

# Atwater High School FFA

Atwater High School Agriculture Department



2021 – 2022

## Program of Activities

“Welcome to the Show”



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# Atwater FFA Greetings

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Dear FFA Members,

After the unpredictable two years the world has had, we are looking forward to a productive, safe, and enjoyable year with the Atwater High School FFA. The Atwater High School Agriculture Program has a lengthy history of promoting students' success and character development through agricultural education, events, and activities online and in person. As the world begins to return to a semblance of normalcy and we continue to exceed expectations, members can look forward to a school year full of teamwork, passion, success and involvement. We have had the pleasure of adding many new agriculture courses, members, teams, teachers and ideas to our program this past year and will continue to enhance our program to best serve the students of Atwater High School.



This year's officer team has made it our main goal to get members to take advantage of as many opportunities the FFA has to offer as possible. Whether it be in the classroom, SAE's, or competitions, we believe there is a place for everyone in our program. I speak for the officer team when I say we look forward to guiding each member on their agricultural journey, so they can have the greatest experience in FFA and in our Chapter. Our organization has 1000+ involved members, and every single one of them has the power to make a difference in our school and community while upholding the rich traditions within the FFA organization.

The Atwater High School Agriculture program is a growing, productive and nationally recognized agriculture program. This recognition is in direct correlation to student involvement, staff commitment, and our community's support.

I look forward to working each and every day with my officer team and fellow FFA members to preserve and enhance our contributions to our school and our community.

Sincerely,

*Allison Garner*

Allison Garner

2021-2022 Chapter President



Caden Hultgren (Treasurer), Sahyleigh Miller (Reporter), Hannah Slate (Vice President), Allison Garner (President), Katrina Andujar (Sentinel), Ella Boyenga (Historian), Kendall Borba (Secretary), & Julia Callahan (Parliamentarian)

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Dear Members,

Our 2021-2022 Atwater FFA theme is, "Welcome to the Show". The FFA is welcoming back our members after a year of being away. We would like to take this opportunity to come back stronger than ever. We are not just welcoming our members back to the show in terms of fairs and livestock, but we are welcoming them back to all the meetings, events, conferences, that the FFA has to offer.

The 2021-2022 Atwater FFA chapter officer team strives to serve all students within the Atwater High School agriculture program. We want each of you to start now, by taking every opportunity offered. You are all encouraged to learn, grow, and develop in agriculture education and the FFA through chapter meetings, judging teams, community service activities, fundraisers, team competitions, recreational activities, and much more! Every event we hold is bound to be enjoyable, enlightening and dynamic to all involved!

Our established goal is to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the agriculture industry and its importance in our everyday life. There is so much to explore in the agriculture industry including agriculture mechanics, animal anatomy, horticulture, agriculture business, biotechnology, agronomy, floriculture, vet science, and computer technology. As a chapter, we want to strive to meet our goals of getting more students involved in our activities and FFA knowledge, becoming active members of our community, and creating a fun open environment. We encourage students to be a part of the many opportunities the agriculture industry and the FFA have to offer.

Sincerely,

*Allison Garner, Hannah Slate, Kendall Borba, Caden Hultgren, Shayleigh Miller,  
Katrina Victoria Andujar, Ella Boyenga, Julia Callahan*

2021-2022 Chapter Officers



Jose Vargas, Dan Flatt, Kim Mesa, Sam Meredith, Taylor Helton, Natalie Borba, Shelby Fishman, and Dave Gossman

Dear Chapter Members,

The Advisors of the Atwater FFA would like to welcome each and every new and old member alike to the Atwater FFA and Agriculture program for the 2021-2022 school year.

The mission of the Atwater FFA and Atwater High School Agriculture Department is to lead, assist, and motivate the members of the FFA in providing high quality agricultural education that is equitable and efficient, that prepares students for higher education, employment, and citizenship, and promotes students' intellectual, ethical and cultural growth.

We are committed to make a positive difference in the lives of young people through the variety of resources and opportunities agriculture education and the FFA have to offer. We believe we have something of academic, personal, or career value for all of our students and we encourage all of you to take advantage of the opportunities that have made the Atwater High School agriculture program the largest and one of the most productive programs in the state and nation!

We look forward to working with all of you and experience all the successes and adventures that the 2021-2022 school year has ahead!

Sincerely,

*Dave Gossman, Shelby Fishman, Jose Vargas, Kim Mesa, Sam Meredith, Taylor Helton,  
Natalie Borba, and Dan Flatt*

The Atwater High School Agriculture Department Staff and Atwater FFA Advisor Team



# Atwater FFA Chapter, Department, and School Calendar

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Calendar of Activities

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**August 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chapter Officer Leadership Retreat	2 Chapter Officer Leadership Retreat	3 Chapter Officer Leadership Retreat	4C Chapter Officer Leadership Retreat	5 Frosh Round Up --FFA Recruitment	6 10th -12th Round Up	7
8	9 MUHSD/AHS Teacher In-Service	10 MUHSD/AHS Teacher In-Service	11 1st Day of School	12	13 AHS Back to school Rally	14
15	16	17	18	19 FFA Jacket Orders Begin Placemat Ad Sales Begin	20 FFA BBQ #1 Ticket Sales Begin Change Makers Summit Conference	21 Change Makers Summit Conference
22	23	24	25 FFA Ice Cream Social Back to School Night	26	27 FFA Football BBQ	28
29	30	31				

**September 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 AHS Club Rush	3 Take-Out BBQ #1 Ticket Sales End FFA Football BBQ	4
5	6 School Holiday—No School	7	8	9 FFA Rotary Presentation	10	11
12	13 Placemat Ad Sales End Progress Report Grades Due	14 MMS SOLC MMS CATA 4PM @ MC	15 Staff ID Pictures	16 Cash/Check Order Pmt FFA Jacket Sales End	17 FFA Football BBQ	18
19	20 FFA Exec/Adv/Adult Board Mtg	21 National FFA Delegate Training (Virtual)	22 FFA Fundraising Forms Due	23 Take-Out BBQ #1	24 Tailgate with El Cap FFA @ Football Game	25
26	27 Online Sale Orders for FFA Jacket Sales End	28 Greenhand Leadership Conference	29 FFA Pool Party Mtg	30 Mandatory MUHSD Online Training Due		

**October 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 FFA Fall Fest X
3	4 AHS Homecoming Week	5	6	7	8 FFA Plant Sale Student Merced County Fair Forms DUE FFA Football BBQ	9 FFA Plant Sale
10	11	12	13 M/M FFA O/C Ceremonies Contest @ 4pm (Gustine)	14 Atwater FFA Beautification	15 End of 1st Quarter FFA Football BBQ	16 MJC Cotton Contest
17	18 2nd Quarter Begins	19	20 FFA Corn Maze Mtg	21	22 AHS Sadies Dance	23
24	25	26	27 National FFA Convention	28 National FFA Convention	29 National FFA Convention	30 National FFA Convention
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**November 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 FFA Greenhand Officer Apps Out	2	3	4 New Professionals Institute	5 New Professionals Institute Greenhand Officer Apps DUE	6 FFA State Cotton Judging Finals
7	8	9 MMS Leadership and Game Night	10 MMS CATA Admin Night—4:30PM @ Pacheco and Wool-growers	11 School Holiday—No School	12 School Holiday—No School	13
14	15 FFA Greenhand Officer Interviews	16 FFA Greenhand / Chapter Degree Ceremony Mtg	17 FFA Parent / Student Fair Exhibitor Mtg	18 FFA BBQ #2 Ticket Sales Begin	19 Central Region CATA Road Show—Delta College	20 Central Region CATA Road Show—Delta College
21	22 Thanksgiving Recess—No School	23 Thanksgiving Recess—No School	24 Thanksgiving Recess—No School	25 Thanksgiving Recess—No School Thanksgiving Day	26 Thanksgiving Recess—No School	27
28	29	30				

**December 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dairy Heifer Student Exhibitor Mtg	2	3 Take-Out BBQ #2 Ticket Sales End  Sectional Project Comp	4 Mariposa Speaking Contest Field Day
5	6  Merced Fair Forms Application Week	7 Ag Advisory Mtg  Merced Fair Forms Application Week	8 Dairy Forms DUE  Merced Fair Forms Application Week	9 Judging Team Showcase  Merced Fair Forms Application Week	10  Merced Fair Forms Application Week	11
12	13 CTE / Elective Course Fair  FFA Morning Wave	14	15 Take-Out BBQ #2	16  Last Day of the 1st Semester	17 State Degree Mtg  FFA Hockey Game  Winter Recess—Non Instructional Day	18
19	20 Winter Recess—No School	21 Winter Recess—No School	22 Winter Recess—No School	23 Winter Recess—No School	24 Winter Recess—No School	25
26	27 Winter Recess—No School	28 Winter Recess—No School	29 Winter Recess—No School	30 Winter Recess—No School	31 Winter Recess—No School	

**January 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dairy Heifer Student Exhibitor Mtg	2	3 Take-Out BBQ #2 Ticket Sales End  Sectional Project Comp	4 Mariposa Speaking Contest Field Day
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**February 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Supervising Teachers Conference	2 M/M FFA Project Competition Banquet	3	4 FFA Regional Speaking Contest—MJC	5 Arbuckle FFA Field Day
6	7 Regional FFA Proficiency and Star Apps - Ripon	8 FFA State Officer Pre- Screen	9	10 FFA Regional Officer Screening  World Ag Expo— Tulare	11 FFA Regional Officer Screening  FFA Modesto	12 Chico State Field Day
13	14 National FFA Week (TBD) Activities  FFA Exec/Adv/Adult Board Mtg	15 National FFA Week (TBD) Activities Nom-Com Screening State Proficiency Judging	16 National FFA Week (TBD) Activities  State Proficiency Judging	17 National FFA Week (TBD) Activities  State Proficiency Judging	18 National FFA Week (TBD) Activities Regional Parli Pro Finals—MJC	19 Le Grand FFA Field Day
20	21 President's Recess — No School	22 President's Recess — No School	23 President's Recess — No School	24 President's Recess — No School	25 President's Recess — No School	26 Central Region CATA/ FFA Meeting—CRC
27	28					

**March 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 FFA Take-Out BBQ #3 Ticket Sales END	4 UC Davis FFA Parli Pro	5 UC Davis FFA Field Day
6	7 State Finals FFA Speaking Manuscripts DUE	8	9 FFA Goat Yoga Mtg	10	11	12 Merced College FFA Field Day
13	14	15	16	17 FFA Take-Out BBQ #3	18 End of 3rd Quarter	19 MJC FFA Field Day
20	21	22	23	24 FFA State Speaking Finals	25 FFA State Parli Pro Finals	26 FFA State Leadership Conference  Cosumnes River College FFA Field Day
27 FFA State Leadership Conference	28 FFA State Leadership Conference	29 FFA State Leadership Conference	30	31		

**April 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Reedley College FFA Field Day
3	4	5	6	7 FFA Burrito Bingo Mtg	8	9 Fresno State FFA Field Day
10	11	12 M/M FFA Regional Awards Ceremony—Turlock	13 M/M CATA and FFA Mtg - Livingston	14	15 Spring Recess—No School	16
17	18 Spring Recess—No School	19 Spring Recess—No School	20 Spring Recess—No School	21 Spring Recess—No School	22 Spring Recess—No School	23
24	25 FFA Take-Out BBQ #4 Ticket Sales Begin  Los Banos Fair	26  Los Banos Fair	27  Los Banos Fair	28  Los Banos Fair	29 FFA Spring Plant Sale  Los Banos Fair	30 FFA Spring Plant Sale AHS Prom  Los Banos Fair

**May 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 FFA Take-Out BBQ #4 Ticket Sales END	5 State FFA Finals Trip—Cal Poly	6 State FFA Finals Trip—Cal Poly	7 Cal Poly State Finals
8	9	10 Scholarship Night	11	12	13 FFA America Degree Apps DUE	14
15	16	17 FFA Award Banquet	18	19 Judging Team Banquet	20	21
22	23 Chapter Officer Interviews	24 Chapter Awards Banquet	25	26 FFA Take-Out BBQ #4	27	28
29	30 School Holiday—No School	31				

**June 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 National FFA Delegate Apps Due	2 End of 2nd Semester / Graduation	3 MUHSD Non- Instructional Day	4 Merced County Fair
5 Merced County Fair	6 Merced County Fair	7 Merced County Fair	8 Merced County Fair	9 Merced County Fair	10 Merced County Fair	11 Merced County Fair
12 Merced County Fair	13	14 FFA Point Award Trip (TBD)	15 Student Fair Check Pick -Up / AET Day	16	17	18
19 CATA Conference— SLO	20 CATA Conference— SLO	21 CATA Conference— SLO	22 CATA Conference— SLO	23 CATA Conference— SLO	24 CATA Conference— SLO	25
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# The FFA Organization

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People are always observing you. Your actions when you wear the FFA jacket or represent the organization become part of the organization's image. To keep the image of the FFA and members sharp, delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention adopted a Code of Ethics for FFA members to follow. The FFA Code of Ethics still protects the FFA image. It also guides members to make positive, healthy choices – and not only during FFA activities. The code of ethics guidelines are good to follow during all occasions and functions.

### **The FFA Code of Ethics**

FFA Members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. I pledge to:

- Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success
- Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
- Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- Respect the rights of others and their property.
- Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
- Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest and winning and generous in defeat.
- Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
- Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
- Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
- Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

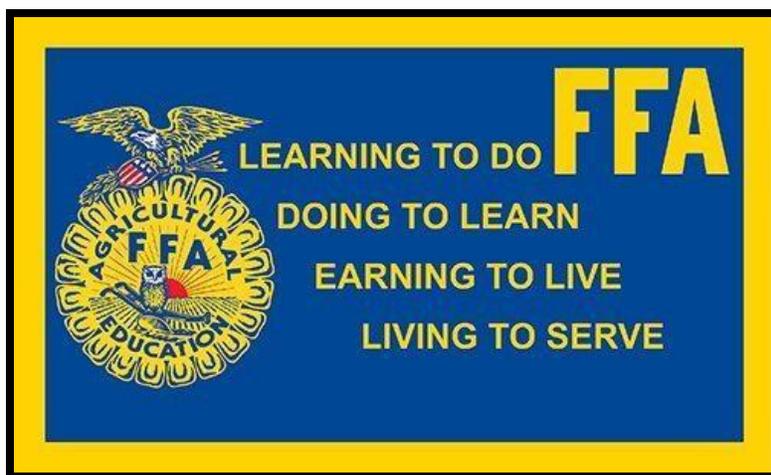
## Colors

The National FFA Organization chose national blue and corn gold as its official colors in 1929. As the blue field of our nation's flag and the golden fields of ripened corn unify our country, the FFA colors give unity to the organization.



## Motto

Many important things come in small containers. Although a diamond ring takes up a little space, it is extremely valuable. So, it is with the FFA motto. The motto has just 12 words, but those words are powerful.



## Greenhand Leadership Conference (GLC)

### Intro to Agricultural Education, Career Success

For Freshmen; One Day Event,  
33 Conferences held in August, September and October

Introduces students to the benefits and opportunities in Agricultural Education, including SAE and FFA. This conference is the "hook-line-and-sinker" to get students to buy into Agricultural Education throughout their four years in high school.



## Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA)

### WE: Chapter Development, Personal Growth

For Juniors; Two Day Event, 8 Conferences held in January and February

Once a leader is comfortable with their own self and self-purpose, they can discover how to work with others and establish a goal. The process for analyzing program needs and improving a project or event is the focus of this conference as students discover how to be teams of innovative leaders in their chapter. This conference about "WE: the individual leader, their relationships with others and how to establish common vision."



## Made for Excellence (MFE)

### ME: Student Development, Personal Growth

For Sophomores; Two Day Event, 8 Conferences held in January and February

Personal development starts with the individual. Self-discovery of talents, strengths, interests and personal character are emphasized as the individual is channeled to discover their passion in life. This conference focuses on "Student Development and ME: one's personal skills and development of the ability to be successful."



## Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE)

### DO: Community Development, Personal Growth

For Seniors; Four Day Event, 1 Conference held in February

Students step into the role of one of California's State legislators, are assigned a specific California district and spend four days in Sacramento. SLE is all about the role of government, agricultural policy and advocacy. This conference focuses on Community Development and DO: the ability of the individual leader and team to put their vision into action."



## Washington Leadership Conference (WLC)

### SERVE: Community Development, Personal Growth

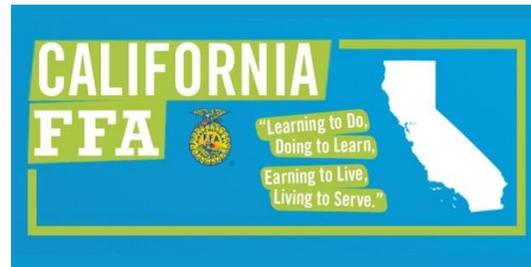
For All Members; Five Day Event, 7 Conferences held in June and July in Washington D.C.

FFA members leave WLC with the knowledge and the confidence to act in ways that help their schools, community, and their country. This conference focuses on Community Development and SERVE: the ability to grow and develop others and serve your community."



## **California FFA State Convention**

For All Members; Four Day Event, 1 Convention held in April



Over 7,000 high school students, advisors and guests attend the largest annual state CTSO conference-- the California FFA State Leadership Conference will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center in 2018. The four-day conference attracts young agricultural leaders from over 300 chapters of California FFA.

The Convention encourages students to develop personal and team leadership skills, discover agricultural careers, establish lasting friendships and strive for success.

The Convention also will highlight student accomplishments in public speaking and production practices with proficiency awards, scholarships and special recognitions.

## **National FFA Convention & Expo**

For All Members; Four Day Event, 1 Convention held in October

More than 60,000 attend the annual National FFA Convention & Expo, including students, teachers, school administrators, former FFA members and guests from throughout the country.

The event is the nation's largest annual gathering of students. Students have the opportunity to explore career and educational opportunities from more than 450 industry-leading exhibitors at the Expo and participate in hundreds of education workshops and tours.

While in Louisville, FFA members and other supporters from around the country will learn about careers in agriculture, compete for scholarships and awards, meet with industry leaders, volunteer in the Louisville community and learn skills they can take back to their home FFA chapter.



## THE FFA CREED

***I BELIEVE*** in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

***I BELIEVE*** that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

***I BELIEVE*** in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

***I BELIEVE*** in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

***I BELIEVE*** that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.

### **Greenhand FFA Degree**

To be eligible to receive the Greenhand FFA Degree from the chapter, a member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, motto, salute and FFA mission statement.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally, own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the Official FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

### **Chapter FFA Degree**

To be eligible to receive the Chapter FFA Degree from the chapter, a member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth-grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agriculture course.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter's Program of Activities.
4. A student after entering agricultural education must have: a. Earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts; or worked at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time; or a combination thereof; and b. Developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid supervised agricultural experience hours.
10. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

## **State FFA Degree**

The State FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to the California State FFA Association and made significant accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs). Approximately 1,800 State FFA Degrees are handed out each year. That number represents approximately 3% of the California FFA association membership, making it the State's highest honor. In addition to their degree, each recipient receives a gold State FFA Degree charm.

### **Requirements:**

- Must have held the Chapter FFA Degree for at least one year immediately preceding application for the State FFA Degree.
- Have been an active member of the FFA for at least two years preceding application for the State FFA Degree.
- Have worked for a minimum of 500 hours, in excess of scheduled class time, on his/her Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, and must have earned by his/her own efforts from an agricultural enterprise or other agriculturally-related work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$1,000.00; or show an investment cost of at least \$2,000.00 in depreciable property inventory; or have earned by his/her own efforts from agricultural enterprise or other agriculturally-related work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested a combination of dollars and unpaid labor hours which, when summed, equal at least \$1,000.00.
- Performing ten procedures of parliamentary law OR demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary law as evidenced by passing a written examination prepared and administered by the local agriculture instructor.
- Give a six-minute speech or lead a group discussion for forty-minutes on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
- Serving as an officer, committee chairperson, or participating member of a committee.
- Participate in at least five distinctly different FFA activities at the chapter level.
- Participate in at least two distinctly different non-FFA school activities which are conducted outside of normal class time.
- Participate in activities for community improvement as evidenced by participating in at least two distinctly different activities, to the extent of spending at least 25 hours.

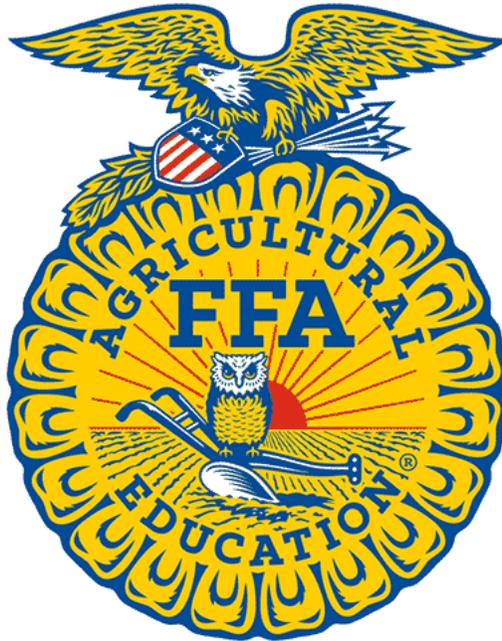
## **American FFA Degree**

The American FFA Degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs).

### **Requirements:**

- Have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state level.
- Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program or have completed at least the equivalent of 360 hours of systematic secondary school instruction in agricultural education and one full year of enrollment in a postsecondary agricultural program or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the secondary school last attended.
- Have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
- Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program, through which the member has exhibited comprehensive planning and managerial and financial expertise. A student after entering agricultural education must have: (a) earned at least \$10,000 and productively invested \$7,500 or (b) Earned and productively invest \$2,000 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours, times a factor of 3.56, plus actual dollars earned and productively invested must be equal to or greater than the number 10,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.
- Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of “C” or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.
- Have participated in at least 50 hours of community service within at least three different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid supervised agricultural experience hours.
- Applicants must submit an application electronically through [ffa.org](http://ffa.org). Applicants must submit the signature page with the signatures of the chapter president, chapter advisor, superintendent or principal, and state advisor or state executive secretary, certifying accuracy of all statements in the application and that the applicant conducted him/herself in a manner to be a credit to the organization, chapter and community.

Many organizations have logos they use as part of their identity. As with most logos, the FFA emblem is symbolic. It contains five separate elements. Each element represents items or ideals that are important to the organization and its members.



**The cross-section of an ear of corn** serves as the emblem's foundation, just as corn has historically served as a foundation crop in American agriculture. Corn is also a symbol of unity because it is native to America and it is grown in every state.

**The rising sun** appears in the center of the emblem and symbolizes progress in agriculture and the confidence FFA members have in the future.

**The plow** is a symbol of labor and tillage of the soil.

**The owl** represents knowledge and wisdom.

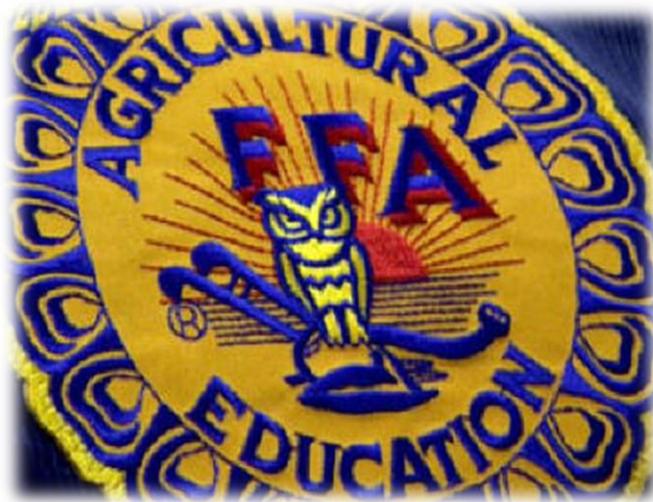
**The eagle** is perched on top of the emblem and served as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture.

