	Gold	Nipomo HS
Market Plan	---	Silver	Galt HS
Meat Judging	8th	Gold	Clovis East HS
Milk Quality & Products	National Champion	Gold	Santa Maria HS
Nursery/Landscape	5th	Gold	Madera South HS
Parliamentary Procedure (N)	2nd	Gold	Sierra HS
Parliamentary Procedure	National Champion	Gold	San Luis Obispo HS
Poultry	4th	Gold	Bret Harte HS
Public Speaking	National Champion	Gold	Bear River HS
Veterinary Science	3rd	Gold	Lassen HS

National Proficiency Awards:

16 National Proficiency Finalists from California
2 National Proficiency Winners from California:

- * Specialty Animal Production
- * Wildlife Production & Management

Lemoore HS
Oakdale HS

Agriscience Fair:

18 National Agriscience Fair Finalists from California

1 National Agriscience Fair Winner from California – Animal Systems, Sanger HS

American FFA Degree Recipients:

272 total recipients from California. Nationwide there were 3,434 American FFA Degree recipients awarded. California had the third largest state total of degree recipients with Missouri being first with 463 and Ohio being second with 337.

National Chapter Awards:

California had 27 FFA Chapters recognized as National Award winners:

- Exeter 3 Star
- Littlerock 3 Star
- Norco 3 Star
- Lodi 3 Star
- San Luis Obispo 3 Star

- Butte Valley 2 Star
- Holtville 2 Star
- Pleasant Grove 2 Star
- St. Helena 2 Star
- Santa Maria 2 Star
- Strathmore 2 Star

- Atwater 1 Star
- Elk Creek 1 Star
- Escondido 1 Star
- Foothill Bakersfield 1 Star
- King City 1 Star
- Merrill West 1 Star
- Woodland 1 Star
- Bret Harte 1 Star
- Davis 1 Star
- Elsie Allen 1 Star
- Etna 1 Star
- Florin Sacramento 1 Star
- Liberty Ranch Galt 1 Star
- Nipomo 1 Star
- Orland 1 Star

- Tracy 1 Star

VIP Citation Award:

Jean Landeen, CDE Consultant Retired
Dr. William Kellogg, AgEd Teacher Educator, Cal Poly State University, SLO, Retired

Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients:

Matt Patton, Ag Teacher, Elk Grove HS	Central Region
Mark Nower, Ag Teacher, Modesto-Gregori HS	Central Region
Darol Fishman, Ag Coordinator, Merced JC	Central Region
Kimberly Arntz, Ag Teacher, Petaluma HS	North Coast Region
Michael Mederos, Ag Teacher, Tulare HS	San Joaquin Region
Scott Duffin, Ag Teacher, Fallbrook HS	Southern Region
Clemente Ayon, Ag Teacher Santa Maria HS	South Coast Region
George Wold, Ag Teacher, Anderson HS	Superior Region

2015-16 National FFA Officers:

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