



## **CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

### **About the California FFA Association**

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#### **Association Facts**

- Membership is more than 87,000 students in 337 schools (public and private high schools and middle schools and charter schools)
- FFA is the largest Career Technical Student Organization in California
- California boasts the 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest FFA State Association in US
- California Association was established in 1928 and is a student-led organization

#### **What is FFA?**

FFA is the leadership component of the agricultural education program based on three inseparable, equal, and interdependent components that include: rigorous Classroom Instruction, FFA leadership and relationship development activities, and Supervised Agricultural Experience projects that provide relevant skills in agriculture.

California Agricultural Education provides University of California required courses in laboratory science, mathematics, English, visual performing arts, and history/social sciences.

Students spend an estimated 3.4 million hours in experiential learning activities outside of the traditional classroom. With Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAE), students are involved in hands on experiences in:

- Animal Science
- Agribusiness
- Leadership Education & Communication
- Environmental Science
- Food Products & Processing
- Power, Structure, & Technology
- Natural Resources
- Plant Science
- Biotechnology

State wide economic impact of student projects is nearly \$32 Million, with a typical program having combined student earnings of \$98,000 from their SAE projects.

FFA Activities: Statewide students are involved in 124,467 FFA related activities

FFA Community Service: Statewide students spent 214,245 hours in community service last year

#### **90<sup>th</sup> Annual State FFA Convention Facts**

- Attendance estimated at 7,000+
- Largest Career Technical Student Organization Leadership conference in California
- Convention includes professional motivational key note speakers, leadership workshops conducted by 5 major universities (Cal Poly-SLO, Cal Poly-Pomona, Fresno State, Chico State, and UC Davis), agricultural tours and student-led by-law updates and election process
- The California FFA Convention has been held in only 3 locations the past 90 years (San Luis Obispo, Fresno, and Anaheim)