Finally, the words, "**Agriculture Education**" surrounding the letters "FFA" indicate that the FFA is an important part of the agricultural education program.

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education.**

To accomplish this mission, FFA:

- Develops competent and assertive agriculture leadership
- Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career
- Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community
- Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
- Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Encourages excellence in scholarship.



One of the most unifying elements for any group is its uniform. In FFA, the uniform members wear to local, state and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and gives the organization a distinctive and recognizable image.

### **Proper Use of the FFA Jacket**

- The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- The jacket should be kept clean and neat at all times.
- The back of the jacket includes only: a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state association and the name of the local chapter, district or area. The front of the jacket includes only: a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor.
- The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
- The jacket should be worn by members and officers on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
- The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
- School letters and insignia should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
- When the jacket becomes too faded and worn to wear in public, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering should be removed.
- The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
- A member should act professionally when wearing the official FFA jacket.
- Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol when underage and at all times when representing the FFA. In addition, members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances including tobacco and alcohol and serve to discourage others from inappropriate behavior.
- All chapter degree, officer pins, and other award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single State FFA charm and American FFA key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard key chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket; these should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held, and the highest award earned by the member.

### **Official FFA Dress**

- Official dress for female members is a black skirt, white blouse with blouse with official FFA scarf, black shoes, and official jacket zipped to the top. Black slacks may be worn for traveling and outdoor activities.
- The official dress for male members is black slacks, white shirt, official FFA tie, black shoes, black socks and the official jacket zipped to the top

**Atwater High School Agriculture Department**  
**Atwater FFA**  
 2201 Fruitland Ave  
 Atwater, CA 95301  
 (209) 357-6025  
 www.AtwaterFFA.org



To: FFA Students and Family  
 From: Atwater High School Ag Dept.  
 Re: **FFA Jacket & Tie / Scarf Orders**  
 Date: April 12, 2020

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check Payment Attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash Payment Attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	FREE Jacket – Sold 8+ BBQ Tickets
Ag Teacher Signature: _____	

The Atwater High School Agriculture Department is accepting FFA jacket orders NOW through March 18<sup>th</sup>. Students planning to participate in future FFA activities such as leadership conferences, public speaking competitions, judging teams, county fairs, etc... MUST have an official FFA jacket and tie/scarf along with the following:

**Male**

- Black pants (dress/cotton)
- White pants (show pants for county fair)
- Black shoes and socks
- Black belt
- White button dress shirt
- Official FFA Jacket and Tie

**Female**

- Black skirt (knee length) or black pants
- White pants (show pants for county fair)
- Black shoes (socks or nylons)
- Black belt (if needed for pants)
- White dress shirt / blouse
- Official FFA Jacket and Scarf

The above uniform is required for student participation in chapter, sectional, regional, state, and national FFA activities. **The total cost for an official FFA jacket and tie/scarf is \$65.00.** If you would like to order a jacket, please make a check payable to the Atwater FFA in the amount of \$65.00. Please print the name of the student CLEARLY with the appropriate size and return this form to the Ag Dept. no later than FRIDAY, April 16<sup>th</sup>. No late forms/payment will be accepted.

The AHS Ag Dept. will provide students with sample jacket sizes and/or tape measures to ensure proper size jacket is ordered.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Mesa, Mr. Meredith, Mrs. Borba, Mrs. Mesa, Mr. Flatt, Ms. Helton, Mr. Vargas, or Mr. Gossman at any time (209) 357-6025.

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

*The following size will be determined by the AHS Ag Department staff.  
**Students NEED TO BE measured for correct size in Ag Office by Ag instructor.***

**Jacket Size** (To be completed by AHS Ag Dept.): \_\_\_\_\_ Male Jacket \_\_\_\_\_ Female Jacket

What if you could get classroom credit and FFA awards for doing what you like: experimenting with careers, earning money, building a resume and having fun? You can – with a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. An SAE is a program you design to gain hands-on experience and develop skills in agricultural career areas that interest you.

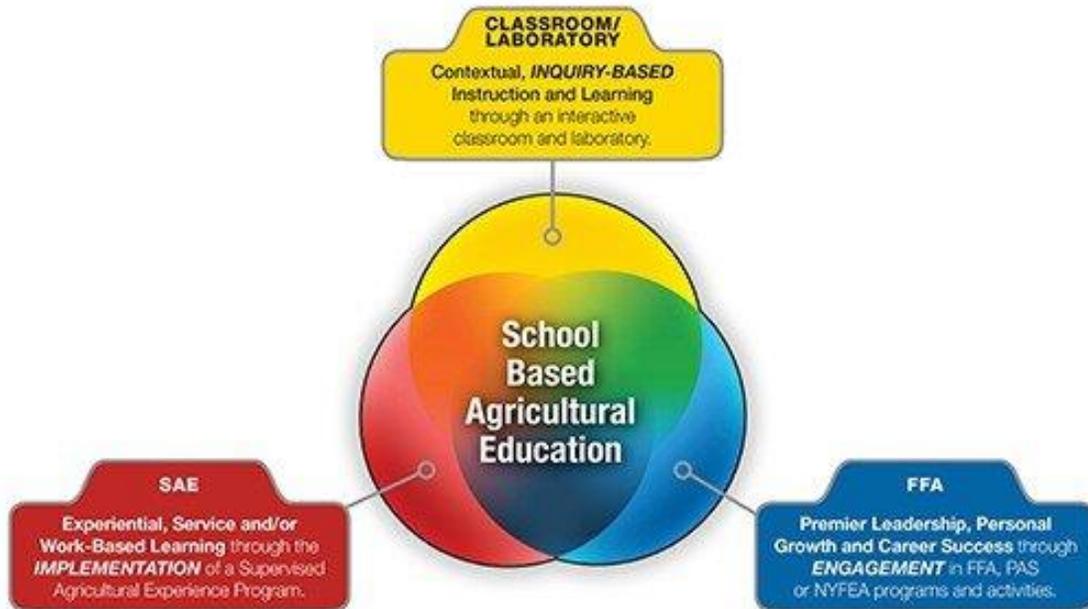
You choose an SAE program that lets you discover, explore, experience and excel in careers. In the meantime, you gain skills and experience that pay off in areas of life. Your SAE program can lead you toward personal growth, premier leadership, and career success.

An SAE program is not just another class assignment or graduation requirement. You are truly in charge of your SAE! Although your agriculture teacher will help you learn related information and keep good records, the success or failure of your SAE is up to you. It's an exciting opportunity to prove your abilities to future employers – and to yourself.

### **Atwater FFA SAE Program**

- ❖ The Chapter will encourage all members to maintain a Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) program.
- ❖ The Chapter will encourage members to compete at shows with their SAE.
  - All Chapter members are expected to work as a team at all fairs and shows
  - The Chapter will conduct an Exhibitors / Parent evening to inform parents and members of a member's responsibilities.
    - The Chapter will require parents of all first-time exhibitors to attend a meeting conducted by the Chapter Advisors. This meeting will serve as an informal session to allow parents / exhibitors to become aware of the expectations and responsibilities placed on the Chapter exhibitor.
  - All projects exhibited at fairs and shows by members of the Chapter must be entered in the FFA division and only with Advisor approval and supervision.
  - Members exhibiting at fairs must maintain academic requirements set forth by Atwater High School and the Atwater Agriculture Program and FFA. In order to participate in any activity beyond the chapter level, an individual must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA, cannot have more than one F, and cannot have received less than a C grade in any Agriculture class the last eligibility period to the event.

- Additional eligibility rule – Students will be given one chance for scholastic ineligibility for showing at fairs. If a student becomes ineligible to show at a fair that they had planned to show, the student will receive a warning. If the same student should become ineligible again to show at a fair that they had planned to show at, the student will no longer be eligible to show with Atwater FFA.
  - Members are encouraged to apply for local, regional and state proficiency awards.
  - Members are encouraged to apply for advanced degrees (i.e., State FFA Degree)
  - Members are encouraged to compete in the Local and Sectional Project Competition.
  - Members are required to follow project Advisor’s recommendations concerning their SAE.
  - Members are encouraged to strive to improve and develop their SAE each year.
    - ◆ Encourage members to develop skills within their SAE through participation and appropriate judging teams.
    - ◆ Members are encouraged to attend demonstrations, breeding shows, and equipment shows which will enable them to increase their efficiency and knowledge of their SAE.
- ❖ Members are encouraged to provide support and help their fellow Chapter members.





# FFA History

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The Atwater FFA became an official chapter (#281) with the California FFA Association during the 1957-1958 school year. The following pages showcase state and national chapter and individual recognition.

**California State FFA Degree Recipients**

The California State FFA Degree is the highest degree a student can earn at the state level. A State FFA Degree recipient has taken FFA involvement beyond the chapter level and had a successful SAE program. The following names are individuals who have earned their California State FFA Degree through the Atwater FFA:

**1979-1980**  
Kerwin Grissom

**1980-1981**  
Rich DeSousa  
Kandace Heller  
Tom Schmidt  
Kevin Sorensen  
Andrew Todd

**1981-1982**  
Chris Beutel  
Scott Clamp  
Matt Machado  
Paul Machado  
Kathy Pareira  
Jon Schmidt  
Robbie Stanford  
Andy Taylor  
Sonya Veldhuis  
John White  
Ryan Williams

**1982-1983**  
Stacy McDowell  
Greg Rieke  
Eric Sorensen  
Fred Souza  
Ramie Stone  
Laura Terra  
Roslynn Williams

**1983-1984**  
Monica Bairos  
Monique Bolcao  
Loren Freitas  
Sharee Lemas  
Derick Locke

James Pacheco  
Catherine Schmidt  
Trent Sherman  
Stan Souza  
Joseph Vierra

**1984-1985**  
Jessica Brooks  
Greg Cardey  
Scott Cortinas  
Danny Dutra  
Jeff Hammar  
Amber Houska  
Troy Lindenberg  
Rick Little  
Tina Nichols  
Jimmy Pitcock  
Todd Rinkenberger  
John Sexauer  
Fatima Silva  
Toni Teixeira  
Manual Whitaker

**1985-1986**  
Scott Chatham  
David Ferroni  
Victoria Freitas  
Tony Homen  
Todd Lemas  
Justin Pareira  
Troy Rinkenberger  
Scot Sherman  
John Silva  
Kelly Vierra  
Tony Wilson

**1986-1987**  
Mike Barry

Chester Bradley  
Melissa Brown  
David Bryson  
James Butrym  
Allen Cline  
Justin Covert  
Liz Escobar  
Tammy Farmer  
Angela Grandov  
Richard M. Gresio Jr.  
Shirley Harrison  
Beatrice Hildreth  
Scott Koehn  
Michelle Lemmon  
Marco Leao  
Elder Lopes  
Robert Lunsford  
Mal Machado  
David McDowell  
Katherine Meadows  
Eileen Miller  
Sayf Munir  
Dayna Nachtigal  
Joseph Pacheco  
David Pearce  
Michelle Toconis  
Melissa Viera  
Christie Wood

**1987-1988**  
John Blevins  
Duarte Borges  
Danielle Buzbee  
Chris Cardey  
Marc Haywood  
Scott Hosburgh  
Chris Kowalski  
Stefanie Prine

Tracey Row  
Annette Stanford  
Melanie Toews  
Katrina Watson

**1988-1989**

Mike Burdick  
Lisa Cabral  
Nathan Cabral  
Ronda Codd  
Margaret Crawford  
Richard Freitas Jr.  
Jacklin Gamble  
Chris Hernandez  
James Lencioni  
Tony Lunsford  
Stayci Maddox  
Alicia McGrath  
Venita Sherrell  
Denise Strauss

**1989-1990**

Jeanna Alves  
Don Benordon  
Frank Cardenas  
Debra Cardoza  
David Corvelo  
Jared Covert  
Zak DeBoer  
Tammy Fraguglia  
Lynette McGill  
Jaime Macias  
Sean D. Mounts  
Chris O'Gara  
Jason Plagenza  
Bruce M. Santos  
Steve Santos  
Frank Shaw  
Wade A. Shaw  
Cherie Steck  
Joey Wren  
Jose A. Zarate

**1990-1991**

Ed Agueda  
Michelle Armas  
Nelly Barcelos  
Jennifer Clark

Paul Garcia  
Kevin Hammon  
Jose Hernandez  
Adam Johnston  
Brian Laranjo  
Jaime Leon  
Lesla Prine  
Desiree Romero  
Jennifer Romero  
Shane Roppoli  
Stefanie St. John  
Tina White

**1991-1992**

Tony D. Agueda  
Richard Alvernaz  
Tony Avila  
Edward Casaday  
Kaci Childers  
Norbet S. Duarte  
John Jimenez  
Jason Latronica  
Joseph F. Martin  
Ed Mello  
John Mendes  
Mary Nichols  
Shane D. Patterson  
Diahann J. Selkow  
David J. Souza  
Allison Tassey  
Mark Walker

**1992-1993**

David Avelar  
Matt Baptista  
Kory Billings  
Michelle Duarte  
Noel Nunes  
Mandy Rommel  
Jenny Silva

**1993-1994**

Danny Agueda  
Dario Avila  
Benjamin Bese  
Gerald Borba  
Joseph Burroughs  
Travis Cox

Elia DelToro  
Gus DelToro  
Melissa Diaz  
Kathleen Does  
Levi Dukes  
Joey Dutra  
Luis Garaveto  
Paula Gonzales  
Joshua Hanson  
Jeremy Johnson  
Brian Keiser  
Cody Kingston  
Summer Lentz  
Anthony Lucich  
Manuel Machado  
Desi McComb  
Michelle Mello  
Richard Mello  
Horacio Oliveira  
Tim Petersen  
Jason Rider  
Tara Rocha  
Mark Sherman  
Jeff Tucker  
Sarah Walker  
Libby Weathers  
Randy White

**1994-1995**

John Anderson  
Benina Burroughs  
James Burroughs  
Robin Gamble  
Michelle Giordano  
Samantha Guenther  
Lee Lancaster  
Richard Lancaster  
Gina Lucich  
Sean Martin  
Jacob Martinez  
Andy McMurry  
Stacey Mello  
Mark Pimentel  
Abbi Plagenza  
Gabriel Santos  
David Sullivan

**1995-1996**

Leslie Avila  
Spence Beckstead  
Heather Carter  
Adam Casso  
Eric Harcksen  
Goretti Machado  
Isabel Madruga  
Sage Miekle  
Dave Nunes  
Zach Plagenza  
Sandy Richardson  
Bryan Tassej  
Janine Xavier

**1996-1997**

Gina Armas  
Christina Avila  
Holly Baker  
Brian Baptista  
Amy Bauer  
Nicole Bettencourt  
Mary F. Burroughs  
Anthony Cabral  
Janeffer Caetano  
Kelly Etheridge  
Tricia Fowler  
Robert Fragulia  
Erin Fucillo  
Robert Gamble  
Heather R. Gibson  
Maria Hendrickson  
Kari Loewen  
Miguel Lopez  
Matthew Migliazzo  
Sara Miller  
Patricia Johnson  
Christina Parreira  
Jarrod Pimentel  
Stephanie Powers  
Khyla Smith  
Tait Tezo  
Addie Trip

**1997-1998**

Elizabeth Avila  
Craig Arnold  
Suzanne Baker

Elizabeth Bristow  
Shauna Brown  
Angela Cabrera  
Vanessa Carter  
Karen Corvelo  
April Frank  
Jennifer Gallaway  
Karie Haygood  
Joey Horta  
Rhett Kennedy  
Laurie Lucich  
Danny Machado  
Frank Machado  
Junior Machado  
Jeremy Mancebo  
Jeni McClesky  
Bobbie Nelson  
Alan Olivera  
Shane Pack  
Alan Oliveira  
Shane Pack  
Ryan Passadori  
April Perry  
Ramianne Plagenza  
Katie Rommel  
Kristi Rommel  
Kristi Sliva  
Allison Smith  
Eric Souza  
Corrie Stone  
Jennifer Thomas  
Jennifer Trinadale

**1998-1999**

Alex Alvarez  
Stephanie Avila  
Lindsey Buendia  
Candice Burrola  
Zebulon Borrough  
Cory Condren  
Kenneth Correia  
Annie Fagundes  
Molly Fagundes  
Justin Ferreira  
Gary Goucher  
Jason Haygood  
Amber R. Huff  
Amanda Johnson

Brad Kessler  
Greg Kessler  
Benjamin Migliazzo  
David Nelson  
Christopher Oliveria  
LeeAnne Painter  
Sarina Rocha  
Cari Sedgwick  
Kyle J Pimentel  
Chris Smith  
Nina Trindade

**1999-2000**

Debby Akers  
Dann Ambriz  
Garland Austin Jr.  
Trista Condren  
Tony Does  
Matt Freeman  
Jenette LaMere  
Rosewitha Lancaster  
Chor Moua  
Bryan Ray  
Ashley Regalo  
Jennifer Sandford  
Anthony Santos  
Anthony Sodini  
Steven Wolff  
Jessica Trindade

**2000-2001**

Katie A. Arnold  
Heather Barnes  
Molly Bettencourt  
Ryan Burnthorne  
Meggie Fagundes  
Linda Garcia  
Denita Howard  
LeAnne Lindenberg  
Todd Machado  
James Oliveria  
Rianna Xavier

**2001-2002**

Cesar Avila  
Leoterio Borges  
Jenny Correia  
Brandon Fullerton

Travis Hosburgh  
Cynthia Machado  
Jill McIver  
Chris Migliazzo  
John Migliazzo  
Danny Royer  
Tiffany Sheppa  
Felipe Sousa  
Shane Waterman

**2002-2003**

Tara Albrecht  
Patricia Pimentel  
Cesar Sanchez

**2003-2004**

Jason Dores  
Jacquelyn Grande  
Bobby Lax  
Sarah Magneson  
Jessica McAdams  
Cody Ratley  
Amy Wright

**2004-2005**

Christy Copeland  
Brandon Johnson  
Christina Menezes  
Jessica Mooneyham  
Ryan Pimentel  
Cece Villasenor  
Rudy Ybarra

**2005-2006**

Denee Choquette  
Kylie Lax  
Julia Pedro  
Eric Wunder

**2006-2007**

Javier Garcia  
Caryn Granger  
Richardo Luna  
Annalysa Pimentel  
Alys Scoggins  
Rebbie Shelton  
Brittini Wagner

**2007-2008**

Hector Ayala  
Jake Baraldi  
Jose Cardona  
Kristelle Choquette  
Shawn Conour  
Ali Copeland  
Bryce Dibble  
Ceicali Kuykendall  
Saul Lua  
Milissa Payne  
Catherine Payton  
John Pedro  
Brock Pisacco  
Jorge Pulido  
Katheline Reyes  
Brenae Royal  
Kaylyn Schiber  
Lauren Thomas  
Brogin Wagner  
Lacey Wilcox  
Donovan Woodward

**2008-2009**

Joslyn Apodaca  
Kellie Bergstrom  
Adam Cruz  
Jenna Cruz  
Stefani Dias  
Amber Dutra  
Jesus Gonzales  
Briana Hamamoto  
Curtis Kelly  
Lauren Navarro  
Matiana Rivera  
Grant Rose  
Amada Sevilla  
Jenna Shelto

**2009 – 2010**

Guadalupe Ayala  
Terilyn Bettencourt  
Keziah Brigham  
John Brownwood  
Sasha Del Muro  
Laura Gonzalez  
Elani Goodhart  
Ricky Ornelas

Paul Ortiz  
Ashely Payton  
Lilly Reyes  
Nikki Schiber  
William Thomas  
Collette Wilcox  
**2010 – 2011**  
Emily Beresford  
Timothy Demma  
Brian Dennis  
Marisa Jorge  
Samuel Lord-Huff  
Corey Mesa  
Jacob Minor  
Richard Ornelas  
Stephanie Quintana  
Mason Rose  
Vanessa Sevilla  
Nicole Sharafian  
Tawny Smith  
Amanda Solis  
James Summerton  
Christina Willman  
Matt Woods

**2011 – 2012**

Brandy Benefield  
Vanessa Del Toro  
Mayra Hernandez  
Nayeli Hernandez  
Chuck Lord-Huff  
Hilliary Junsay  
Brie Mansker  
Courtney Miscione  
Sarah Rogers  
Carolyn Schiber  
Cheyenne Schoonover  
Cailyn Yerrick  
Jasmine Zapien

**2012 – 2013**

Susana Brasil  
Katelyn Davis  
Amy Dutra  
Taylor Ferreira  
Kevin Graham  
Valorie Hasko  
Heather Lewandowski

Trazarra Manuel  
Kayla Marks  
Donald Moles  
Betsy Nielsen  
Thomas Payton  
Michele Rodriguez  
Logan Taylor  
Hans van Warmerdam  
Caresse Wilson-Cotter

**2013 – 2014**

Joanna Castro  
Ashley Clark  
Juan Favela  
Viviana Jimenez  
Giancarlo Kamesch  
Madison Kingston  
Kirsten Knobloch  
Francisco Macias  
Michael Marcelino  
Makala Navarro  
Karla Nuno  
Gilbert Rodriguez  
Kim Sabine  
Ryan Sanchez  
Bernadette Sevilla  
Jesse Tafoya  
Eduardo Vera  
Hannah vanWarmerdam  
Keith Wright

**2014 – 2015**

Joseph Avila-Vargas  
Cheyenne Birmingham  
Francis Britton  
Austin Conour  
Sandra Duran  
Heidi Garcia  
Chrissy Lewandowski  
Joseph Kamesch  
Sam Knight  
Ryan Machado-Bell  
Amber Miller  
Wyatt Pimentel  
Emma Reyes  
Kati Reis  
Amanda Skidmore  
Andrew Skidmore

Courtney Walsh  
Brittany Weins  
Sidney Weiss  
Alex Zapien

**2015 – 2016**

Dayana Argueta  
Vince Baraldi  
Austin Burris  
Blake Brigham  
Jeff Clark  
Courtney Creighton  
Jasmine Flores  
Trystan Geisbrecht  
Cynthia Griffin  
Madison Hall  
Juan Hernandez  
Juan Hurtado  
Daniel Mesa  
Juliet Montanez  
Erica Perez  
Brook Ramirez  
Tyler Russell  
Daniel Smith  
Christian Stallworth  
Jordan Turner  
Daniel Vann

**2016 - 2017**

Hannah Carrillo  
Briana Diaz  
Audrey Esau  
Amanjot Gandhoke  
Kelsi Kamesch  
Callie Norton  
Ariana Rezendez  
Luke van Warmerdam  
Natalie Williams  
Kyle Yerrick

**2017-2018**

Marcos Ahumada  
Kassia Beznoska  
Paige Brigham  
Zion Brigham  
Kaya Briscoe  
Makenna Caldie  
Kendyll Cruz

Catalina Diaz  
Megan Escobar  
Belinda Espinoza  
Dahlia Flores  
Daisy Flores  
Natalie Frontella  
Jonathan Garcia  
Nicholas Giesbrecht  
Renessa Hardin  
Emily Junez  
Victoria Lopez  
Ana Lozano  
Emily McCartney  
Sidney Miller  
Anthony Naranjo  
Ricardo Ortega,  
Joel Rojas  
Sayra Ramos  
Samantha Theodozio  
Wyatt Tucker  
Stephania Valdovinos

**2018 - 2019**

Sarah Baird  
Michael Bray  
Hailey Burris  
Dakota Cook  
Mikeal Duran  
Colby Flatt  
Janell Gonzalez  
Cassidy Kingston  
Emmanuel Mejia  
Karalynn Isham  
Faith Johnson  
Grace Reyes  
Haleigh Thomas  
Chelsea Thompson  
Liliana Vargas

**2019-2020**

Flor Agundis  
Kiah Betschart  
Alyssa Carrillo  
Kendall Flatt  
Adam Freitas  
Simarjot Gandhoke  
Emma Garcia

Vanessa Garcia  
Haley Hultgren  
Daniel Lopez  
Sabrina Lopez  
Jerrod Nickerson  
Sophia Rhoades  
Jillian Stewart  
Litzy Suastigui  
Vanessa Varela  
Haley Vargas  
Jennifer Velasquez  
Cristal Venegas  
Abigail Wilson

**2020-2021**

Yureili Aguila  
Kate Brigham  
Tristan Cardey  
Teresa Cavallero  
Celeste Chargoy Velasco  
Jessica Garcia  
Naomy Gonzalez  
Allison Hall  
Gabriella Lucas  
Gabriela Moreno  
Daniel Narez  
Alyssa Perez  
Michell Pena  
Stefani Sanchez  
Joshua Vann  
Alonso Villanueva-Serrano

## **American FFA Degree Recipients**

As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, receiving the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA associations. American FFA Degree recipients show promise for their future and have gone above and beyond to achieve excellence.

## **State Champion CDE Teams**

Career development events (CDE's) are opportunities to develop skills that can be used in a future career. There are 24 different career development events available for team/individual competition at the state and national level.

## **Proficiency Award Recipients**

Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) proficiency areas are programs where students are working for an individual or business for the experience or for pay. There are 51 proficiencies recognized at the state and national level.

**The following is a history of state and national awards/accomplishments recognizing the Atwater FFA Chapter and Atwater FFA individuals:**

- **1979-1980**
  - Superior Chapter
- **1980-1981**
  - Superior Chapter
- **1981-1982**
  - Star Advisor – Stan Mollart
- **1982-1983**
  - Superior Chapter
- **1983-1984**
  - Star Reporter – JoAnn Lourenco
  - Superior Chapter
- **1984-1985**
  - Central Region President – Monique Bolaco
  - Specialty Animal Production – Jessica Brooks
  - Star Advisor – Ray Munir
- **1985-1986**
  - American Degree – Chris Sumpter
  - Star Farmer – Todd Rinkenberger
- **1986-1987**
  - Honorary American Farmer – Ray Munir
  - National Scholarship – Greg Cardey
- **1987-1988**
  - State Treasurer – Todd Rinkenberger
  - American Degree– Greg Cardey, Loren E. Freitas, Victoria A. Freitas, Todd Rinkenberger
  - Central Region President– Sayf Munir
  - National Scholarships– Sayf Munir
  - Proficiency Award in Swine Production– Joseph Pacheco
  - Star in Ag Business– Duarte Borges
- **1988-1989**
  - Honorary American Farmer– Mark Anglin
  - Proficiency Award in Agricultural Mechanics– Doug Cameron II
- **1989-1990**
  - American Degree– Duarte Borges, David Bryson, Scott Koehn, Sayf Munir, Dayna Nachtigal, Joseph Pacheco, Scot Sherman
  - Proficiency Award in Horse Production– Lynnette McGill
  - State Champion CDE– Parliamentary Procedure Novice
- **1990-1991**

- American Degree– Chris Cardey
- State Champion CDE–Parliamentary Procedure Advanced

**1991-1992**

- Agriscience Teacher of the Year– Ray Munir
- Proficiency Award in Placement in Agricultural Production–Bruce Santos
- State Champion CDE– Light Horse
- Superior Chapter

**1992-1993**

- American Degree– Lynnette McGill, Bruce Santos
- Superior Chapter

**1993-1994**

- National Scholarship– Noel Nunes
- Proficiency Award in Horse Production– Mandy Rommel
- Proficiency Award in Placement in Agricultural Production– Norbert Duarte
- Superior Chapter

**1994-1995**

- American Degree– Eduard Mello, Shane Patterson, David Souza
- National Scholarships– Libby Weathers
- Proficiency Award in Swine Production– John Anderson
- Star Farmer– Noel Nunes
- State Scholarships– Allison Tassey
- Superior Chapter

**1995-1996**

- American Degree– Mandy Rommel, Allison Tassey
- State Champion CDE– Fruit Judging, Marketing Plan
- Superior Chapter

**1996-1997**

- American Degree– John Anderson, Dario Avila, Anthony A. Lucich, Manuel Machado, Mark Sherman, Libby Weathers
- Central Region President– Bryan Tassey

- National Convention Delegate– Bryan Tassey
- Proficiency Award in Pomology Production Placement– Eric Harcksen
- Star Advisor– Mark Anglin
- State Champion CDE– Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
- Superior Chapter

**1997-1998**

- American Degree– Benina Burroughs, Gabriel Santos
- National Proficiency Award in Fruit and Vegetable Production– Eric Harcksen
- Proficiency Award in Soil and Water Management– Eric Harcksen
- Proficiency Award in Specialty Crop Production– Allison Smith
- Proficiency Award in Wildlife Management– Suzanne Baker
- Superior Chapter

**1998-1999**

- American Degree– Eric Harcksen, Bryan Tassey, Janine Xavier
- National Proficiency Award in Wildlife Management– Suzanne Baker
- Proficiency Award Olericulture Production Entrepreneurship– Craig Arnold
- Star Reporter– Molly Fagundes
- Superior Chapter

**1999-2000**

- American Degree– Christina Avila, Holly Baker, Adam Casso, Tricia Fowler, Jennifer Galalway, Patricia Johnson, Rhett Kennedy, Frank Machado, Matthew Migliazzo, Bobbie Nelson, Jenni McCleskey, Shane Peck
- National Convention Delegate– Molly Fagundes
- National Scholarship– Molly Fagundes
- Proficiency Award in Ag Communications– Elizabeth Avila
- Proficiency Award in Dairy Production Placement– Danny Machado

- National FFA Chapter Award – Gold Recipient

**2000-2001**

- American Degree– Craig Arnold, Karie Haygood, Christina Hendrickson, Joey Horta, Brad Kessler, Danny Machado, Alan Oliveira Jr., Katie Rommel, Kristi Silva, Carrie Stone, Jennifer Trindade, Joey Xavier
- Proficiency Award in Beef Production Placement– Zeb Burroughs
- Proficiency Award in Food Science and Technology– Molly Fagundes
- State Champion CDE– Prepared Speaking; Meggie Fagundes
- State Star Reporter– Meggie Fagundes
- Superior Chapter

**2001-2002**

- Central Region President– Meggie Fagundes
- State Vice President– Molly Fagundes

**2002-2003**

- State Scholarship– Molly Fagundes
- Superior Chapter

**2003-2004**

- Superior Chapter

**2004-2005**

- American Degree– Meggie Fagundes
- Star State Reporter– Mai Chia Yang
- State Band– Jorge Pulido, Brenae Royal
- State Champion CDE– Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
- Superior Chapter

**2005-2006**

- American Degree– Bobby Lax, John Migliazzo
- National Convention Delegate– Christina Menezes
- State Champion CDE– Floriculture
- State Scholarship– Christina Menezes
- Superior Chapter

**2006-2007**

- Star State Reporter– Kaylyn Schiber
- State Band– Katheline Reyes, Brenae Royal
- Superior Chapter

**2007-2008**

- Star Administrator– Linda Lucas
- State Band– Jorge Pulido, Brenae Royal, Katheline Reyes
- Superior Chapter

**2008-2009**

- State FFA Reporter – Kaylyn Schiber
- Star State Reporter – Lilly Reyes
- State Champion CDE – Nursery and Landscape
- State Champion CDE Scrapbook – Atwater FFA
- State Band – Elani Goodhart, Stefani Dias
- Superior Chapter

**2009 – 2010**

- American Degrees – Kaylyn Schiber
- CATA/NAAE – 2010 Outstanding California Middle/Secondary High School Agriculture Program
- Star State Reporter – Mekayla Coughran
- State Champion CDE – Light Horse
- State Band – Elani Goodhart
- State Nominating Committee – Terilyn Bettencourt
- Superior Chapter

**2010 – 2011**

- American Degree – Lauren Navarro
- Star Agriscience Teacher – Beth Knapp
- Star State Reporter – Carolyn Schiber
- State Champion CDE – Agronomy
- Superior Chapter

**2011 – 2012**

- American Degree – Stefani Dias
- CATA Teacher of Excellence – Dave Gossman
- National FFA Chapter Award – Gold Recipient

- State Champion CDE – Agronomy
- State Champion CDE – Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
- Superior Chapter

**2012 – 2013**

- American Degree – Mason Rose
- National FFA Chapter Award – Gold Recipient
- State Champion CDE – Agronomy
- State Champion CDE – Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
- Superior Chapter

**2013 – 2014**

- American Degree – Corey Mesa
- CATA – 2014 Outstanding California Middle/Secondary High School Agriculture Program
- National FFA Chapter Award – Gold Recipient
- Star State Reporter – Emma Reyes
- State Champion CDE – Ag Mechanics
- State Champion CDE – Agronomy
- State Champion CDE – Cotton
- State Champion CDE – Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
- Superior Chapter

**2014 – 2015**

- CATA – 2015 Outstanding Young Teacher Award – Natalie Borba
- CATA Teacher of Excellence – Sam Meredith
- State Champion CDE – Cotton
- State Champion CDE – Grapevines
- National FFA Chapter Award – Gold Recipient
- Superior Chapter

**2015 – 2016**

- CATA Teacher of Excellence – Sam Meredith
- State Champion LDE – Extemporaneous Speaking (National Champion)
- State Champion CDE – Marketing Plan (National Champion)

- State Champion CDE – Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
- Superior Chapter

**2016 – 2017**

- State Champion CDE – Agronomy
- State Champion CDE – Floriculture
- State Champion CDE – Nursery and Landscape
- State FFA President – Andrew Skidmore
- State FFA Secretary – Amanda Skidmore
- Superior Chapter

**2017- 2018**

- American Degree – Courtney Creighton
- American Degree – Jasmine Flores
- American Degree – Madison Hall
- American Degree – Wyatt Pimentel
- State FFA Vice President – Jasmine Flores
- State / National FFA Proficiency in “Small Animal Production and Care – Kaya Briscoe
- Superior Chapter

**2018 – 2019**

- CATA Outstanding Young Teacher – Kaylyn Davenport
- State Champion CDE – Marketing Plan
- Superior Chapter

**2019 – 2020**

- State Champion CDE – Cotton
- CATA Merced Mariposa Outstanding Teacher – Kim Mesa
- Proficiency in Poultry Production Entrepreneurship – Colby Flatt
- Proficiency in Goat Production Placement – Michael Bray
- Proficiency in Small Animal Production – Michael Bray
- State Proficiency in Equine Entrepreneurship – Kiah Betschart
- State Scholarship – Emmanuel Mejia
- State Scholarship – Michael Bray
- American Degree – Blake Brigham
- American Degree – Paige Brigham
- American Degree – Samantha Theodozio

- American Degree – Callie Norton
- American Degree – Daniel Mesa
- American Degree – Jeff Clark
- American Degree – Kayalynn Briscoe-Mattis
- American Degree – Ricardo Ortega
- American Degree – Stephania Valdovinos
- American Degree – Wyatt Tucker
- American Degree – Zion Brigham

**2020-2021**

- CATA Teacher of Excellence – Natalie Borba
- CATA Outstanding Young Teacher – Kim Mesa
- State Champion CDE – Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Team
- Reserve State Champion CDE – Farm Business Management
- Proficiency in Small Animal Production and Care – Tristan Cardey
- Proficiency in Diversified Livestock Production – Kiah Betschart
- American Degree – Colby Flatt
- American Degree – Jarrod Nickerson
- American Degree – Michael Bray
- American Degree – Victor Mejia

**2021-2022**

**A meeting for the purpose of forming the California Association of the Future Farmers of America was held at Hotel Claremont, Oakland, October 26, 1928. This was prior to the National FFA Organization meeting of November 20, 1928, which was held at the Hotel Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. Following the National Convention, California received National Charter No. 4. Below is a short timeline of California FFA and Agriculture Education. To learn more about California FFA, visit [www.calaged.org](http://www.calaged.org).**

**1800's:** Agriculture College Program was at UC Berkeley

**1903:** Cal Poly SLO opened the first Voc-Ed High School

**1905:** UC Davis became a vocational agriculture high school. Bakersfield HS in Kern County was the first comprehensive high school to offer agriculture education.

**1908:** Gardena High School formed an agriculture program.

**1909:** Oxnard and Imperial High Schools started agriculture programs.

**1911:** 25 schools began offering agricultural education.

**1916:** 93 schools offered agricultural education.

**1920:** California Agricultural Teachers' Association (CATA) was formed.

**1922:** Judging contests were initiated.

**1923:** California State Fair began.

**1926:** First regional supervisor for agricultural education was hired and located at Fresno State Teachers' College.

**1927:** Six regional supervisors were on staff.

**1928:** National Future Farmers of American was formed in Kansas City, Missouri.

**1929:** First State Convention held for the California Future Farmers of America.

**1934:** State FFA Convention moved to Cal Poly SLO.

**1939:** 187 chapters in the California FFA with 8,868 students enrolled in agriculture education.

**1940:** Cal Poly SLO became a four-year college.

**1949:** Junior colleges were reimbursed by the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act.

**1951:** 210 high school programs in agricultural education.

**1961:** 230 high school programs in agricultural education.

**1963:** Agriculture was defined as more than “farming”.

**1965:** Fresno State started providing credentialed teachers for the agricultural education profession.

**1969:** 294 schools with agriculture programs accounting for 28,621 students First year girls were allowed to be FFA members.

**1981:** 405 schools had agriculture programs accounting for 45,780 students.

**1981:** CATA hired a full-time Executive Director – first in the country.

**1994:** After sixty years as Cal Poly, the State FFA Convention was relocated to Fresno.

**2005:** California FFA surpassed Texas to become the largest State Association in FFA membership.

**2009:** Proficiency award areas increased to 53.

**2014:** 314 high schools had agricultural education programs which accounted for 76,451 students.

**2015:** Over 5,000 students will attend the State FFA Convention in Fresno.

**2017:** After 23 years in Fresno, the State FFA Convention was relocated to Anaheim.

**2020:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, State FFA Convention was held virtually.

**2021:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, State FFA Convention was held virtually.

## **The Beginning**

The roots of FFA originate from a time when boys were losing interest and leaving the farm. Walter S. Newman, who in September 1925 became the Virginia State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, sought a solution to the problem with Edmund C. Magill, Harry W. Sanders and Henry C. Groseclose, staff members of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Agricultural Education Department.

Newman proposed forming an organization that offered farm boys "a greater opportunity for self-expression and for the development of leadership. In this way they will develop confidence in their own ability and pride in the fact that they are farm boys." Groseclose immediately began work on a constitution and bylaws for the new organization, and he later suggested a name: Future Farmers of Virginia. The idea was presented during an annual vocational rally in the state in April 1926, where it was met positively. The Future Farmers of Virginia was born.



Two years later, the idea reached the national stage during the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Mo. That's when 33 young students from 18 states gathered at the Hotel Baltimore to establish the Future Farmers of America. The group elected Leslie Applegate of Freehold, N.J., as its first president and adopted the national emblem – a mark similar to that of the original Virginia emblem – during the new organization's first convention.

In 1929, national blue and corn gold became the official colors of FFA. A year later, delegates adopted the official FFA Creed and by 1933 the familiar Official Dress of blue corduroy jackets was adopted after convention delegates were enthralled by the jackets worn to Kansas City by members of the Fredericktown, Ohio, FFA chapter.

## **The New Farmers of America**

Less than a decade after the formation of the Future Farmers of America in 1928, a national organization for African-American boys interested in agriculture formed in Tuskegee, Ala. The New Farmers of America was modeled after another Virginia organization – the New Farmers of Virginia – and began in 1935. The New Farmers of Virginia was instrumentally started by G.W. Owens and J.R. Thomas, teacher-educators in agricultural education at Virginia State College, and Dr. H.O. Sargent, a federal agricultural education official who later proposed NFA.



The NFA and FFA shared common beliefs. The NFA Creed had six paragraphs, each beginning with "I believe," and its emblem featured only one stylistic difference: an outline in the shape of a cotton boll instead of an ear of corn. A total of 13 states received NFA charters, and by 1965 the NFA and FFA consolidated in recognition of shared missions for agricultural education. In 1973, Texas' Fred McClure became the first African-American national FFA officer, and in 1994 Chicago's Corey Flournoy became the first African-American national FFA president.

### **Female Members Gain Official Standing**

Girls were restricted from the earliest forms of FFA membership by delegate vote at the 1930 national convention. The decision to deny female members for many years denied recognition of the key role women have played on farms and in agriculture since the days of the American pioneers. It wasn't until 1969 that females gained full FFA membership privileges by vote of the national convention delegates, despite many state associations permitting female members long before. New York's Anita Decker and New Jersey's Patricia Krowicki became the first two female delegates to the national convention in 1970.



Today, females represent more than 45 percent of FFA members and roughly half of all state leadership positions. In 1976, Washington's Julie Smiley became the first female national FFA officer. California's Jan Eberly became the first female National FFA President in 1982. In 2002, Wisconsin's Karlene Lindow became the first female FFA member to earn the prestigious American Star Farmer Award.

### **FFA Today**

Since 1928, millions of agriculture students have donned the official FFA jacket and championed the FFA Creed. All 50 states and two U.S. territories are currently chartered members of the national organization, representing 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters. It's a testament to the power of common goals and the strong ideals of the FFA founders. Their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population. They taught us that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting – it's a science, it's a business and it's an art.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. To learn more about the National FFA, visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org).



## 2021-2022 FFA Officers

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**Chapter President**

Allison Garner  
Grade: Junior  
SAE: Sheep  
CDE: Land and Soil  
LDE: Parliamentary Procedure



**Chapter Vice President**

Hannah Slate  
Grade: Sophomore  
SAE: Swine  
CDE: Veterinary Science  
LDE: Parliamentary Procedure and Impromptu



**Chapter Secretary**

Kendall Borba  
Grade: Junior  
SAE: Goats, Dairy Cattle, and Goat Soap  
CDE: Veterinary Science  
LDE: Parliamentary Procedure



**Chapter Treasurer**

Cadn Hultgren  
Grade: Sophomore  
SAE: Beef  
CDE: Ag Mechanics  
LDE: Parliamentary Procedure



**Chapter Reporter**

Shayleigh Miller  
Grade: Junior  
SAE: Goats  
CDE: Veterinary Science  
LDE:



**Chapter Sentinel**

Katrina Andujar  
Grade: Junior  
SAE: Rabbits  
CDE:  
LDE: Parliamentary Procedure



**Chapter Historian**

Ella Boyenga

Grade: Sophomore

SAE: Goats

CDE: Ag Issues

LDE: Impromptu and Parliamentary Procedure



**Chapter Parliamentarian**

Julia Callahan

Grade: Swine

SAE: Market Rabbits

CDE: Floral

LDE: Extemporaneous Speaking

**Chapter Officers play a vital role in the success of a chapter. Below is a breakdown of the responsibilities each officer plays in helping lead our organization to success.**

**President**

1. Preside over meeting according to accepted rules of parliamentary procedure.
2. Appoint committees and serve on them as an ex-officio, non-voting member
3. Coordinate the activities of the chapter and evaluate the progress of each division of the Program of Activities (POA)
4. Represent the chapter in public relations and official functions.

**Vice-President**

1. Assume all duties of the president if necessary
2. Develop the POA and serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the POA committees
3. Coordinate all committee work
4. Work closely with the president and advisor to assess progress toward meeting chapter goals.
5. Establish and maintain a chapter resource file
6. Maintain and update the chapter points for the point award system

**Secretary**

1. Prepare and post the agenda for each chapter meeting
2. Prepare and present the minutes of each chapter meeting
3. Place committee reports in the designated area in the FFA Chapter Workbooks: Secretary, Treasurer & Program of Activities Workbook or the computer software
4. Be responsible for chapter correspondence
5. Maintain member attendance and activity records and issue membership cards
6. Have on hand for each meeting
  1. FFA Chapter Books: Secretary, Treasurer, and Program of Activities Workbook or the computer software
  2. Copy of the POA including all standing and special committees
  3. Official FFA Manual and Student Handbook
  4. Copy of the Chapter constitution and bylaws

**Treasurer**

1. Receive, record and deposit FFA funds and issue receipts
2. Present monthly treasurer reports at chapter meeting.
3. Collect dues and special assessments
4. Maintain a neat and accurate FFA chapter Handbook: Secretary, Treasurer, and Program of Activities Workbook or the computer software
5. Prepare and submit the membership roster and dues to the National FFA organization.

6. Serve as the chairperson of the earnings and savings committee, Ex-officio on fundraising committee

**Reporter**

1. Plan public information programs with local radio, television, newspaper and service clubs and make use of other opportunities to tell the FFA story.
2. Release news and information to local and regional news media.
3. Publish a Chapter newsletter.
4. Send local stories to area, district and state reporters.
5. Send articles and photographs to FFA New Horizons and other national and regional publications
6. Work with local media on radio and television appearances and FFA news.

**Sentinel**

1. Assist the president in maintaining order
2. Keep the meeting room, chapter equipment and supplies in proper condition
3. Welcome guests and visitors
4. Keep the meeting room comfortable
5. Assist with special features and refreshments.

**Historian**

1. Prepare a chapter scrapbook
2. Assist the reporter in preparing materials for the reporter's book
3. Serve as the chapter photographer

**Parliamentarian**

1. Know and share information about parliamentary law
2. Assist members in proper meeting procedure and etiquette so that we can accomplish the business of the chapter
3. Ensure that every member will be heard and that the majority will prevail

**Greenhand Officers**

1. Elected annually at the Fall Awards Night/ Greenhand Banquet.
2. May be any combination of officers.
3. Elected to learn from Chapter Officer Team and assist with implementing the Program of Activities.



<b>President:</b>	Neveya Villa	Livingston
<b>Vice President:</b>	Autumn Miller	Mariposa
<b>Secretary:</b>	Savanna Barcellos	Golden Valley
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Austin Bell	Gustine
<b>Reporter:</b>	Reena Grewal	Livingston
<b>Sentinel:</b>	Cameron Ivy	Golden Valley

[Merced-Mariposa Section FFA Website Link](#)



<b>President:</b>	Abigale Jacobsen	Elk Grove
<b>Vice President – At Large:</b>	Vanessa Anaya	Esparto
<b>Vice President – North Area:</b>	Hayden Andrade	Tracy
<b>Vice President – South Area:</b>	Morgan Oliveira	Hilmar
<b>Secretary:</b>	Samantha Albiani	Elk Grove
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Garrett Hesser	Calaveras
<b>Reporter:</b>	Micaiah Richison	Oakdale
<b>Sentinel:</b>	Davis Bryant	Mariposa



<b>President:</b>	Marc Cabeliza	Santa Maria
<b>Vice President:</b>	Hannah Kunkle	Apple Valley
<b>Secretary:</b>	Pault Horta Castaneda	McArthur – Fall River
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lesly Madriz	Madera
<b>Reporter:</b>	Jake Dowell	O’Neals-Minarets
<b>Sentinel:</b>	Reagan Denny	Yuba City



<b>President:</b>	Cole Baerlocher	Washington
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jackson Sylvester	Delaware
<b>Central Region Vice President:</b>	Cortney Zimmerman	Wisconsin
<b>Eastern Region Vice President:</b>	Mallory White	Kentucky
<b>Western Region Vice President:</b>	Josiah Cruikshank	Oregon
<b>Southern Region Vice President:</b>	Erik Robinson, Jr	Georgia



# Atwater FFA Committee Structure and Membership

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Leadership is the ability to guide or influence others to work towards a meaningful goal while helping each other develop themselves as group members. Therefore, our chapter is dedicated to helping all students develop their leadership skills. One of the easiest ways to get involved in the Atwater FFA is to become a member of one of the committees ran annually by our members.

### **Committee Structure:**

Atwater FFA has committees to serve our chapter's needs. These committees fall under one of the three divisions outlined by the National FFA Organization. The three divisions are: **Student, Chapter, and Community.**

The following committees fall under each division:

**Student:** Social Media / Videos

**Chapter:** Meetings, Special Events, BBQ

**Community:** Community Service

Our Chapters Executive Committee oversees all other chapter work.

### **Committee Membership**

#### Standing Committee's:

Each of our committee consists of four-to-seven-chapter members. Each committee has a chairman, committee members, and a presiding officer. To be on a committee, students must complete a committee member application and be enrolled in our Ag Leadership course. These committees hold meetings at least once a week. Members can serve on more than one committee; however, a member can't be a chairman for two committees.

#### Executive Committee:

The executive committee is the main driving force of the Atwater FFA Chapter. This committee consists of the elected officers and three-chapter advisors. The committee includes the following chapter officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Historian, and Parliamentarian. The President serves as the Chairman of the committee.

The advisors will not vote on business that it conducted during the executive meetings. They should only serve in an advisory capacity. However, if an item seems dangerous, fails to follow school policy, or isn't financially sound, the advisor can veto the decision.

Members of the executive committee are senior members. Each member of the executive committee will serve as a presiding officer for two standing committees.

Social Media / Videos

**Chairman:** Liliana Boesch

**Committee Members:** Dulce Campos - Rodriguez and Yairen Pineda

**Presiding Officer:** Shayleigh Miller **Meetings:** (ex: Every Friday)

**Objective:** The committee will provide accurate information as well as demonstrate our Chapter's characteristics.

**Committee Goal:** The committee will create informative videos to inform members with recaps of chapter doings at the end of each month. In addition to the monthly updates, the committee will create weekly (1 minute) FFA announcements that will be sent out to all Ag classes on Monday mornings.

**Plan:** As each month progresses, the committee will work towards creating, filming, and piecing together monthly recaps of chapter doings. The committee will also work towards creating, filming, and piecing together weekly FFA announcements and have all videos completed and sent out to chapter advisors the Friday before being posted.



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Meetings

**Chairman:** Iylis Villafan

**Committee Members:** Allison Garner, Hannah Slate, Kendall Borba, Caden Hultgren, Shayleigh Miller, Katrina Andjuar, Julia Callahan

**Presiding Officer:** Ella Boyenga **Meetings:** (ex: Every Friday)

**Objective:** The committee will plan, promote, and execute all chapter meetings.

**Committee Goal:** The committee goal is to increase member attendance by 10% by the end of the semester (20% by the end of the school year)

**Plan:** The committee will have a plan, outline, and begin working towards preparing all materials for the meeting approximately 2 weeks before the meeting.



**Special Events**

**Chairman:** Cassidy Carrillo & Chloe Herrera

**Committee Members:** Alexa Bracamontes, Kimberly Valdovinos, Hannah Slate

**Presiding Officer:** Katrina Andujar **Meetings:** (ex: Every Friday)

**Objective:** The committee will organize and host effective quarterly-special meetings (recreational events, Farm 2U Day, National FFA Week, etc.).

**Committee Goals:** The committee will host 1 meeting every two weeks to plan our chapters special events.

**Plan:** The committee will make sure all things necessary for our meeting are working effectively as well as write scripts and send it out to our hosts and promote.

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**BBQ**

**Chairman:** Alden Hansard

**Committee Members:**

**Presiding Officers:** Allison Garner **Meetings:** (ex: Every Friday)

**Objective:** The committee will help to make sure the BBQ runs as efficiently as possible by assisting the advisors in preparing, working, and cleaning up after the BBQ.

**Committee Goal:** The committee has a goal of selling more tickets than the previous BBQ to raise more money for our chapter.

**Plan:** The committee will have a plan/outline three weeks prior to the BBQ to ensure that the BBQ runs as smooth as possible while having all materials prepared before the BBQ as needed.



Community Service

**Chairman:** Klarithsa Cruz Hernandez & Ernestina Valencia Zamora

**Committee Members:** Elizabeth Ayala Lopez, Kendall Borba, Guadalupe Millan Solorio, Kayleigh Trindade

**Presiding Officer:** Julia Callahan **Meetings:** (ex: Every Friday)

**Objective:** The committee will provide, execute, and plan community service events to increase active chapter participation by 30% (compared to previous school years) by the end of the school year.

**Committee Goal:** The committee will plan community service events once a month to promote involvement in the community. Encourage other FFA members to participate in these events by helping with woodwork projects, painting, posters, etc. to increase involvement in our chapter by 30% by the end of the school year.

**Plan:** The committee will develop and promote at least one community service event every month and prepare a well-developed plan of action two weeks prior to the community service event by dispersing jobs to committee members to ensure that at least one event is consistently occurring every month.





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Our 2021-2022 FFA officer team created the following chapter goals during our annual FFA Chapter Officer Retreat held in August 2021:

**1. Develop Strong and Effective Chapter Leadership**

- Develop and strengthen communication skills
- Implement/expand digital FFA scrapbook (ordering opportunities for students)
- Expand/improve web, media, social media, and marketing photos
- Increase student involvement & participation
- Increase & improve agriculture leadership curriculum & resource

**2. Develop and Strengthen Agriculture Resources and Curriculum**

- Implement plan/vision for various agriculture/CTE funding grants
- Implement, develop, and build NEW “Turfgrass and Sports Field Management II” course
- Create new course & curriculum for new “Turfgrass and Sports Field Management II”
- Revise Ag Biology and Ag earth Science course (district-wide)
- Expand and increase pathway student certifications
- Expand turf equipment for student labs/projects
- Increase and expand variety of large and medium ag mechanics projects

**3. Expand Student Involvement and Participation**

- Increase student attendance and participation at chapter meetings
- Increase SAE projects (animal, plant, and ag mech)
- Expand and strengthen FFA competition opportunities / teams
- Improve organization and planning of events/activities
- Continue to expand, revise and improve development of National Chapter Award application and develop new activities / events to enhance application/process
- Expand and strengthen AET record keeping with ALL students

**4. Develop Strong Recruitment & Retention Program**

- Strengthen and expand middle school relationships & communication
- Maintain / improve recruitment presentations & education
- Maintain/strengthen agriculture “foundation” (9th grade) courses
- Expand CTE / Ag program/course marketing opportunities/resources

**5. Expand & Develop Agriculture Facilities / Resources**

Agriculture Mechanics / Shops

- Replace/upgrade old power mechanics equipment
- Clean and re-organize small engines shop, classroom, and office

Agriculture Facility

- Explore expanded usage of N (back) area of school (farm a crop)

Arnold's Farm

- "Fine-tune" sheep/swine pen/facility operation equipment/layout

Fair Projects

- Purchase new/expanded fair/show equipment for expanded student SAE's

Horticulture / Floriculture

- Expand variety of plant stock for sales and long term growing/stock
- Expand county fair horticulture entries
- Create/grow new flower stock in horticulture garden plots
- Expand and purchase new turfgrass equipment for student skill development

Pole Barn

- Reorganize and clean pole barn area for improved operation efficiency

Poultry Facility

- Improve inside poultry facility horticulture / aesthetics

Rabbit Facility

- Develop and improve rabbit cleaning/maintenance operation

Science Room/Lab Equipment

- Expand and strengthen science lab resources and equipment



**The 2021-2022 Atwater FFA Officer goals are:**

1. During the first week of each month, the officer team will provide updates for the chapter website.
2. At the beginning of each quarter the officer team and Ag leadership will put together a newsletter that will feature updates on activities within the chapter and local sponsorship advertisements.
3. At the end of each month advisers will nominate an outstanding member (excluding Ag Leadership students) in the program to be voted on by the Ag Leadership class and will be recognized at monthly FFA meeting as Star Aggie.
4. The Friday before the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, the officer team and Ag Leadership will put together news videos consisting of previous and future events and recognition to be shown in all Ag classes and the following day.
5. Following the installation of the Greenhand officers, the officer team will include Greenhand officers in running meetings and writing articles for the newsletter.
6. The officer team will ensure that all advertisements for events are completed and hung up a week prior to FFA events.

The screenshot shows the top section of the Atwater FFA website. On the left is the FFA logo. In the center is a blue box with the text "Atwater FFA" in white. On the right, the text reads "Atwater High School Agriculture Department Atwater FFA" followed by the address: "PO Box 835 / 2201 Fruitland Ave Atwater, CA 95301", "Office: 209-357-6025", and "Fax: 209-357-6067". Below this is a navigation menu with buttons for "Home", "About Us", "Agriculture Courses", "Ag Links", "Atwater High School", "Calendar", "Events/ Photos", and "Officers".

Below the navigation menu are two photographs. The left photo shows a group of seven students standing outdoors on a grassy area, wearing black t-shirts with "POWER OF YBU" printed on them. The right photo shows two students, a male and a female, wearing blue t-shirts, standing in front of a large display of potted plants in a nursery or greenhouse setting.

Below the photos is a horizontal line with the text "Academic Success, Premier Leadership, Skill Development, and Career Exploration." centered under it. Below this line are four columns of text: "FFA Spring Plant Sale May 7th and 8th", "Atwater FFA Take-Out BBQ #4", "Program Supporters", and "FFA links".

**Webpage**

**www.AtwaterFFA.org** is the official Atwater FFA and Atwater High School Agriculture Department’s webpage. All information pertaining to national, state, and chapter FFA information, Atwater High School Agriculture Department information, agriculture staff, agriculture student, agriculture industry, and yearly calendar of events/activities can be obtained and/or accessed through the Atwater FFA webpage.

**Applications**

All yearly applications pertaining to Atwater FFA (example – chapter officer, scholarships, etc...) and/or links to state/national FFA applications can be accessed through the Atwater FFA webpage.

**Agriculture FFA / Agriculture Links**

Information and communication links to all FFA, agriculture, and industry can be accessed through the Atwater FFA webpage.

**Social Media**

The Atwater FFA and agriculture program has various social media sites that include Facebook, Twitter, etc...

Hold Regular, Well-Planned Meetings that Capture the Chapter's Interest and Participation

- Have weekly Chapter Officer Meetings
- Have regular month Chapter Meetings
- Call special meetings when necessary
- Conduct regular Executive Meetings in order to maintain solid Chapter communications
- Prepare a well-planned program before meetings
- Provide refreshments for Chapter Meetings
- Have frequent and informative committee reports
- Invite parents and the community leaders to the Chapter Meeting
- The duty of the Sentinel is to set the proper paraphernalia out for the Chapter Meeting and to help the President in maintaining order.
- The goal of the Chapter is to have a least 50% attendance at each Chapter Meeting
- Have an activity after every Chapter Meeting

Special Meetings Should be Held as Necessary

- A special potluck dinner meeting will be held for the Greenhand/Chapter FFA Degree Installation Banquet
- A very special Awards Banquet will be held in May to wrap up the year.

The Official Ceremonies will be used at all Meetings

- All officers are required to learn their part.
- The officers will wear the official uniform at all meetings
- The necessary paraphernalia will be used at all meetings.

The Atwater FFA chapter will develop a sense of cooperation among the entire membership.

- The Atwater Chapter will cooperate with other FFA chapters.
  - ◆ Participation in Sectional, Regional, and State activities.
  - ◆ Hosting Sectional activities as needed.
  - ◆ Serving the awards banquet for Atwater FFA
  
- The Chapter will cooperate with Atwater High School.
  - ◆ BBQ during home AHS football games and AHS BBQ functions.
  - ◆ Participation in school functions and events
  - ◆ Chapter representation during school sponsored activities and functions
  - ◆ Cooperation and support with other AHS youth organizations
  
- The Chapter will participate in community cooperation.
  - ◆ Participating and working with Merced County Office of Education's ROP program and awards ceremony.
  - ◆ Participating and cooperating with local elementary schools in various agriculture projects (example: school gardens)
  - ◆ Providing local middle schools with an informative recruitment presentation.
  - ◆ Participation in a local city beautification project(s).
  - ◆ Participation in Merced County and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life
  
- Members exhibiting at fairs and shows will cooperate together and compete as a team.

The primary objective towards community service is for FFA members to establish an attitude of service towards the community in which they live.

The Atwater FFA will develop a sense of community service among the entire membership.

- Our chapter will conduct food and toy drives during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to help those in need.
- We will assist with community projects and activities when called upon by the Chamber of Commerce.
- We will participate in the Atwater Beautification Day.
- We will take advantage of opportunities to form partnerships with community organizations in working with agricultural education and agricultural projects.
- Our chapter continues to strive towards participating in various community outreach programs



The purpose of public relations is to inform our chapter members and the general public about the activities of our local chapter as well as the overall benefits of the FFA.

### **Media**

- Establish, strengthen, and maintain relationships with media contacts
- Submit articles and photos to various local, regional and state media publications
- Extend media coverage beyond newspapers and publications (i.e., radio, tv, etc...)
- Continue to develop and promote the [www.AtwaterFFA.org](http://www.AtwaterFFA.org) website as an information resource
- Extend and participate in new communication / social media technology resources such as Facebook

### **FFA Week**

- Use various forms of media to keep the public informed during FFA Week
- Conduct school and community activities throughout FFA Week

### **Various FFA Events and Activities**

- Select worthy persons as Honorary Chapter farmers
- Recognize worthy individuals to receive Certificates of Appreciation
- Provide community advertisements through Placemat Ad fundraiser
- Host various award recognition ceremonies for parents and families of FFA members
- Sponsor a parent / member banquet
- Maintain a chapter scrapbook
- Chamber of Commerce and other community service clubs
- Serve at the Atwater FFA Awards Banquet

### **Atwater High School**

- Regular communication sessions with AHS administration and counselors
- Assist and support various school activities

The Chapter will encourage graduating seniors to keep membership affiliation for the following year.

- As graduate members, the chapter will encourage these members to:
  - Exhibit at fairs until eligibility membership expires
  - Apply for advanced degrees such as the American FFA Degree
  - Apply for proficiency awards in their SAE area
  - Continue an active role in participation in local activities
  - Attend all chapter meetings
  
- The Chapter will utilize the expertise of alumni members when needed by the Chapter.
  - To help coach judging teams
  - To serve as judges of local FFA contests
  - To assist in money raising activities such as ad sales, BBQ's, etc.
  - Provide facilities for SAE projects



**Mrs. Natalie Borba**

12<sup>th</sup> Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Ag Biology, Floral 1, Animal Anatomy and Physiology

**CDE's and LDE's:** Cotton Judging, Meats Judging, Creed Speaking

**SAE Supervision:** Goats

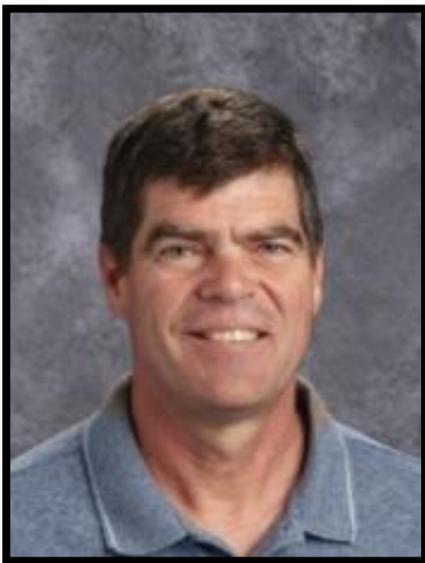
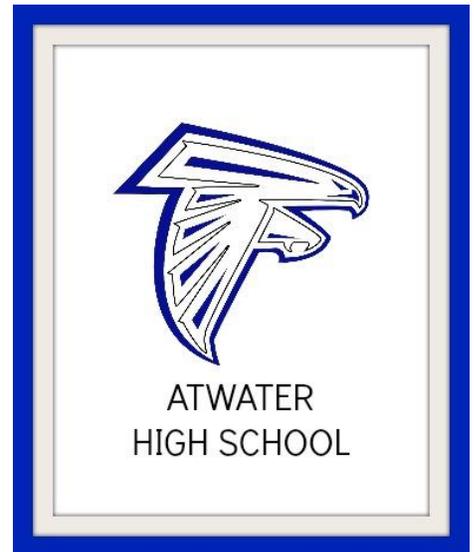
**Mrs. Shelby Fishman**

9th Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Intro and Advanced Small Engines, Exploration in Agriculture

**CDE's and LDE's:** Citrus Judging, Advanced Parli Pro

**SAE Supervision:** Rabbits, Poultry



**Mr. Dan Flatt**

21st Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Wood 1, 2, and 3

**CDE's and LDE's:** Poultry Judging

**SAE Supervision:** Ag Mechanics and Poultry



**Mr. Dave Gossman**

20<sup>th</sup> Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Ag Earth Science, Horticulture, and Turf Grass & Sports Field Management

**CDE's and LDE's:** Milk Quality and Dairy Food Evaluation, Nursery and Landscape

**SAE Supervision:** Swine, Horticulture

**Ms. Taylor Helton**

4<sup>th</sup> Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Animal Anatomy and Physiology, Vet Science, and Soil Chemistry

**CDE's and LDE:** Vet Science, Novice Parli Pro

**SAE Supervision:** Sheep



**Mr. Sam Meredith**

18<sup>th</sup> Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Welding Technology 1 and 2, Equipment Construction 1 and 2

**CDE's and LDE's:** Ag Mechanics, Soils and Land Evaluation

**SAE Supervision:** Ag Mechanics, Beef, Work Experience





**Mrs. Kim Mesa**

8<sup>th</sup> Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Ag Leadership, Floral I, Ag Economics / Government

**CDE's and LDE's:** Agronomy, Impromptu, Extemporaneous

**SAE Supervision:** Dairy Cattle

**Mr. Jose Vargas**

5<sup>th</sup> Year Teaching

**Classes Taught:** Ag Shop Skills

**CDE's and LDE:** Vegetable Judging, Job Interview

**SAE Supervision:** Ag Mechanics



**Ag Advisory Committee**

The primary purpose of the local advisory committee is to provide to the agriculture teacher, school administration and board of education advice on issues affecting the agriculture program. Advisory committee members must understand the committee has no administrative policymaking or legislative authority.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Nikki Maddux	2019-2021	Merced College Instructor / Animal Science
Ed Palomino	2019-2021	West Air Gases
Paul van Warmerdam	2019-2021	Dairyman
Benina Montes	2020-2022	Burrough's Family Farm
Craig Arnold	2020-2022	Arnold Farm
Jessica Filippini	2020-2022	UPL, Ltd
Brad Kessler	2021-2023	BK Welding
Silas Rossow	2021-2023	California Ag Solutions
Amanda Skidmore	2021-2023	E&J Gallo Winery

The chapter will encourage students to strive for academic excellence.

**1. Improve scholarship of FFA members in all academic subjects**

- A. Encourage members to strive for C.S.F. standards
- B. Strive to have all FFA members on the honor roll
- C. Award points on the Chapter Point Awards system for good grades
- D. Require that all Chapter Officers maintain at least a B in all agriculture classes.
- E. Members participating in competitive events shall not fall below a C or 2.0 average on a 4.0 scale or have less than a C in any agriculture class. Eligibility for all competitive events will be suspended if any of the above shall occur.

**2. Will strive to improve home technology, reading and library use.**

- A. Encourage each member to subscribe and read at least one agriculture publication.
- B. Encourage each member to use school and county libraries for agriculture research projects.

**3. Will encourage Seniors to apply for scholarships available to them in order to continue their education.**

- A. Twelfth grade members are encouraged to apply for scholarships including the Bloss, Fancher, Winton Grange, Farm Bureau, and Atwater Ag Booster Scholarship which are available to agriculture students.
- B. Twelfth grade members are encouraged to apply for any scholarships which are available to them for the school they are planning to attend.
- C. Twelfth grade chapter members are encouraged to talk with their counselors about other scholarships which may be available to them as a result of their parent's affiliation with a lodge or places of employment.

**4. Scholastic Awards**

- A. Award trophies to the Agriculture students in each grade level with the highest GPA.

**Official Show Uniform**

The official Show Uniform for FFA members consists of:

White shirt or blouse, white pants, FFA tie, and FFA jacket. Shoes should be appropriate for what you are showing.

**Fairs**

The Atwater FFA Chapter is involved in many fairs throughout the year. The livestock and agricultural mechanics projects are exhibited throughout the state, where the chapter wins many awards and honors. The animals that are exhibited include market and breeding sheep, market and breeding beef, market and breeding swine, dairy cattle, rabbits, market, breeding, and dairy goats.

The Fairs that are attended are:

- (Summer) Merced County Fair
- (Summer) California State Fair



## Career Development Events

In California, there are thirty-four career development events (CDEs), seven leadership development events (LDEs) and three activities that cover job skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Some events allow students to compete as individuals, while others require students to work together in a team.

Agricultural Communications  
Agricultural Issues Forum  
Agricultural Mechanics  
Agricultural Pest Control  
Agricultural Sales  
Agricultural Welding  
AET Farm Record Book  
Agriscience Fair  
Agronomy  
Best Informed Greenhand  
Citrus Judging  
Computer Applications  
Cotton Judging  
Dairy Cattle Judging  
Farm Business Management  
Floriculture  
Food Science and Technology

Forestry  
Fruit Tree Judging  
Fruit Tree Pruning  
Grapevine Judging  
Light Horse Judging  
Livestock Judging  
Marketing Plan  
Meat Judging  
Milk Quality and Dairy Foods  
Natural Resources  
Nursery/Landscaping  
Poultry Judging  
Small Engines  
Soil and Land Evaluation  
Veterinary Science Judging



Leadership Development Events (LDE's) provide students with the opportunity to develop their communication skills and apply those skills to real life situations.

### Employment Skills

Participants in the Employment Skills (formerly Job Interview) LDE submit a resume, complete job applications and participate in mock job interviews with a panel of possible employers.

### Impromptu Public Speaking

The purpose of Impromptu Public Speaking is to foster and develop the speaking abilities of FFA members as well as develop their self-confidence and contribute to their advancement in inter-personal skill attainment and leadership development.

### Prepared Public Speaking

During the Prepared Public Speaking LDE, students write and deliver a six-to-eight-minute speech about a current agriculture-related topic. The speaking skills gained through this event help students excel in school, community, and career.

### Creed Speaking

Creed Speaking is for FFA members in the grades seventh, eighth, and ninth. They must present the FFA Creed from memory and answer questions about its meaning and purpose. The event boosts self-confidence and develops their ability to communicate in a powerful, professional manner.

### Extemporaneous Public Speaking

In Extemporaneous Public Speaking, participants are given 30 minutes to deliver a speech on one of three assigned ag-related topics. Students must learn to think on their feet and develop an argument quickly and persuasively.



**Year School Established:** 1958

**School Colors:** Royal Blue and White

**2021-2022 School Enrollment:** 2,043

**School Mascot:** Falcon

**2021-2022 Atwater High School Bell Schedule**

NORMAL SCHEDULE			WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE		
PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END
0	6:55	7:54	TEACHER COLLABORATION		
1	8:00	8:47	1	8:14	9:01
2	8:53	9:40	2	9:07	9:52
3	9:46	10:33	3	9:58	10:43
4	10:39	11:28	4	10:49	11:34
Lunch	11:28	11:58	Lunch	11:34	12:04
5	12:04	12:51	5	12:10	12:55
6	12:57	1:44	6	1:01	1:46
7	1:50	2:37	7	1:52	2:37
ASSETS	2:37	5:30 Bus departs 5:00	ASSETS	2:37	5:30 Bus departs 5:00



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## Atwater FFA Chapter Applications

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## Atwater FFA 2020-2021 Greenhand Officer Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please *PRINT* clearly:

1. Please rank in order (1-8) the office(s) you are interested in applying for:

\_\_\_ President    \_\_\_ Vice President    \_\_\_ Secretary    \_\_\_ Reporter  
\_\_\_ Treasurer    \_\_\_ Sentinel    \_\_\_ Historian    \_\_\_ Parliamentarian

2. 2020-2021 School Year GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Ag Class(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. List any school or community activities you are involved with and/or committed to for next year (outside of FFA):

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why do you want to be a FFA Greenhand officer?

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\_\_\_\_\_

5. What leadership qualities do you feel you can bring to the Greenhand Officer Team?

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4. **What are some goals you would like to accomplish during your years in the FFA?**

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5. **What are your goals after you graduate from Atwater High School?**

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6. **We would like to have a day of teambuilding and leadership workshops for the newly elected Greenhand team. Please circle the days you are available:**

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020      December 20, 2020      December 21, 2020

7. **What FFA events have you participated in so far?**

**FFA Activities You Participated (or Worked) In**

- \_\_\_ FFA Ice Cream Social
- \_\_\_ August AHS Club Day
- \_\_\_ August Greenhand Conference in Modesto
- \_\_\_ October Opening and Closing Ceremonies - Gustine
- \_\_\_ October Atwater Beautification Day/Clean-up

**Fundraisers You Participated In**

- \_\_\_ Placemat Ads
- \_\_\_ Plant Sale
- \_\_\_ BBQ Take-Out #1
- \_\_\_ Fall Fest
- \_\_\_ AHS Football BBQ Game(s)

**Chapter FFA Meetings You Attended**

- \_\_\_ September "Pool Party" Meeting
- \_\_\_ October "Corn Maze" Meeting

**FFA Judging Teams You Are Planning on Joining**

- \_\_\_ Agronomy
- \_\_\_ Creed / Job Interview / Prepared/ Impromptu
- \_\_\_ Land
- \_\_\_ Landscape / Nursery (OH)

**SAE Projects for 2021 Merced Fair or Planning on:**



**Atwater FFA 2020-2021 Chapter Officer Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please PRINT clearly:*

1. **Please rank in order (1-7) the office(s) you are interested in applying for:**

\_\_\_ President    \_\_\_ Vice President    \_\_\_ Secretary

\_\_\_ Reporter    \_\_\_ Treasurer    \_\_\_ Sentinel    \_\_\_ Historian

2. **Current FFA degree held:**    \_\_\_ Greenhand    \_\_\_ Chapter Farmer    \_\_\_ CA State

3. **Current grade level:**    \_\_\_ Freshman    \_\_\_ Sophomore    \_\_\_ Junior

4. **Have you held an Atwater FFA chapter office before?**    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No  
(Including Greenhand Office)

**If YES, what office(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **2020-2021 School Year GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_    **Current Ag Class(es) GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Cumulative GPA** (total GPA for all high school years): \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcripts to the application.**

7. **List all the AHS agriculture classes you have had and/or are currently taking :**

a) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

8. List the 2020-2021 agriculture classes you are CURRENTLY registered for next year:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

9. List any school or community activities you are involved with and/or committed to for next year:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Why do you want to be a FFA chapter officer?

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14. **What is one part of our FFA program that you would like to change?**

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15. **Place a “check” for each item you have participated in this past year:**

**FFA Activities You Participated (or Worked) In**

- Mariposa Creed, Job Interview, Impromptu
- August Ice Cream Social
- August AHS Club Day
- September Sectional FFA Meeting
- September Greenhand Conference in Modesto
- October COLC
- October Opening and Closing Ceremonies - Gustine
- October Atwater Beautification Day / Clean-up
  
- Local Project Competition
- Section Project Competition
- MFE / ALA Leadership Conferences
  
- January Creed Contest
- January Job Interview Contest

**Fundraisers You Participated In**

- Placemat Ads
- Plant Sale
- BBQ Take-Out #1
- BBQ Take-Out #2
- BBQ Take-Out #3
- BBQ Take-Out #4
- AHS Football BBQ Game(s)

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**FFA Judging Teams You Are an Active Member Of**

- Agronomy
- Creed / Job Interview / Prepared/ Impromptu/Extemp
- Parli Pro
- Landscape / Nursery (OH)

- January Public Speaking Contest(s)
- February FFA Week Dress Up
- February FFA Week – Basketball/Kiss a Calf
- February FFA Week - Ag Olympics
- February Regional FFA Meeting
- March FFA State Degree Ceremony
- April - FFA Sectional Meeting, Elections, Co-Op
- Fall or Spring Plant Sale
- Sectional Parli Pro Contest
- Regional Parli Pro Contest
- State Parli Pro Contest
- State Speaking Finals
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- Floriculture
- Meats
- Ag Mechanics
- Poultry
- Land
- Dairy Products
- Marketing Plan
- Farm Business Management
- Cotton
- Vegetables
- Ag Communications
- Small Engines

**FFA Field Days You Have Attended**

- Chowchilla Cotton
- Corcoran Cotton
- MJC Cotton
  
- Fall Cotton State Finals
- Atwater Parli Pro Inv.
- Arbuckle
- UC Davis
- UC Davis Parli Pro
- Chico State
- Le Grand
- Merced College
- Reedley
- Cosumnes River College
- Modesto Junior College
- West Hills
- Fresno State
- State Finals (Cal Poly)
- Northern CA (West Valley) Parli-Pro

**Chapter FFA Meetings You Attended**

- September "Castle Fly By" Meeting
- October "Corn Maze" Meeting
- November Greenhand / Chapter Farmer Ceremony
- December "Morning Wave"
- January "Dodgeball" Meeting
- February "FFA Week" Basketball
- March " Bowling" Meeting
- April Burrito Movie Night Meeting

**SAE Projects for 2019 Merced Fair**

- Beef
- Goat
  
- Sheep
- Swine
- Dairy Heifer
- Rabbit
- Ag Mechanics

**STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

To be an officer in the Atwater FFA you must be willing to make a true commitment. It will take many hours of your time, working in harmony with the chapter advisors and the rest of the officer team, to fulfill your responsibilities of service to the chapter. You must work as a member of a **“leadership team”** realizing that all officers are of equal importance and that each must fulfill his/her specific duties as spelled out in the Atwater FFA Chapter Constitution. As an officer I realize that I will be responsible for establishing the Calendar of Activities for the year and will make the commitment to attend all functions set forth in that calendar. I realize I must attend the Chapter Leadership and Regional Chapter Leadership Conferences. I also realize that on occasion things will be added to the calendar as the year progresses and I will also agree to participate in those activities as well.

**If you cannot make a 100% commitment to the Chapter you should not consider applying for an officer position in the Atwater FFA Chapter.**

**DO YOU AGREE TO RESIGN YOUR OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT FULFILL YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?**

YES

NO

If elected to chapter office I agree to fulfill all of my duties and responsibilities as described above.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent of an Atwater FFA Chapter Officer, I understand that my/our son/daughter is taking on a commitment that requires much time and effort. He/She will need my/our support and understanding when it comes to spending a considerable amount of time involved with the chapter FFA activities. I realize that through his/her involvement my son/daughter will have the opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills that he/she will take with him/her through his/her entire life.

If my son/daughter is elected to chapter office I agree to support him/her in fulfilling all of his/her duties and responsibilities as described above.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Información previa a la solicitud de la feria del condado de Merced 2021**  
**Para estudiantes interesados en criar/exhibir una Chivo, Cordero(a) (Obeja), o Cerdo**  
**en la Feria del Condado de Merced en 2021**

La Feria del Condado de Merced ha aprobado 4 "planes" con respecto a la Feria del Condado de Merced 2021 y los expositores de ganado de FFA:

Plan A - Feria en persona con exposición y venta de ganado

Plan B - Exposición y venta de ganado en persona; sin feria en persona

Plan C - Exposición de ganado en persona con venta virtual; sin feria en persona

Plan D - Exposición y venta de ganado virtual; sin feria en persona

Con la situación actual de COVID-19, el horario escolar actual (aprendizaje híbrido y en línea), los parámetros y las "incógnitas" involucradas en los planes mencionados anteriormente, y las incógnitas con respecto a los costos, la inversión, los parámetros de salud / seguridad y Riesgos potenciales asociados con no saber cuál será la situación en los próximos meses, primavera y verano, Atwater FFA ESTARÁ LIMITANDO el número de proyectos y estudiantes aprobados para la feria de este año. Se dará prioridad a los estudiantes con experiencia anterior que sean y sigan siendo "elegibles" (según la página o formulario adjunto). Los expositores "nuevos" serán seleccionados según la disponibilidad y los parámetros de elegibilidad enumerados en la siguiente página o formulario adjunto.

Habrà una serie de pasos y requisitos que los estudiantes deben seguir/cumplir para calificar para el proceso de solicitud. Los PRIMEROS pasos son:

- 1 – Leer, comprender y firmar (AMBOS estudiantes y padres) la segunda página de este formulario y entregarlo a la escuela (en persona o por correo) antes del 13 de noviembre de 2020. Si envía el formulario por correo, DEBE TENER MATASELLOS antes del miércoles, 11 de noviembre de 2020. (Envíe por correo postal al PO BOX que aparece en la parte superior de esta página)
- 2 – Todos los solicitantes de CABRAS, CORDEROS o CERDOS DEBEN asistir a una reunión de ZOOM de padres / expositores específica de la especie programada para el miércoles 18 de noviembre de 2020. Esto es OBLIGATORIO para TODOS los estudiantes solicitantes, aunque ya hayan criado, exhibido o mostrado una especie de ganado para Atwater FFA o no. Solo aquellos estudiantes que hayan recibido un formulario de "Feria del condado de Merced 2021 - Información de solicitud de pre-expositor de Atwater FFA" serán elegibles y / o aceptados en la reunión de Zoom. Esa reunión DEBE SER ASISTIDA POR UN PADRE O TUTOR, ¡SIN EXCEPCIONES!
- 3 – Durante varias fechas habrán formas adicionales disponibles para quienes no tengan impresora / horas programadas y otras oportunidades se comunicarán a los estudiantes.

Independientemente de los desafíos asociados con COVID-19, educación a distancia, etc... Atwater FFA se adherirá estrictamente a las pólizas enumeradas en el "Formulario de solicitud de pre-expositor", incluido el GPA y las calificaciones actuales. Los estudios académicos, la obtención de un diploma y la graduación tienen prioridad sobre la crianza de un animal. Si un estudiante no tiene tiempo para cumplir con sus responsabilidades académicas, es difícil justificar que tenga tiempo para cumplir con las responsabilidades asociadas con todo lo que se requiere para criar / exhibir un animal para la feria



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Nombre de Estudiante:

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Maestro/a de Ag:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Feria del condado de Merced 2021 - Información de solicitud de pre-expositor de Atwater FFA**

Criar un animal para exhibirlo en la Feria del Condado de Merced como miembro de Atwater FFA es un privilegio, no un derecho. Aunque es nuestra meta brindar a la mayor cantidad de estudiantes la oportunidad de criar un proyecto de animales pequeños o ganado para la feria, esta "meta" tiene limitaciones basadas en los recursos de los estudiantes/animales, las inversiones financieras, la capacidad de administración de los estudiantes y la salud y seguridad de los animales. El hecho de que haya participado en la crianza y exhibición de un proyecto de animales para Atwater FFA el año pasado no significa necesariamente que tendrá la oportunidad este año.

Habrán ciertos requisitos para ser elegible para solicitar y ser aprobado para criar/exhibir un proyecto de animales pequeños y / o ganado con Atwater FFA. Incluyen:

#1 – Asistencia a la escuela: Los estudiantes deben estar al día (primer y segundo semestre) en términos de asistencia a la escuela. Las ausencias injustificadas / o las tardanzas (para cualquier clase / período) pueden descalificarlos. Si no puede demostrar una buena asistencia y / o llegar a clase a tiempo, ¿cómo podemos confiar en que lo hará con su proyecto animal/ganadero?

#2 – Académicos: Los estudiantes deben estar en buen estado académico. Graduarse y obtener un diploma tiene prioridad sobre la crianza de un animal. Las "D y/o F", especialmente en una clase de agricultura, pueden descalificar o lo descalificarán. Esto incluye las calificaciones actuales del INFORME DE PROGRESO. Criar un animal requiere tiempo y responsabilidad adicionales. Sería difícil justificar agregar más tiempo y responsabilidad al horario de uno con un proyecto de animales si ya tiene un desafío que encaja a tiempo para cumplir con sus responsabilidades académicas.

#3 – Conducta / Disciplina: Cualquier comportamiento escolar o problemas de disciplina pueden descalificarlo. Se REQUIERE la capacidad de "confiar" en usted durante un ambiente ocasional sin supervisión y demostrar buen juicio, comportamiento y carácter.

#4 – "Advertencias", ética de trabajo y / o esfuerzo: si crió/exhibió un proyecto de animales pequeños y/o ganado para la feria el año pasado, y recibió una o más advertencias (mientras criaba al animal o mostraba en la feria), puede perder la oportunidad este año. Si no demostró asistencia cuando se le solicitó, llegar a tiempo, el saber trabajar en grupo y/o haber hecho un esfuerzo sólido hacia sus responsabilidades el año pasado, es posible que haya perdido su oportunidad de ser parte del equipo de Atwater FFA Show este año. Con la opción de participar, vienen las responsabilidades que conlleva.

#5 – Los estudiantes DEBEN tener una chaqueta de la FFA con corbata/ bufanda: la feria del condado de Merced requiere que los estudiantes tengan un uniforme completo de FFA cuando se presenten. Las chaquetas y corbatas/bufandas de FFA se pueden comprar por \$65. Los estudiantes también pueden ganar una corbata/bufanda GRATIS de FFA a través de las recaudaciones de fondos de FFA. Las oportunidades para comprar y/o ganar una chaqueta y corbata/ bufanda de FFA GRATIS están disponibles para todos los estudiantes.

#6 – Participación de FFA: los estudiantes DEBEN participar activamente en los eventos/actividades de FFA, incluyendo la asistencia a las reuniones mensuales y la recaudación de fondos. Este es un requisito similar para los miembros de 4-H que crían/exhiben animales para la feria.

El propósito de este formulario es informar al estudiante interesado y / o considerando un proyecto animal para la feria que existen requisitos, estándares y responsabilidades que deben cumplirse antes, durante y después de cada feria. Esto se combina con el hecho de que tenemos recursos y oportunidades limitados disponibles para garantizar que todos los aspectos de los proyectos de animales de Atwater FFA sean manejables y dentro de la seguridad y el bienestar tanto de los animales como de los estudiantes. Cuando Atwater FFA se enfrente a la toma de decisiones sobre el número de estudiantes cuyos solicitantes serán aprobados, se decidirá/basará en los parámetros incluidos en este documento.

**Para recibir una solicitud, usted (estudiante) debe reconocer que ha leído y comprendido los parámetros iniciales involucrados en el proceso de solicitud y que usted y un padre/tutor la firman.** Se proporcionará más información adicional con las solicitudes para ganado lechero, cabras, ovejitas y cerdos que saldrán en diciembre, y las solicitudes para proyectos de aves y conejos se enviarán entre febrero y abril.

**ESTE FORMULARIO SE DEBE ENTREGAR ANTES DEL 13 de noviembre de 2020 PARA SER ELEGIBLE PARA SOLICITAR/PARTICIPAR PARA LA FERIA 2021**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firma de Estudiante

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firma de Padre/Tutor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fecha



## **2021 Merced County Fair Pre-Application Information For Students Interested in Raising/Exhibiting a Goat, Lamb, or Pig at the Merced County Fair in 2021**

The Merced County Fair has approved 4 “plans” regarding the 2021 Merced County Fair and FFA livestock exhibitors:

Plan A – In-person fair with Livestock show and sale

Plan B – In-person Livestock show and sale; no in-person fair

Plan C – In-person Livestock show with a virtual sale; no in-person fair

Plan D – Virtual Livestock show and sale; no in-person fair

With the current COVID-19 situation, current school schedule (hybrid and online learning), the parameters and “unknowns” involved in the above plans listed above, and the unknown(s) regarding the costs, investment, health/safety parameters, and potential risks associated with not knowing what the situation will be in the coming months, spring, and summer, Atwater FFA will BE LIMITING the # of approved projects and students for this year’s fair. Priority will be given to past experienced students who are and remain “eligible” (based on the next/enclosed page/form). “New” exhibitors will be selected based on availability and the eligibility parameters listed on the next/enclosed page/form.

There will be a series of steps and requirements for students to follow/meet in order to qualify for the application process. The FIRST steps are:

- 1 – To read, understand, and sign (BOTH student and parent) the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this form and have it turned into the school (in person or mail) by November 13, 2020. If you mail the form, it **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by Wednesday, November 11, 2020. (Please mail to the school PO BOX listed at the top of this page)
- 2 – All applicants for GOATS, LAMBS, or PIGS **MUST** attend a species specific Parent/Exhibitor ZOOM meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020. This is **MANDATORY** for ALL student applicants regardless if they have raised, exhibited, or shown a livestock species for Atwater FFA or not. Only those students who we have received a “2021 Merced County Fair – Atwater FFA Pre-Exhibitor Application Information” form will be eligible and/or accepted into the Zoom meeting. That meeting **MUST BE ATTENDED BY A PARENT or GUARDIAN – NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 3 – Additional forms will be made available for those without a printer at various scheduled dates/times and those opportunities will be communicated to the students.

Regardless of the challenges associated with COVID-19, distance learning, etc.... Atwater FFA will strictly adhere to the policies listed on the “Pre-Exhibitor Application Form” including one’s GPA and current grades. Academics, earning a diploma, and graduation take precedent over raising an animal. If a student does not have time to meet their academic responsibilities, it is hard to justify they have time to meet the responsibilities associated with all that is required in raising/exhibiting an animal for the fair.



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**Student's Name (print):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Ag Teacher (print):**

**2021 Merced County Fair - Atwater FFA Pre-Exhibitor Application Information**

Raising an animal to exhibit at the Merced County Fair as an Atwater FFA member is a privilege, not a right. While it remains a goal to provide as many students the opportunity to raise a small animal or livestock project for the fair, this "goal" does come with limitations based on student/animal resources, financial investment(s), manageability of students, and the health and safety of the animals. Just because you may have participated in raising and exhibiting at animal project for Atwater FFA last year, does not necessarily mean you will have the opportunity this year.

There will be certain requirements to be eligible in applying and being approved to raise/exhibit a small animal and/or livestock project with Atwater FFA. They include:

- #1 – School Attendance: Students must be in good standing (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester) in terms of school attendance. Unexcused/truant absences and/or tardies (for any classes / periods) may disqualify you. If you cannot demonstrate good attendance and/or showing up to class on time, how can we trust you will do so with your animal/livestock project?
- #2 – Academics: Students must be in good academic standing. Graduating and earning a diploma takes precedence over raising an animal. "D's and/or F's", especially in an agriculture class, may/will disqualify you. This includes current PROGRESS REPORT grades. Raising an animal takes additional time and responsibility. It would be hard to justify adding more time and responsibility to ones schedule with an animal project if you are already having a challenge fitting in time to meet your academic responsibilities.
- #3 – Behavior / Discipline: Any school behavior or discipline issues may/will disqualify you. The ability to "trust" you in an occasional unsupervised environment and demonstration of good judgement, behavior, and character is REQUIRED.
- #4 – "Strikes", Work Ethic, and/or Effort: If you raised/exhibited a small animal and/or livestock project for the fair last year, and you earned one or more strikes (while raising the animal or showing at the fair), you may lose the opportunity this year. If you did not demonstrate showing up when required, being on time, being a team player, and/or putting forth a solid effort towards your responsibilities last year, you may have forfeited your opportunity to be part of the Atwater FFA Show Team this year. With the choice of participating, comes the responsibilities that come with it.
- #5 – Students MUST Own an FFA Jacket w/ Tie/Scarf – The Merced County Fair requires students to have a full FFA uniform when showing. FFA jackets and ties/scarfs can be purchased for \$65. Students can also earn a FREE FFA jacket tie/scarf through FFA fundraisers. Opportunities for purchase and/or earning a FREE FFA jacket and tie/scarf are available to all students.
- #6 – FFA Involvement – Students MUST be actively involved in FFA events/activities including monthly meeting attendance and fundraising. This is a similar requirement for 4-H members who raise/exhibit animals for the fair.

The purpose of this form is to inform the student interested and/or considering an animal project for the fair that there are requirements, standards, and responsibilities that have to be met prior, during, and after the each fair. This is combined with the fact we have limited resources and opportunities available to ensure all aspects of Atwater FFA animal projects are manageable and within the safety and well-being of both animals and students. When Atwater FFA is faced with making decisions on both the number of students which applicants will be approved, it will be decided/based on the parameters listed above.

**In order to receive an application, you (student) must acknowledge you have read and understand the initial parameters involved in the application process and have it signed by both you and a parent/guardian.**

More/additional information will be provided with applications for dairy cattle, goats, sheep, and swine going out in December, with poultry and rabbit project applications going out between February and April.

**THIS FORM IS DUE ON/BEFORE November 13, 2020 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY/PARTICIPATE FOR 2021 FAIR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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## 2021 Merced County Fair Exhibitor Application – Atwater FFA

(Application is to be attached with other fair related paperwork and within communicated due date)

*Due to COVID, limits in animal stock, facilities, resources and the ability to safely manage animals and students in a safe, positive, and productive manner, the opportunities for students to participate in raising/exhibiting animals with Atwater FFA is limited. Selection/approval of students to participate will be based on previous fair experience/effort, one’s academic/behavior standing, completion of required “pre-application” form, and involvement/participation in the FFA.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Merced County Fair Pre-Application Form Turned In Last Semester?  No  Yes

Current Grade Level:  8<sup>th</sup> (School: \_\_\_\_\_)  9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup>  12<sup>th</sup>  
 Graduate

Animal Species Requesting to Raise/Exhibit for the Fair: (check box)

Dairy Heifer  Market Goat  Market Hog  Market Lamb  Market Steer  Poultry  Rabbits

Have You Raised/Exhibited an Animal for Atwater FFA Before?  No  Yes

If “Yes”, What Species? \_\_\_\_\_ Year Raised/Shown: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Year Raised/Shown: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Year Raised/Shown: \_\_\_\_\_

### If You Raised/Exhibited an Animal LAST YEAR for Atwater FFA, How Many Documented “Strikes” Did You Receive?

I have not shown for Atwater FFA  0 Strikes  1 Strike  2 Strikes  3+ Strikes

*(If you showed/raised/exhibited an animal for Atwater FFA before, you MUST have your species advisor verify the number of “strikes” received below)*

Advisor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Verification Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Raised/Exhibited an Animal for 4-H Before?  No  Yes

If "Yes", What Species? \_\_\_\_\_ What 4-H Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Have a Place To Keep Your Animal?  No  Yes

If "Yes" What is the Location/Place? \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

What is Your Current GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ Do You Have Any School Behavior/Discipline Records?  
 No  Yes

If "Yes", Please Explain Details:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Atwater FFA Participation/Activities:** (please check all that you have attended, participated, etc... for the past 12 months)

Monthly FFA Meetings

- January "Movie Night" Meeting  March "Bowling" Mtg  April "Burrito Movie" Mtg
- May Chapter Awards Meeting  August Zoom "Ice Cream" Social  September Zoom Mtg
- October Movie Zoom Meeting  November Zoom Greenhand / Chapter Degree Mtg
- December '19 "Morning Wave" Meeting

(February) National FFA Week:  School Activities  Other:

FFA Judging Team / Speaking Participation

- Ag Mechanics  Agronomy  Cotton  Creed
- Extemp Speaking  Land/Soils  Milk Quality  Horticulture
- Impromptu Speaking  Job Interview  Marketing Plan  Meats
- Prepared Speaking  Parli Pro  Poultry  Small Engines

FFA Leadership Participation

- National FFA Convention (Zoom) – Completed FFA Choice Board Activity  Chapter Officer
- Greenhand Officer  Sectional Leadership Activity (Zoom)  SOLS (Officers Only)

FFA Activities

- Beautification Day Choice Board  Project Competition  Shop Night(s)  Saturday Hort/Turf Hours
- Plant Sale Shifts

**Fundraisers:**

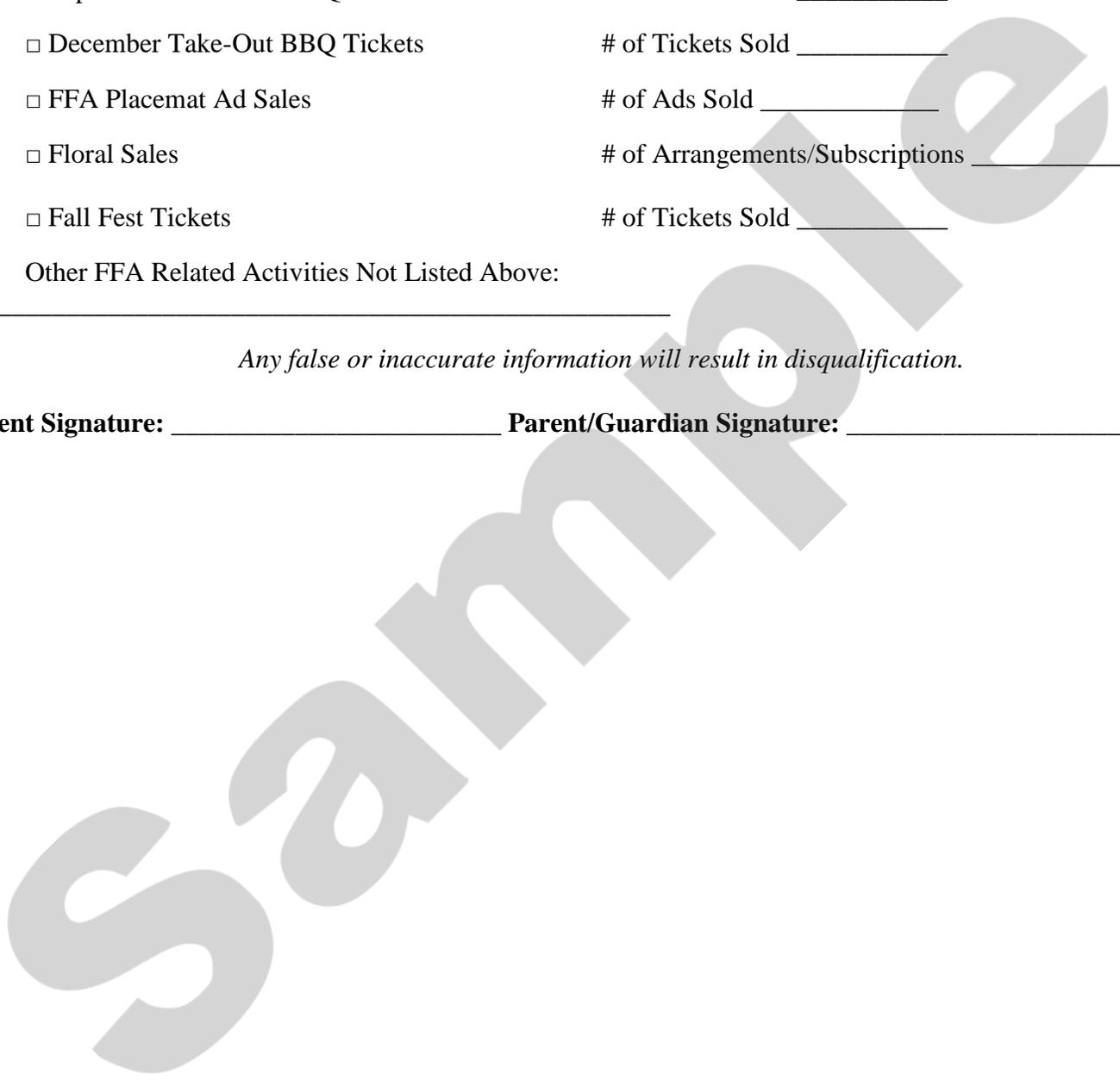
- March (last school year) Take-Out BBQ Tickets # of Tickets Sold \_\_\_\_\_
- May (last school year) Take-Out BBQ Tickets # of Tickets Sold \_\_\_\_\_
- September Take-Out BBQ Tickets # of Tickets Sold \_\_\_\_\_
- December Take-Out BBQ Tickets # of Tickets Sold \_\_\_\_\_
- FFA Placemat Ad Sales # of Ads Sold \_\_\_\_\_
- Floral Sales # of Arrangements/Subscriptions \_\_\_\_\_
- Fall Fest Tickets # of Tickets Sold \_\_\_\_\_

Other FFA Related Activities Not Listed Above:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Any false or inaccurate information will result in disqualification.*

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Atwater FFA**  
**Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy Application**  
**March 19-20<sup>th</sup>, Zoom**

**SUMMARY:** We are limited in the number of students we can select to attend due to our budget, transportation, scheduling, the student's academics (GPA) and logistics. It is our goal to evaluate all students interested in participating and evaluate those who qualify. Students may be required to pay a small fee towards the registration and hotel cost of the trip. OFFICIAL FFA UNIFORM REQUIRED.

**DIRECTIONS:** Please take the time to complete this application thoroughly. Please print neatly and clearly. Please take the time to answer each question sincerely as it will play a part in our evaluation and selection process.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The cost to attend the MFE/ALA is around \$150 per student. In the past we have taken a limited amount of students and have only charged \$25 to the students attending.

**DUE DATE:** Please return your completed application (both sides) to Mrs. Mesa. All applications are due by Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>! By 3pm!!!!

**No late applications will be accepted!**

*(please print clearly and in ink)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** (please circle)    Senior    Junior    Sophomore    **GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am applying for:** \_\_\_\_\_ MFE (traditionally geared for Sophomores)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ALA (traditionally geared for Juniors)

**Have you attended MFE / ALA before?**    YES    NO    If yes, which one?    ALA    MFE

**What are your current Ag classes?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently or have you served Atwater FFA in a leadership role?**    YES    NO

**If yes, what role(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What do you consider your Top 5 FFA activities / accomplishments that you have participated in during your tenure at AHS?**

1-

3-

2-

4-

5-

**Why would you like to attend this year's conference and what do you want to get out of it?**

**What opportunities in the Atwater FFA and AHS Ag program have you participated in / experienced that demonstrates your desire and commitment to becoming one of our chapter's top student representatives and leaders?**

**If you are currently a sophomore or junior, what are your goals / interests in the AHS Ag program and FFA?**

**It will cost the Atwater FFA a lot of money to pay for student conference and hotel fees, meals, and transportation costs .... Why would it be a good investment to select you to go?**

# Point Award Top 20 Trip Semester 1 (May-December)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ag Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**May 2020**

**FFA Banquet**

- Chapter Officer Elected \_\_\_\_\_/100
- Sectional Officer Elected \_\_\_\_\_/65
- Regional Officer Elected \_\_\_\_\_/75
- Star Greenhand \_\_\_\_\_/50
- Star Chapter Farmer \_\_\_\_\_/60

**Los Banos/Chowchilla Fair**

- Poultry/Rabbits \_\_\_\_\_/30

**Animal Projects**

- Class Winner (1st or 2nd) \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Breed Champion \_\_\_\_\_/15
- Overall Champion (Grand or Reserve) \_\_\_\_\_/25

**Showmanship**

- Top 10 Showmanship \_\_\_\_\_/15
- Showmanship Champion \_\_\_\_\_/25
- Round Robin Winner \_\_\_\_\_/50

**May Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**September 2020**

- Castle Fly By Meeting \_\_\_\_\_/25
- Football BBQ \_\_\_\_\_/20
- Greenhand Conference \_\_\_\_\_/30
- Drive Thru BBQ Tickets 10/ticket \_\_\_\_\_/10

**September Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**October 2020**

- Attended and Helped at FFA Plant Sale \_\_\_\_\_/25
- Atwater Beautification(10points / hour) \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Football BBQ \_\_\_\_\_/20
- Corn Maze Meeting at Ag Dept \_\_\_\_\_/25
- National Convention (50 points /day) \_\_\_\_\_/50
- Operation Christmas Child \_\_\_\_\_/50

**October Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**June 2020 (Last year's Fair)**

**Merced Fair 2018**

- Ag Mechanics Project(s) \_\_\_\_\_/25
- Beef/Dairy Fair Project \_\_\_\_\_/125
- Large Ag Mechanics Project \_\_\_\_\_/75
- Rabbit/Poultry Project(s) \_\_\_\_\_/25
- Swine / Goat / Sheep Project \_\_\_\_\_/75

**Animal Projects**

- Class Winner (1st or 2nd) \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Breed Champion \_\_\_\_\_/15
- Overall Champion (Grand or Reserve) \_\_\_\_\_/25

**Showmanship**

- Top 10 Showmanship \_\_\_\_\_/15
- Showmanship Champion \_\_\_\_\_/25
- Round Robin Winner \_\_\_\_\_/50

**Ag Mechanic Projects**

- Outstanding Project \_\_\_\_\_/25

**June Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**November 2020**

- Football BBQ \_\_\_\_\_/20

**Greenhand / Chapter Farm Degree Ceremony**

- Attended \_\_\_\_\_/20
- Greenhand Degree \_\_\_\_\_/30
- Chapter Farmer Degree \_\_\_\_\_/30

**Project Competition**

- Local \_\_\_\_\_/100
- (Sectional Project Competition Points will be awarded after the banquet)

**November Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**December 2020**

- Morning Wave Meeting \_\_\_\_\_/25
- Drive Thru BBQ Tickets 10/ticket \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Can Food Drive 5 pts/ can \_\_\_\_\_/5

**December Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**July 2020**

- Washington Leadership Conference \_\_\_\_\_/100
- ROLC \_\_\_\_\_/25

**July Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**August 2020**

**Start of School**

- Student Body Officer \_\_\_\_\_/35
- Class Officer \_\_\_\_\_/25
- FFA Ice Cream Social at Ag Dept \_\_\_\_\_/25

**Placement Ad Sales**

- Per Ad \_\_\_\_\_/20

**August Total** \_\_\_\_\_

The Top Twenty students who earn the most amount of points will be eligible to attend the "Top Twenty Point Awards Trip" at the end of the year.

## Point Award Top 20 Trip Semester 2 (January-May)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ag Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>January 2021</b>	
• Dodgeball Meeting	___/25
<b>Super Saturday</b>	
• Creed	___/25
• Prepared Public Speaking	___/25
• Job Interview	___/25
• Impromptu	___/25
• Extemporaneous	___/25
<b>Project Comp Banquet</b>	
• Silver	___/50
• Gold	___/100
<b>January Total</b>	-----

<b>February 2021</b>	
• MFE/ALA	___/75
• Sectional FFA Basketball	___/20
• Central Region Meeting	___/20
• Regional Speaking Contest	___/30

<b>March 2021</b>	
• Bowling Meeting	___/25
• Drive Thru BBQ Tickets 10/ticket	___/10
• State Degree Awarded	___/100
<b>March Total</b>	_____

<b>April 2021</b>	
• Movie Night Meeting	___/25
• Sectional Meeting Livingston	___/15
• State FFA Conference FOUR DAY	___/100
• State Speaking Finals	___/50
• Sectional Officer-Elected	___/65
<b>April Total</b>	_____

<b>May 2021</b>	
• Drive Thru BBQ Tickets 10/ticket	___/10
• Plant Sale Helper	___/25
<b>May Total</b>	_____

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<b>Judging Team Points</b> (Madera Cotton, Corcoran Cotton, MJC Cotton, Arbuckle, UC Davis, Westhills, Chico, Le Grand, Reedley, CRC, Merced, MJC, Fresno, Merced Ag Mech, Parli-Pro)	
<b>Participation at Each Contest</b>	
• 20 Points per Contest Attended	-----
<b>Individual Placing</b>	
• Top 5 Overall (20 Points per contest)	-----
<b>OR</b>	
• Top 10 Overall (10 Points per contest)	-----
<b>Team Placing</b>	
• Top 5 Overall (20 Points per contest)	-----
<b>OR</b>	
• Top 10 Overall (10 Points per contest)	-----
<b>State Finals</b>	
• Participation	___/40
• Team Top 5 Overall	___/40
• Team Top 10 Overall	___/20
• Individual Top 5	___/40
• Individual Top 10	___/20

<b>GPA Points</b>	
• 3.5-4.0+ Overall GPA @ Semester	___/50
• 3.0-3.49 Overall GPA @ Semester	___/25
• 2.5-2.99 Overall GPA @ Semester	___/10
<b>Total GPA</b>	_____

<b>May 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>June 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>July 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>August 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>September 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>October 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>November 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>December 2020 Total</b>	_____
<b>January 2021 Total</b>	_____
<b>February 2021 Total</b>	_____
<b>March 2021 Total</b>	_____
<b>April 2021 Total</b>	_____
<b>May 2021 Total</b>	_____
<b>Judging Team Total</b>	_____
<b>GPA Points</b>	_____
<b>Committee Chairman 20/Committee</b>	_____
<b>100% Attendance at Meetings</b>	___/100
<b>Grand Total</b>	_____



# Point Award System

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FFA Chapter Point Award System

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The Point Award System was developed in order to recognize and award those members who are most active in various FFA activities throughout the year. The top individuals will receive an award and recognition at our awards banquet in May. The members were invited to participate in a Point Award trip sponsored by the Atwater FFA. Recent Point Award trips have included rafting, Alcatraz tour, MLB game, and Santa Cruz.



**2019 – 2020 Point Award Winners**

*\* 2020 – 2021 Point Award trip was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic*

Michael Bray  
Tristan Cardey  
Celeste Chargoy Velasco  
Reagan Puthuff  
Kaya Briscoe  
Klarithsa Cruz  
Faith Ceja  
Emmanuel Mejia  
Faith Johnson

Anessa Cardenas  
Chelsea Thompson  
Emma Garcia  
Emily Junez  
Colby Flatt  
Elisabeth Garner  
Hayley Vargas  
Simarjot Gandhoke  
Cristal Venegas

Luz Soto  
Stephania Valdovinos  
Jennifer Velazquez  
Liliana Vargas  
Daniel Lopez  
Yusdivia Rojo  
Jose Montanez

The Point Award System is an evaluation resource used by the Advisors towards selecting each year's Star Chapter Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer award recipient.

**Atwater FFA Point Awards List**

**I. FFA Leadership / Community Service / Workday Activities**

A	Ag Dept. Workday	.....	20
B	Chairman		
	1. Over-all Chairman (Upon Completion of Report)	.....	20
C	Chapter FFA Degree (Year Received)	.....	15
D	Community Service Work	.....	5/Hour
E	Greenhand Degree (Year Received)	.....	30
F	Homecoming Float	.....	15 / day
G	Meetings		
	1. Attendance at Each Chapter Meeting	.....	25
	2. 100% Attendance at Chapter Meetings	.....	50
	3. Representing the Chapter at Sectional Meetings	.....	15
	4. Representing the Chapter at Regional Meetings	.....	20
	5. Representing the Chapter at State Meetings	.....	25 / day
	6. Representing the Chapter at National Meetings	.....	50 / day
H	Officers	.....	30
	1. Chapter Officer	.....	100
	2. Sectional Officer	.....	65
	3. Regional Officer	.....	75
	4. Student Body Officer	.....	35
	5. Class or Club Officer	.....	25
I	Own Official FFA Jacket	.....	25
J	Star Chapter Farmer	.....	60
K	Star Greenhand	.....	50
L	Star Regional Farmer	.....	100
M	Star Sectional Farmer	.....	50
N	Star State Farmer	.....	75
O	State FFA Degree (Application Submitted)	.....	100
P	State FFA Degree (Year Awarded)	.....	
Q	Wear FFA Jacket Or Apparel To School On Designated Day	.....	10

**II. Fundraisers**

A	AHS Football Game BBQ Crew	.....	20 / game
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**FFA Chapter Point Awards System**

B	FFA Plant Sale	25
C	Placement Ad Sales	20 / Ad
D	Take-Out BBQ Tickets	10 / ticket

**II Supervised Occupational Experience Program (SAE)**

A	Agriculture Mechanics Project(s)	25
B	Beef / Dairy Cattle Fair Project	125
C	Landscape Project at Merced / Madera County Fair	50
D	Large Ag Mech Project(s) – Instructor’s Approval	75
E	Plant / Horticulture Project(s)	25
F	Swine / Goat / Sheep Fair Project	75
G	Project Competition	
	1. Local Competitions	50
	2. Sectional Competition	
	a. Gold Award Winner	100
	b. Silver Award Winner	50
H	Exhibition At Fairs And Shows	
	1. Animal Projects	
	a. Class Winner (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	10
	b. Breed Champion	15
	c. Overall Champion (Grand or Reserve)	25
	2. Agriculture Mechanics / Horticulture Projects	
	a. Outstanding Project	25
	4. Showmanship	
	a. Top 10 Showmanship	15
	b. Showmanship Champion	25
	c. Round Robin Winner	50

**III Scholarship (Based On Semester Grade Only)**

A	3.5 – 4.0+ Overall School Year GPA (all AHS classes)	50
B	3.0 – 3.49 Overall School Year GPA (all AHS classes)	25
C	2.5 – 2.99 Overall School Year GPA (all AHS classes)	10

**IV Judging Teams**

A	Participation (Official FFA Contest)	.....	20
	Individual Placing		
1.	Top 5 Overall	.....	20
2.	Top 10 Overall	.....	10
	Team Placing		
1.	Top 5 Overall	.....	20
2.	Top 10 Overall	.....	10

***(Double All Of The Judging Team Point For State Finals)***

*The Coach Of Each Individual Team Will Award Each Time Member That He Feels Is Deserving A One Time Award Of 150 Point At The End Of The Year.*

**V Best Informed Greenhand, Co-Op Quiz, Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Creed And Opening And Closing Ceremonies Contest**

A	Chapter Competition	.....	20
B	Sectional Competition	.....	25
C	Regional Competition	.....	30
D	State Competition	.....	50

**VI National Competitions (Participation)**

A	Judging Teams	.....	200
B	Parliamentary Procedures	.....	200

**VII Proficiency Awards**

A	Local	.....	25
B	Submitting Regional Application	.....	35
C	Region State	.....	50
D	Nation	.....	75
E	Final Four	.....	150



## FFA Constitution and By-Laws

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**Article I: Names and Purposes**

- Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Atwater Chapter FFA (Future Farmers of America) #CA0344
- Section B. The Purposes for which this Chapter is formed are as follows:
1. To improve agriculture conditions and practices in and about Merced County
  2. To develop agricultural skills or prepare for leadership, cooperative attitudes and rural responsibility, in individuals preparing to enter an agricultural occupation.
  3. To advance the cause of agriculture education and to encourage the FFA.
  4. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for: premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education.

**Article II: Organization**

- Section A. The Chapter of the Future Farmers of America is a chartered local entity of the Merced-Mariposa Section of the California Association, made up of local members.

**Article III: Membership Organization**

- Section A. Membership in this organization shall be active and honorary.
- Section B. Membership is limited to students enrolled in Agriculture education at Atwater High School.
- Section C. Membership of graduates is limited to students that were active members their Senior year and graduated from high school.
- Section D. The Atwater FFA is a 100% affiliation Chapter with every student becoming a member of the FFA when they enroll in an agriculture class.
- Section E. No students may participate in any FFA activities unless they are members in good standing.
- Section F. The FFA Advisors at their own discretion have the right to dismiss any member from the Atwater FFA organization at any time.
- Section G. Active work in this chapter shall be carried on by active members.
- Section H. Award recipients must attend Chapter awards banquet to receive any awards.
- Section I. All members exhibiting livestock at fairs and shows must attend the fair awards ceremony with official uniform; jacket only.
- Section J. High School members exhibiting at fairs and shows must attend regular

chapter meetings to be eligible to show. All graduates are strongly encouraged to attend agricultural related meetings or activities.

**Article IV: Officers**

- Section A. The chapter officers for the Atwater FFA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Historian, and Parliamentarian.
- Section B. All elective chapter officers shall hold office for one year after election or until successors are selected as described in Article IV, Section G.
- Section C. Application for chapter office shall be available two weeks prior to selection of officers via the Nominating Committee . All applications will be screened by the nominating committee.
- Section D. Members holding the FFA Greenhand Degree, or higher, are eligible to hold office.
- Section E. All officers must be enrolled in the Agriculture Leadership class that meets daily during the term of their office.
- Section F. Officers who cannot fulfill their duties or who are impeached will be replaced by the first alternate selected by the Nominating Committee.
- Section G. No officer may be impeached without due process as defined in Article VII.
- Section H. The Nominating Committee shall select the chapter officers.
- Section I. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of two student representatives from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the retiring 12<sup>th</sup> grade FFA chapter president, and advisors. Nominating Committee members are not eligible to run for chapter office. In the event the current FFA chapter president is not in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, their spot on the Nominating Committee will remain vacant. The Nominating Committee will review officer applications, conduct interviews of prospective candidates, and select each chapter officer via a unanimous vote within the Nominating Committee.
- Section J. The time for Nominating Committee selection shall be set by the FFA Officer Team, and the Advisors.
- Section K. All FFA chapter officers who fall below a 3.0 grade average in the Agriculture class(es), or become academically ineligible, will be put on probation for six week period. If by the end of the next six week period, the grade average has not improved to a 3.0 or above, or does not become academically eligible, they will be replace by the manner described in Article IV, Section G.

Section L. All newly elected officers are required to attend the Chapter Officer Leadership Retreat to be held the summer prior to the school year that they service as an officer as well as the fall Chapter Officer Leadership Conference (COLC). Officers which do not attend the conference, except for reasons beyond their control, i.e. sever illness, death in the family, will be replace in the manner described in Article IV, Section G.

Section M. Greenhand Officer Team for the Atwater FFA are allowed to consist of a team of 6, 7 (6 + Historian), or 8 (6 + Historian and Parliamentarian), depending on the yearly candidacy. The Greenhand Officer candidates will go through a nominating screening process. The nominating committee will consist of the FFA Officers and Chapter Advisor. All applications for Greenhand office shall be available two weeks prior to selection of Greenhand officers via the Nominating Committee. All applications will be screened by the nominating committee. All Greenhand officers must be enrolled in the Agriculture Leadership class that meets daily during the term of their office.

**Article V: Duties of Officers**

Section A. The duties and responsibilities of Chapter Officer shall be:

1. Attend all Chapter and Chapter Officer meetings.
2. Attend Chapter and Regional Officer Leadership Training Conference
3. Cooperate with advisors on all activities.
4. Be able to lead by example. Act and perform in a manner which is becoming of an FFA Chapter officer at all times.
5. Be willing to memorize their parts as prescribed in the Official FFA Manual for all official ceremonies.
6. Have a genuine interest in being part of a leadership **TEAM**.
7. Be familiar with the Chapter constitution and bylaws.
8. Be willing to accept responsibility.
9. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

Section B. The duties and responsibilities of the President shall be:

1. Preside over and conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure.
2. Call special meetings if needed.
3. Keep members on the subject and within time limits.
4. Appoint committees and serve as a non-voting member of them.

5. Call other offices to the chair as necessary or desirable.
6. Represent the Chapter and speak on occasions.
7. Coordinate Chapter efforts by keeping in close touch with the other Officers and members, and the advisors.
8. Follow up Chapter activities and check on progress being made.
9. Keep Chapter activities moving in a satisfactory manner.
10. Prepare agenda for Executive and Chapter meetings with the secretary.
11. Coordinate the activities of the Chapter and keep in touch with the progress of activities.

Section C. The duties of and responsibilities of the Vice-President shall be:

1. Assist the president.
2. Preside at meetings in absence of the president.
3. Be prepared to assume duties and responsibilities of the president.
4. In charge of insuring that all committee work of the Chapter is completed satisfactorily.
5. Responsible for the invocation at the Greenhand/Chapter Farmer awards ceremony, annual awards banquet and at other times when needed.

Section D. Duties and responsibilities of the Secretary shall be:

1. Prepare and read the minutes of the past meetings.
2. Have available for the President the list of business for each meeting.
3. Attend to office correspondence of the Chapter.
4. Prepare Chapter reports.
5. Keep the permanent records of the Chapter in the agriculture office.
6. Cooperate with the treasurer in keeping an accurate membership roster.
7. Call meetings to order in the absent of a presiding officer.
8. Read communication at meetings.
9. Have on hand for each meeting the following:
  - a. Secretary's book and minutes of previous meeting.
  - b. Lists of committee and committee reports.
  - c. Copy of the Program of Activities.
  - d. The Official FFA Manual.
  - e. Copies of the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.
10. Prepare, post and distribute motions.

11. Work with the Chapter advisor to ensure the Chapter's Point Award system is current and up to date

Section E. Duties and Responsibilities of the Reporter shall be:

1. Gather and classify Chapter news.
2. Prepare news notes and articles for publication or broadcast.
3. Send news notes to the state reporter and to the FFA New Horizons.
4. Arrange for FFA participation in local radio and/or TV Programs.
5. Work with the Chapter advisor to ensure the Chapter website is maintained and current.
6. Ensure all news releases and articles are approved by the Chapter Advisors prior to being released.
7. Maintain the Chapter camera equipment and make certain it is available for use at each and every FFA activity during the year.
8. Ensure photographs and/or video is taken at all Chapter events/activities throughout the year and properly saved/cataloged.

Section F. Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be:

1. Receive and act as custodian of Chapter funds.
2. Assist in preparing an annual budget of estimated receipts and expenditures.
3. Keep the financial records of the Chapter.
4. Devise appropriate ways and means of financing chapter activities.
5. Organize and implement Chapter funds as authorized by the student body.
6. Prepare financial statements and reports as needed.
7. Encourage systematic saving—individual and Chapter thrift.
8. Build up chapter's financial standing.

Section G. Duties and responsibilities of a Sentinel shall be:

1. Set-up the meeting room and care for chapter paraphernalia and equipment.
2. Attend to the door during meetings and welcome visitors.
3. See that the meeting room is kept comfortable.
4. Take charge of candidates for degree ceremonies.
5. Assist with entertainment features and refreshments.
6. Keep an accurate roll of those present at Chapter meetings.

7. Make arrangements with the custodial staff for microphones and audio equipment prior to their need.

Section H. Duties and responsibilities of the Historian shall be:

1. Keep and maintain the Chapter scrapbook.
2. Assist the reporter in maintaining the Chapter camera equipment and make certain it is available for use at each and every FFA activity during the year.
3. Assist the reporter in ensuring photographs and/or video is taken at all Chapter events/activities throughout the year and properly saved/cataloged.

Section I. Duties and responsibilities of the Parliamentarian shall be:

1. Be proficient with parliamentary procedure.
2. Rule on all questions of parliamentary conduct at chapter meetings.
3. Serve as a participant or an ex-officio member of the parliamentary procedure team.
4. Conduct parliamentary procedure workshops at the chapter level.
5. Chair or serve as ex-officio member on the conduct of meetings committee.

#### **Article VI: Impeachment**

Section A. Immediate Impeachment

The FFA advisors may at any time at their own discretion remove an officer who has repeatedly disregarded his/her duties by not fulfilling them to his/her best ability.

Section B. Steps of Impeachment

Step 1. Any FFA Chapter officer not fulfilling the duties as described by this constitution will be required to meet with fellow officers and two Advisors to discuss a plan for improvement.

Step 2. A written plan of improvement will be drawn by the advisor based on the conversation of the meeting in Step 1, and will be confirmed and signed by the FFA President, Vice-President, and by the Officer in question.

Step 3. If the Officer in question still does not fulfill his/her duties, then a 2/3 vote of the Chapter officers and advisors will remove that Officer from office.

#### **Article VII: Committees**

Section A. A member may serve on not more than two committees at any one time and may only one committee if he/she is a chairperson of that committee.

Section B. The committee chairperson is responsible to call committee meetings and to see that all work that committee is assigned is performed.

- Section C. That committee chairperson shall cooperate with the Chapter advisors and Chapter officers on all committee work.
- Section D. That committee chairperson's report to the Chapter in writing will be the result of all work performed by his/her committee including financial implications for the Chapter.
- Section E. No person having been chairperson on any committee shall be eligible to work on another committee until the written report is made by the committee.

**Article XIII: Meetings**

- Section A. Meetings shall be held once a month.
- Section B. The president shall have the power to call special meetings as the need arises.

**Article IX: Dues**

- Section A. As long as incentive grant funds are available, dues shall be paid for all members through that source.

**Article X: Eligibility to Participate at Fairs and Judging Contests**

- Section A. Eligibility of members exhibiting at fairs and shows will be based on the Advisor's discretion.
- Section B. Members must maintain a 2.0 GPA with no F's in an Agriculture class to be eligible to exhibit at fairs and judging events.
- Section C. Members must comply with rules and guidelines set forth by the Chapter committee on fairs and shows.
- Section D. In the event that a student becomes academically ineligible to participate at a fair at which they planned to exhibit livestock, he/she will be placed on academic probation by the Agriculture Department. If that student becomes ineligible again, he/she will lose his/her privilege to exhibit at all fairs with the Atwater FFA Chapter for the next semester.

**Article XI: Amendments**

- Section A. To amend the Constitution, a 2/3 vote of the active members is required.
- Section B. To become effective, the amendment must be posted for two weeks previous to the vote of the active members.

**Article XII: Ratification of Constitution**

- Section A. The Constitution should become effective when passed by 2/3 vote of the members voting

**Merced/Mariposa Section  
Future Farmers of America  
Revised Sept. 2017**

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section A: The name of this organization shall be referred to as the Merced/Mariposa Section of Future Farmers of America. It is a section of the Central Region and the California Association of Future Farmers of America.

Section B: The purposes for this organization as formed are as follows:

Clause 1: To promote and encourage the fulfillment, on the sectional and chapter level, of the twelve (12) purposes of the organization, as outlined in the state constitution.

Clause 2: To provide and actively promote inter-chapter activities on a sectional basis.

Article II – Membership

Section A: The members of the organization shall be active, associate, and honorary members of the Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Hilmar, Le Grand, Livingston, Los Banos, Mariposa, Buhach Colony, Merced, Golden Valley, Pacheco, El Capitan, Delhi, and Stone Ridge Chapters.

Article III – Officers

Section A:

Clause 1: The officers of the Merced/Mariposa Section shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Sectional Advisor.

Clause 2: These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section B: The six (6) elected officers of the section shall be elected annually by majority vote of the voting delegates present at the election meeting.

Section C: To run for sectional officer the candidate must hold the Chapter FFA degree, be a sophomore or junior, and currently enrolled in high school in an agriculture education program.

Section D: A letter of resignation should be sent to the sectional advisor in the case of any officer being unable to fulfill their responsibility. An office constitutes being vacant when the officer is absent from three meetings, either a regular meeting or an executive meeting. Should any vacancy occur in any office, the president may appoint a member to fill the office until the next regular election with majority vote or consent from the voting delegates at the regular or special meeting.

Section E: The duties of the officers shall be:

Clause 1: President –To preside over all sectional meeting, conduct all business, represent the section at all activities, call special meetings, appoint committees, and serve as the ex- officio member of these committees.

Clause 2: Vice President –To preside over meetings in the absence of the president. Assist the president in conducting special activities, assume duties of the president in the event the office becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise.

Clause 3: Secretary –To conduct all sectional correspondence and record minutes of all meetings.

Clause 4: Treasurer –To be custodian of all section funds, and to keep a record of all section debts and credits.

Clause 5: Reporter –To report to the public all events and activities of the section. To maintain a sectional newsletter.

Clause 6: Sentinel –To take care of all paraphernalia, keep the meeting room comfortable, and help the president in maintaining order.

Clause 7: Advisor- To advise the organization in all problems and to help members in any way necessary. To assist the president in conducting the activities of the section. The chapter advisor of the sectional president will be the section advisor.

Section F: Sectional Officer Elections:

1. Each chapter will receive a sectional officer application one month prior to the sectional elections.
2. Each chapter is allowed to run any student that is a sophomore or junior who is in satisfactory standing at the Chapter level with at least their Chapter FFA Degree.
3. The application will be due two weeks prior to the elections.
4. The sectional advisor will review applications to make sure all applicants are eligible and create an interview schedule. The interviews will be scheduled in 10 minute intervals starting with the chapters closest to the interview site and ending with Mariposa. Interviews shall be held one week prior to the scheduled sectional meeting.
5. The interview panel will consist of the highest ranking current sectional officer who is not running for re-election. In addition, two advisors from the Merced/Mariposa section who do not have any applicants for sectional office. If two advisors are not available, then advisors from other sections or other qualified candidates will be asked to be part of the interview panel. The current sectional officer advisor will act as a consultant and be a non-voting member of the interview panel.
6. The interview panel will score each applicant separately without discussion. Once interviews are completed a maximum of 12 candidates will be chosen on interview and application scores.

These 12 candidates will be placed on the ballot. The ballot of officer candidates will be emailed out to all candidates and all Merced Mariposa Advisors before 7:00 pm on the evening of the interview.

7. The ballot will be presented to the delegates at the spring meeting. Candidates will then have 15 minutes to campaign the delegates. All campaign paraphernalia must be **free standing** and must be taken home after the meeting is over. No campaign paraphernalia may be given to FFA members except paper less than or equal to 8 1/2" by 11". No visible objects can be worn. No stickers will be permitted. No campaign paraphernalia can be passed out prior to the presentation of the ballot.
8. Each candidate will give a 2-minute campaign speech. All officer candidates shall remain in full dress uniform throughout the campaign and election process. No props of any kind may be used during the candidates' speech.
9. The election of all officers and special elections are done by secret ballot and counted by an advisor that has no candidates running for sectional office.
10. Each chapter is entitled to have 2 voting delegates to represent the chapter in all sectional meetings.
11. After speeches, the delegates will then vote for their top six candidates out of a possible twelve. The 6 candidates with the most votes will be appointed to sectional office. These 6 candidates once elected, will then be assigned an office by the original interview committee directly after the election.
12. No chapter may have more than 2 presiding officers at the time of election. This allows for any officers that transfer to another school within the section to do so without losing office.

#### Article IV – Voting Delegates

Section A: The elections of all officers and other special elections shall be by secret ballot.

Section B: Each chapter is entitled to have two (2) voting delegates to represent the chapter in all sectional meetings.

#### Article V – Dues and Assessments

Section A: Annual dues and fees will be determined by the membership of the Merced/Mariposa Section California Agriculture Teachers Association (CATA) Treasurer following the assessment of the sectional financial status. The payment of dues and fees will be due on December 1, of the Sectional fiscal year which begins immediately after the election of the officers for the Merced/Mariposa Section of Future Farmers of America.

Section B: Special assessments, which may become necessary from time to time for special activities that need extra support, will be determined by the Executive Committee and the Section CATA membership and collected by the CATA Treasurer. All special assessments for any sectional activity must be paid by the chapter prior to the activity or that chapter will not be allowed to participate.

Section C: Any chapter which has not submitted their dues and entry fees within the set time periods will no longer be considered in good standing and will not be allowed to participate in any other sectional activity until their payments have been made.

**Article VI – Meeting**

Section A: Meetings shall be called by the president at regular intervals to plan activities and conduct business. Special meetings may be called by the president when the need arises.

**Article VII – Procedure**

Section A: Parliamentary Procedure used in the meetings shall be in Accordance with the Robert’s Rules of Order.

Section B: Each regular Section Meeting shall open and close with the Official FFA Ceremonies. The regular meetings of the Merced/Mariposa Section shall include: The Opening and Closing Ceremonies Contest, Sectional Project Competition, Best Informed Greenhand Contest, Super Saturday Public Speaking Contest (Creed, Impromptu, Prepared, Extemporaneous, and Job Interview Contests), Co-op Quiz Contest, Sectional Parliamentary Procedure Contest, and the Officer Elections.

Section C: The Merced/Mariposa Section shall put on special activities as deemed necessary.

**Article VII – Amendments**

Section A: Proposed amendments to this Constitution of the Merced/Mariposa Section of Future Farmers of America shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee for consideration. After reviewing the proposed amendment, the Executive Committee will send copies to each chapter. At the next regular meeting following the completion of the above acts, the proposed amendment shall be presented to the voting delegation.

Section B: Amendments to this constitution may be adopted by two thirds vote of the voting delegates present at any regular or special meetings in accordance with Section A, Article VII of this constitution with approval of the Executive Committee of the Central Region of FFA.

Section C: Ratification of this constitution and/or it’s repealed after ratification and adoption shall consist of a passing vote of two thirds of the voting delegates from each of the following chapters: Atwater, Buhach Colony, Delhi, Dos Palos, El Capitan, Golden Valley, Gustine, Hilmar, Le Grand, Livingston, Los Banos, Mariposa, Merced, Pacheco and Stone Ridge.

CENTRAL REGION CONSTITUTION

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Amended October 2017

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the “Central Region of the California Association, Future Farmers of America.”

Section B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote and encourage the fulfillment, on a Regional level, of the twelve (12) purposes of the organization, as outlined in the State Constitution.
2. To provide and actively promote inter-chapter activities on a Sectional and Regional basis.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. The members of this organization shall be active members in good standing in the chapters of the Central Region, as defined in the State Constitution.

Section B. To be eligible for office, a member must hold the degree of Chapter Farmer and be a Junior in their high school at the time they are elected to office and must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of the Central Region of the California Association of Future Farmers of America shall be:

President

Vice President – At Large representative

Vice President – North Area representative (Yolo, Sacramento, Delta Cal)

Vice President – South Area representative (Stan/T, Tri Rivers, Merced/Mar)

Secretary

Treasurer

Reporter

Sentinel

Regional Advisor

The officers of the region shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates at the regular annual Regional Meeting held in the spring of each year. The Regional Supervisor serves as the Regional FFA Advisor.

Section B. All elected regional officers shall assume office at the Spring Regional Meeting of the calendar year in which they are elected. Unless removed from office for cause by the Executive Committee, they shall hold office for one full year. All vacancies may be filled by vote of the current Regional Officers.

**ARTICLE IV. DUES**

Section A. Regional dues shall be fixed annually by the State Association.

**ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

Section A. One Regional Convention, and other meetings only as needed, shall be held each year at such time and place as designated by a consensus of the elected officers.

Section B. The Executive Committee shall meet as a planning committee preceding the Annual Spring Regional Meeting.

Section C. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President.

**ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS**

Section A. Amendments to the Regional Constitution or By-Laws shall be submitted, in writing, by FFA Chapter, Section or Region officers, to the Executive Committee for consideration by January 10 preceding the Spring Regional meeting. They shall be prepared for voting upon recommendations. The Regional Officers will distribute the proposed amendment three weeks prior to the Regular Spring Regional Meeting to all Central Region chapters. (amended 10/1/11)

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. OFFICERS

Section A. Procedure of Election

1. All retiring Regional Officers and the Regional Advisor shall serve as the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall nominate two (2) candidates per office.
2. During the election process, candidates who are not elected to the office they were originally slated, may choose to slide to one (1) other position on the ballot. [Exceptions: The President and Vice President – At-Large are able to slide to the appropriate Area Vice President position. The North Area Vice President cannot slide to the South Area Vice President and vice versa, depending on which is elected first.]
3. There will be no nominations accepted from the floor.
4. There will be no more than four (4) candidates allowed to run for each position.
5. All regional officers shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates present at the annual Spring Region Meeting.
6. All candidates must give a speech not to exceed two (2) minutes. If the candidate exceeds the time limit, time will be called and the microphone will be disabled.
7. In addition to a candidate speech, each candidate will have one (1) minute to answer a question in an impromptu fashion in front of the delegates. The questions shall be based on agriculture, agricultural education or FFA issues and will be prepared in advance by the Nominating Committee. Every candidate running for a particular position will answer the same question, having been prevented from knowing or hearing them in advance (i.e. all secretary candidates will respond to the same question.) After one (1) minute, time will be called and the microphone will be disabled.

Section B. Duties

1. President

- a) It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meeting of the Central Region of the California Association, Future Farmers of America, and over all the meeting of the Regional Executive Committee.
- b) The President shall call one Regional meeting each year.

- c) The President shall call special meetings of the Regional Organization or of the Executive Committee when requested to do so by a majority vote of the Regional Executive Committee or by the Regional Advisor. Other duties may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
- d) The President shall appoint all special committees and may serve as an ex- officio member of these committees.
- e) The President shall attend State Executive meetings as the representative of the Central Region of Future Farmers of America. If not able to attend, the President is to notify the regional advisor and a representative shall be appointed.

## 2. Vice President

- a) The Vice President At-Large shall assume all duties of the President in the event that the office becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise.
- b) The Vice President At-Large shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume all other duties the President as assigned by the Executive Committee.
- c) The Northern Area and Southern Area Vice Presidents shall assume all duties as a Central Region Officer and serve as liaisons between the sections of their respective area and the Central Region.

## 3. Secretary

- a) The Secretary shall perform the duties common to this office that include keeping an accurate record of the minute of the Regional Organization or of the Executive Committee.

## 4. Treasurer

- a) The Treasurer shall perform all duties common to such an office and any other duties as directed by the Regional Advisor or the Executive Committee.

## 5. Reporter

- a) It shall be the duty of the Reporter to prepare all news notes suitable for publication, particularly in the FFA New Horizons.

## 6. Sentinel

- a) It shall be the duty of the Sentinel to assist in the conduct of all Regional meetings – by greeting the guests, seating, the delegates, arranging the paraphernalia, displays, and decorations and carrying out any other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

7. Regional Advisor

- a) The Regional Advisor is a member of the Executive Committee and an ex- officio member of all committees. It is his/her duty to advise the Executive Committee and other committees on matters of policy and assist the Regional Officers in conducting the meetings and programs.
- b) The word of the Regional Advisor shall be final in cases of the interpretation of this Constitution or By-Laws between Regional Executive meetings.

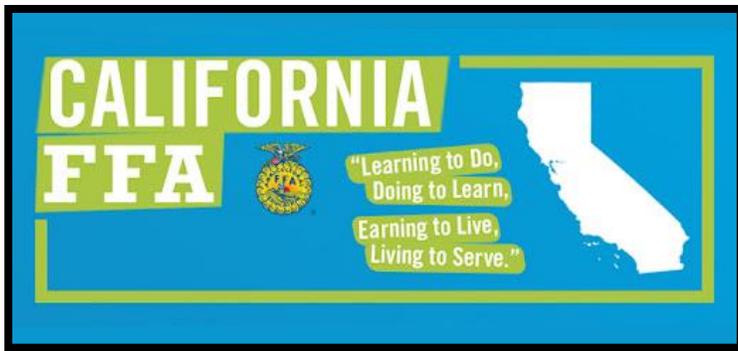
**ARTICLE II. VOTING**

- a) Each chapter in good standing is entitled to two delegates to represent their chapter at all Regional meetings.
- b) Each member of the Regional Executive Committee shall have a vote at all Regional meetings.

**ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES**

Section A. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the eight current elected Regional Officers and the Regional Advisor. The Executive Committee is authorized to act in the name of the Central Region Future Farmers of America between annual conferences, subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the Central Region Future Farmers of America.

Section B. The Regional Officers shall be empowered to perform all business of the Central Regions between annual meetings.



Due to the length of both the State and National Constitutions, we are unable to include them in our Program of Activities. However, if you would like to view them, please click the links below:

[California Association Future Farmers of America Constitution and By-Laws](#)

[National FFA Organization National Constitution and Bylaws](#)



## Atwater FFA Budgets

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As a self-supporting, non-profit organization, the earnings and savings aspect of our chapter is very important towards the success and productivity of our **2019-2020** school year.

The chapter earns money in various ways in order to finance FFA events and activities throughout the year. Some of these activities include:

- Atwater Ag Booster Dinner
- Atwater FFA “Fall Fest” Dinner / Auction
- Atwater FFA Plant Sales (2)
- AHS Ag Mechanics Wood/Metal Project Sales
- BBQ Take-Out Dinners (4)
- Floral Project(s), Weddings/Event(s) Sales
- Milk Vending Machine
- Placemat Ad Fundraiser



**Atwater FFA Chapter Budget**

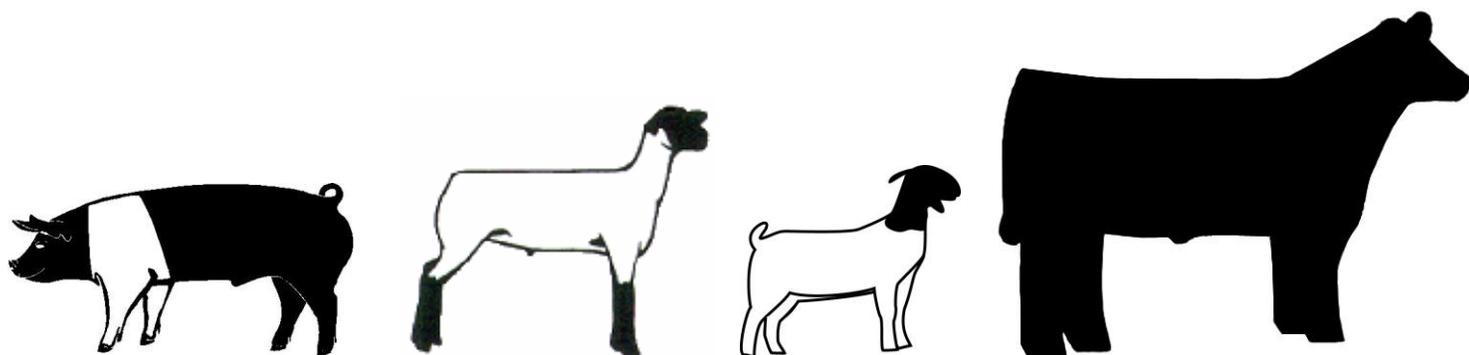
2021 - 2022 Atwater High School Agriculture Department / Atwater FFA Budget									
	FFA	FFA	FFA	FFA	FFA	MUHSD & AIG	MUHSD/CTEIG	Carl	
	General	Floral	Hort	Metal	Wood/Eng	(Matching Total)	Special/General	Perkins	
REVENUE	Accts	Accts	Accts	Accts	Accts	Acct	Acct	Acct	Total
Ag Boosters Allocation	\$ 13,000.00								\$ 13,000.00
Ag Incentive Grant						\$ 24,000.00			\$ 24,000.00
Ag Incentive District Match						\$ 24,000.00			\$ 24,000.00
AHS Site Allocation							\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
Carl Perkins Funding								\$ 43,700.00	\$ 43,700.00
Community Donations (Nationals)	\$ 7,000.00								\$ 7,000.00
CTIEG Grant							\$ 41,860.00		\$ 41,860.00
District CTE Projects / General									\$ -
District Transportation Allocation									\$ -
Fall Fest Fundraiser	\$ 15,000.00								\$ 15,000.00
Floral Projects		\$ 35,000.00							\$ 35,000.00
Horticulture Projects			\$ 6,000.00						\$ 6,000.00
Merced Fair Projects (Premiums/Awards)			\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 1,500.00
Metal Shop Projects				\$ 8,000.00					\$ 8,000.00
Milk Vending Machine	\$ 2,000.00								\$ 2,000.00
Placemat Ad Fundraiser	\$ 6,000.00								\$ 6,000.00
Specialized / Ag Industry Grant									\$ -
Student Shop Project Loan									\$ -
Take-Out BBQ Fundraisers	\$ 17,000.00								\$ 17,000.00
Wood / Eng. Shop Projects					\$ 4,000.00				\$ 4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 56,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 263,060.00</b>

	FFA	FFA	FFA	FFA	FFA	MUHSD & AIG	MUHSD/CTEIG	Carl	
	General	Floral	Hort	Metal	Wood/Eng	(Matching Total)	Special/General	Perkins	
Expenses	Acct	Acct	Acct	Acct	Acct	Acct	Acct	Acct	Total
Ag Staff / CATA Professional Development						\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 19,700.00
Ag/FFA Marketing & Promotion	\$ 3,000.00					\$ 2,000.00			\$ 5,000.00
Ag / Facility Equipment / Supplies	\$ 2,000.00					\$ 1,000.00			\$ 3,000.00
Class/Course Curriculum/Certifications							\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Classroom/Lab Equipment	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 2,000.00			\$ 3,000.00
Classroom/Lab Supplies						\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00
FFA Events, Activities, and Transportation	\$ 7,000.00							\$ 2,700.00	\$ 9,700.00
FFA Field Day Registrations/Hotel	\$ 5,000.00					\$ 15,000.00			\$ 20,000.00
FFA Leadership Conferences/Retreats	\$ 5,000.00						\$ 1,360.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,360.00
FFA Meetings (Food, Supplies, etc.)	\$ 4,000.00								\$ 4,000.00
FFA Membership Dues						\$ 11,000.00			\$ 11,000.00
FFA National Convention / Finals	\$ 14,000.00							\$ 6,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
FFA State Leadership Convention	\$ 5,000.00								\$ 5,000.00
FFA Supplies	\$ 2,000.00					\$ 800.00		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,800.00
FFA/Fair Equipment and Supplies	\$ 3,000.00								\$ 3,000.00
Floral Equipment		\$ 5,000.00							\$ 5,000.00
Floral Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 30,000.00				\$ 4,000.00			\$ 35,000.00
Horticulture Equipment			\$ 2,500.00				\$ 14,000.00		\$ 16,500.00
Horticulture Supplies / Plant Stock	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 4,000.00				\$ 1,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
Office/Operation Supplies & Equip									\$ -
Poultry Facility / Equipment / Supplies									\$ -
School Farm Facility / Equipment / Supplies									\$ -
Sm Engine / Wood Shop Equipment & Maint.					\$ 1,500.00		\$ 17,000.00		\$ 18,500.00
Sm Engine / Wood Shop Supplies & Materials	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 6,500.00
Student Fundraising Incentives	\$ 5,000.00								\$ 5,000.00
Student Shop Loan Repayment									\$ -
Welding Shop Equipment & Maint.				\$ 1,000.00			\$ 16,000.00		\$ 17,000.00
Welding Shop Supplies	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 8,000.00		\$ 6,000.00			\$ 15,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 56,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 263,060.00</b>

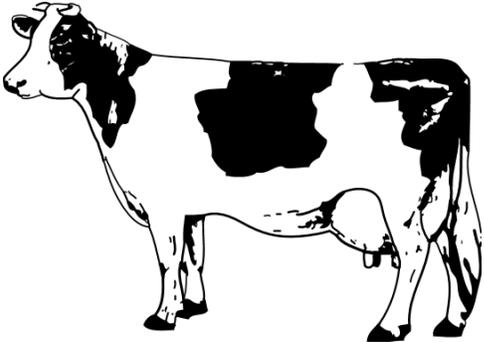
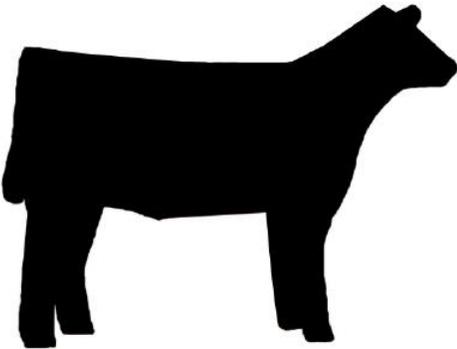
**Merced County Fair S.A.E. Budgets**

	<b>Market Hog</b>	<b>Market Lamb</b>	<b>Market Goat</b>	<b>Market Steer</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Purchase of animal	320	400	350	1000
Livestock Insurance	15	15	10	200
Veterinary Supplies	15	10	5	50
Fair Bedding	15	15	15	40
Feed	300	150	200	1500
Show Supplies	25	20	20	50
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Sale of hog (230lbs @ \$3/lb)	690			
Sale of lamb (135 lbs @ \$5/lb)		675		
Sale of goat (100 lbs @ \$7.00/lb)			700	
Sale of steer (1200 lbs @ \$2.50 /lb)				3000
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>3000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>2840</b>
<b>Estimated Net Profit</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>160</b>



**Merced County Fair S.A.E. Budgets**

	Bred Heifer	Dairy Heifer	Fryer Rabbit	Rabbit Meat Pen
<b>Expenses</b>				
Purchase of animal(s)	1200	1200	20	60
Livestock Insurance	75	60		
Veterinary Supplies	60	75		
Fair Bedding	20	40		
Feed	850	500	10	30
Show Supplies	30	75	10	10
Breeding Fees	200			
<b>Income</b>				
Sale of beef bred heifer	2500			
Sale of dairy replacement heifer		2000		
Sale of rabbit(s)			75	150
Sale of steer (1200 lbs @ \$1.30 /lb)				
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>2435</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Estimated Net Profit</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>





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**Department Course Enrollment Data**

Past 10 Years: 2012 - 2021

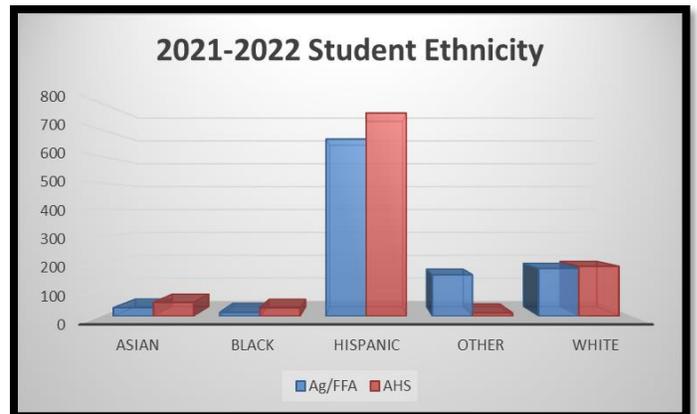
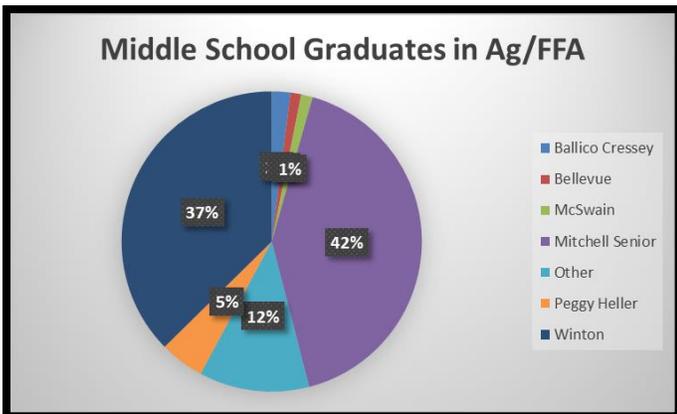
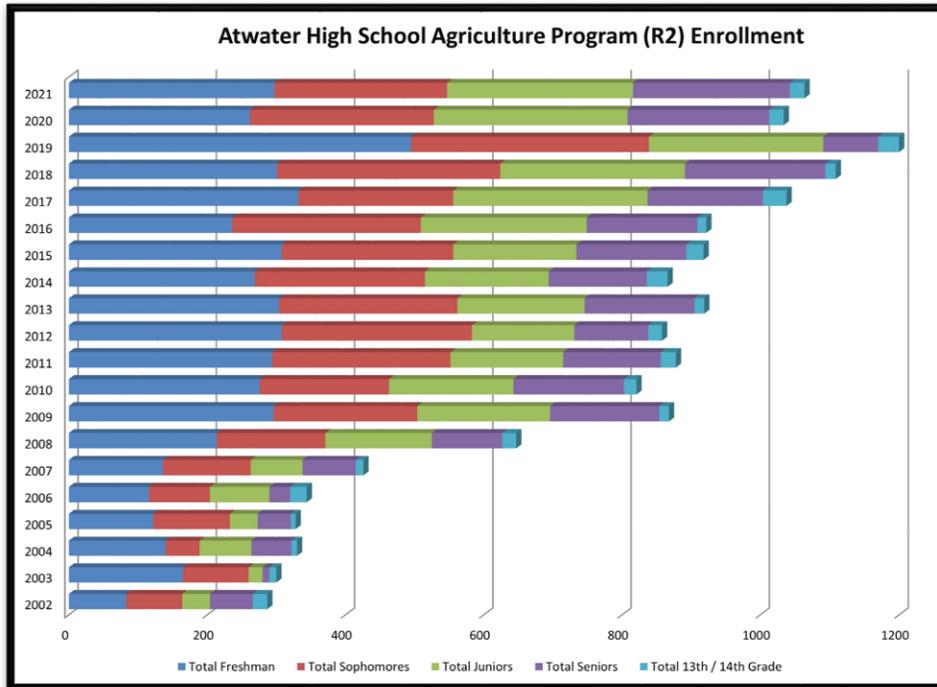
Course Enrollment			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1st Year Courses	**	Ag Biology	227	271	194	244	221	249	216	168	116	103
	**	Ag Earth Science	152	201	173	165	178	203	159	164	160	174
	*	Ag Shop Skills	106	109	74	126	75	135	156	163	161	103
	*	Exploration in Agriculture	n/a	72	32	61	55	70	73	69	67	68
2nd/3rd Year Courses		Ag Wood Construction I	26	22	58	59	59	56	95	85	86	115
	**	Animal Anatomy/Physiology	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33	76	63	58
		Art & History of Floral Design I	116	120	155	108	145	159	195	150	115	173
		Small Engines	24	68	51	67	58	86	99	89	70	58
		Welding Tech 1	65	50	57	45	53	79	81	89	77	102
3rd /4th Year Courses		Adv Sm Eng / Power Mechanics	31	32	39	26	22	26	29	50	48	44
		Ag Facility Assistant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	0
		Ag Economics / Government	34	36	39	41	41	39	64	73	39	37
		Ag Leadership	35	35	49	55	58	55	22	27	23	24
		Ag Soil and Chemistry	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	76	80	77	71
		Ag Wood Construction II	6	11	7	13	10	19	21	49	46	38
		Ag Wood Construction III	12	1	5	4	5	2	7	7	14	25
		Art & History of Floral Design II	n/a	n/a	10	20	26	32	55	99	63	49
		Art & History of Floral Design III	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	23
		** Environmental Horticulture	31	21	31	25	22	38	55	74	34	55
		Equipment Construction I/II	5	5	4	6	10	12	23	20	23	31
		Turfgrass and Sports Field Mngmt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17	26	20
		** Veterinary Science	37	38	39	28	29	38	76	26	42	45
		Welding Tech II	22	18	19	21	25	19	29	50	67	53
	Courses Closed		Ag Business Management	n/a	n/a	23	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
**		Ag Environmental Science	35	55	n/a							
**		Ag Food Science	n/a	28	n/a	n/a	37	34	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*		Ag Life Science	107	n/a	71	37	29	30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Course Enrollment:</b>			<b>1071</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>1564</b>	<b>1625</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>1469</b>
			* Freshman entry course									
			** Science Graduation Credit									
			*** Primarily non-Ag students. Covered Industrial Tech students									
<b>R-2 Information (Individual Entry)</b>												
			<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Freshman Year 1 Ag			308	304	269	308	n/a	332	301	322	262	297
Sophomores Year 1 Ag			24	74	40	76	n/a	87	81	67	70	99
Juniors Year 1 Ag			28	41	28	49	n/a	96	76	61	50	56
Seniors Year 1 Ag			34	37	32	44	n/a	40	28	45	16	16
Sophomores Year 2 Ag			251	184	206	171	n/a	137	242	208	196	151
Juniors Year 2 Ag			19	29	36	29	n/a	56	81	78	61	77
Seniors Year 2 Ag			9	30	20	7	n/a	32	54	58	29	44
Juniors Year 3 Ag			101	114	115	100	n/a	129	110	206	169	136
Seniors Year 3 Ag			10	30	12	32	n/a	42	37	46	44	38
Seniors Year 4 Ag			64	62	78	76	n/a	53	84	79	116	129
Continuing FFA Enrolled Graduates			20	14	30	25	n/a	34	15	32	21	21
			<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total Freshman			308	304	269	308	236	332	301	495	262	297
Total Sophomores			275	258	246	248	273	224	323	344	266	250
Total Juniors			148	184	179	178	240	281	267	252	280	269
Total Seniors			107	159	142	159	160	167	203	79	205	227
<b>Total AHS Ag Enrollment</b>			<b>838</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>1170</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1043</b>
Total 13th / 14th Grade			20	14	30	25	13	34	15	32	21	21
<b>Total AHS FFA (R-2) Enrollment</b>			<b>858</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>1109</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>1064</b>

## Atwater High School FFA Enrollment History

### California Agriculture Education – R-2 Enrollment (*Individual students enrolled in agriculture courses*)

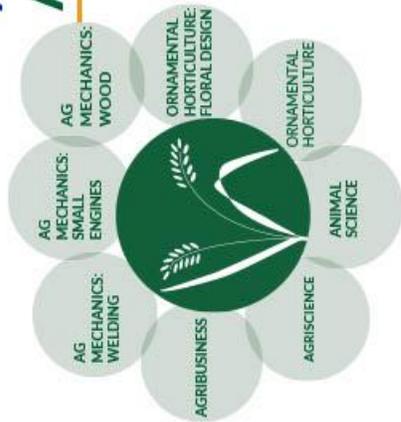
**YEAR**

2002	287 students	2015	918 students
2003	300 students	2016	922 students
2004	330 students	2017	1038 students
2005	328 students	2018	1109 students
2006	344 students	2019	1202 students
2007	426 students	2020	1034 students
2008	647 students	2021	1064 students
2009	868 students	2022	
2010	821 students	2023	
2011	878 students	2024	
2012	858 students	2025	
2013	919 students		
2014	866 students		



AHS

# Agriculture & Natural Resources



## Industry Sector Descriptor

The Agriculture and Natural Resources sector is designed to provide a foundation in agriculture for all agriculture students in California. Students engage in an instructional program that integrates academic and technical preparation and focuses on career awareness, career exploration, and skill preparation in various pathways. The pathways emphasize real-world, occupationally relevant experiences for students in the Merced Union High School District. Classroom and laboratory instruction, supervised agricultural experience projects, and leadership and interpersonal skills development prepare students for continued training, advanced educational opportunities, and entry to a career.

PATHWAY	Ag Mechanics: Small Engines	Ag Mechanics: Welding	Ag Mechanics: Wood	Agribusiness	Agriscience	Animal Science	Ornamental Horticulture	Ornamental Horticulture: Floral Design
INTRO COURSE	Ag Shop Skills ++	Ag Shop Skills ++	Ag Shop Skills ++	Exploration in Ag +	Exploration in Ag +	Exploration in Ag +	Exploration in Ag +	Exploration in Ag +
CONCENTRATION	Small Engines ++	Ag Welding Technology 1 +	Ag Wood 1	Ag Government + / Ag Economics + Ag Leadership & Technology +	Ag Biology of the Living Earth + Ag Earth & Space Science +	Animal Anatomy & Physiology +	Environmental Horticulture + + Turfgrass & Sports Field Mgmt 1	Art & History of Floral Design 1 + +
CAPSTONE	Advanced Small Engines + +	Ag Welding Technology 2 + Equipment Construction 1 +	Ag Wood 2 Ag Wood 3		Ag Chemistry in the Earth System +	Veterinary Science + +	Horticulture 2 + + Turfgrass & Sports Field Mgmt 2	Art & History of Floral Design 2 + Retail Floral 3 +

+ Course satisfies a UC/CSU A-G admissions requirement. + Pending approval as a UC/CSU A-G admissions requirement.  
 + Potential for articulation with a local college. Articulation varies by campus.

**Atwater High School Agriculture Department 2020-2021 Staff Assignments/Responsibilities**

Ag Department		Borba	Fishman	Flatt	Gossman	Helton	Mesa	Meredith	Vargas
<b>Department Chair</b>					X				
Accounting									
American Ag Credit Loans (Goats, Sheep, & Swine)					X				
American Ag Credit Loans (Dairy Helpers)							X		
American Ag Credit Loans (Beef)					X			X	
Atwater Feed Accounting (Merced Fair)									X
Atwater Feed Accounting (Poultry)									
Atwater Feed Accounting (Rabbits)			X						
CATA Registration		X							
CTEIG Funding Application, Budget, and PO's					X				
Department / Program Budget					X				
District Accounting Requisitions and PO's		X							
FFA (SBO) Requisitions / PO's					X				
FFA / Ag Dept. Travel/Hotel Reservations					X				
Office Supplies Orders					X				
Perkins Funding Application, Budget, and PO's		X							
State FFA Hotel Reservations					X				
Transportation - Charter Buses / Rentals					X				
Transportation (District) Requests, Requisitions, and PO's			X						
General Program / Facility									
5-year Equipment Allocation		X							
Advisory Committee Roster & Minutes					X				
AET Operations and Records Coordinator			X						
Ag Advisory Committee Planning and Agenda					X				
Ag Booster Committee					X				
Chart of Staff Responsibilities					X				
Comprehensive Program Plan		X							
Department Communication Liaison					X				
Department Marketing and Public Relations					X				
Department Meeting Agendas / Calendars					X				
Graduate Follow-Up		X							
Incentive Grant / Incentive Grant Reviews		X							
In-Service Activities List		X							
Keys and Locks								X	
Maintain Comprehensive Program Plan Binder		X							
Maintain Program Management Binder		X							
Maintenance Requests (Shops)								X	
Maintenance Requests (General)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Program of Activities (FFA, Data, and Budget Data)					X				X
Program Press and Media					X				X
Quarterly / Yearly CATA Meetings / Events		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R2 Report & Roster		X							
Recruitment (Mitchell Senior and Winton Middle)		X			X				
Report of Expenditures									
Website Design / Management		X							
Website Reporter/Article/Photos Updates/Management					X				X

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	Borba	Fishman	Flatt	Gossman	Helton	Mesa	Meredith	Vargas
<b>FFA Advisor</b>						X		
Advance Leadership Academy Conference Supervision						X		X
American FFA Degree Applications		X						
BBQ'ing and BBQ Crews			X				X	
Chapter Officer Leadership Conference						X		
Chapter Reporter								X
Digital Scrapbook								X
FFA (Grhnd, MFE, ALA, SLC) Leadership Conference Registrations						X		
FFA / Fair T-Shirts and Polo Orders				X				
FFA Jacket Orders				X				
FFA Recreational Meeting/Activities - Tickets/Reservations				X				
FFA State Leadership Conference Registration and Hotel						X		
Greenhand Conference Supervision		X						
Made for Excellence Leadership Conference Supervision						X		X
National FFA CDE Flights / Hotel Reservations				X				
Organize Local Project Competition		X	X					
Organize Sectional Project Competition		X	X					
Oversee Planning for FFA Meetings						X		
Payment / Invoices for CDE Contests				X				
Proficiency Award Applications		X						
Quarterly FFA Activities List for Class Grading						X		
Regional Officer Leadership Conference						X		
Registration for CDE Contests						X		
Sectional Officer Leadership Conference						X		
State FFA Degree Applications		X						
State FFA Leadership Conference	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Animal / Livestock</b>								
Fair Supplies	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pole Barn - Goats / Vet Science Lab	X				X			
Pole Barn - Rabbits		X						
Poultry (Chickens / Eggs) Facility								X
Poultry (Turkeys) Facility		X						
School (Arnold's) Farm (Sheep)					X			
School (Arnold's) Farm (Swine)				X				
Veterinary Supplies	X	X	X	X	X		X	



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<b>FFA Judging Teams / Contests</b>								
Ag Issues						X		
Ag Mechanics							X	
Citrus		X						
Cotton	X							
Creed Speaking					X			
Dairy Products				X				X
Extemporaneous Speaking						X		
Farm Records		X						
Floriculture	X							
Impromptu						X		
<b>FFA Judging Teams / Contests (Cont.)</b>								
Job Interview								X
Land and Soil Evaluation							X	
Meats	X							
Nursery and Landscape (Horticulture)				X				
Opening and Closing Advanced						X		
Opening and Closing Novice	X	X		X	X	X		X
Parliamentary Procedure (Novice)					X			
Parliamentary Procedure (Advanced)		X						
Poultry			X					
Prepared Public Speaking					X			
Vegetable Crops								X
Veterinary Science					X			
<b>Awards</b>								
Awards Banquet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Award Orders (National FFA / Trophy Case)				X				
Greenhand / Chapter Farmer Awards Ceremony	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
National Chapter Award Application						X		
Scholarships						X		
POA Tabulations						X		
Proficiency Awards		X						





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