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Honorary Chapter Farmer



Mrs. Violet Chuck

This year the Firebaugh FFA would like to dedicate the 2002-2003 Program of Work to our Honorary Chapter Farmer, Mrs. Violet Chuck.

Mrs. Chuck has been with the Firebaugh Unified School District for a total of 28 years. Mrs. Chuck has made an inevitable impact in this community as well as the Firebaugh High School Agriculture Department. Her intelligence, enthusiasm and dedication have allowed the Firebaugh High School Agriculture Department the opportunity to succeed.

It is with the deepest appreciation that we dedicate this 2002-2003 Program of Work to Mrs. Violet Chuck. She has been loyal and devoted, which has been greatly appreciated by the Firebaugh Agriculture Department.

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA

Officer Greetings

Welcome back FFA members from your 2002-2003 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team. We hope that you had a relaxing and fun summer. We are sure that you have high standards and goals that you plan to accomplish this year. This upcoming year will be a chance for each of you to meet new friends, grow as a leader and take a ride on "Firebaugh FFA... The Express to Success."

Our goal is to take those individual traits that each of you possess and develop them into a successful ride on this train. We hope that throughout the year you can connect with this locomotive and turn it into an express of pure success.

We challenge all of you to get the most you possibly can out of this new year. The next nine months will create memories that will last a lifetime and could quite possibly change your life. The train is here, so we hope you hop on with us as we embark on this incredible journey!

FFA members, ALL ABOARD, next stop, Successville! Choo-choo!

2002-2003 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team



Advisors Message

Welcome back! And welcome to a fresh, new, exciting year at the Firebaugh High School Agriculture Department. We are excited this year because our department has just expanded from three staff members to four. The four of us look forward to continuing the long tradition of success and hope that each and every one of you will become an involved member of our exciting program!

This year promises to be one of new growth and expansion. We will be taking nearly 20 pigs and 12 sheep to Madera fair as well as several Ornamental Horticulture and Ag Mechanics projects. These numbers are expected to be even higher this spring at the Chowchilla fair. To accommodate the growth of livestock projects we are building a new barn adjacent to our existing one, which will allow us to double our current holding capacity! Additionally, we are in the process of re-establishing our permanent pasture and look forward to utilizing it this spring. For those of you with a strong farming interest we will be planting a small orchard of fruit trees behind our barn and anticipate many students becoming involved with that project.

The officer team has set the theme for the coming year: "*Express to Success*". As advisors we agree with the officers that individual student growth, both personally and professionally is the, most important element our department can offer each member. In order for this growth to occur we will provide many different opportunities for student involvement throughout the year. This *Program of Work* can be used as a guide, outlining the variety of activities students can become involved with. Student involvement is the key to success for a powerful Agriculture program. The success of *your* Agriculture department is almost entirely dependent upon your involvement and your desire to do the very best you can do.

So once again, welcome back, and welcome to one of the most successful years of your life. As advisors we look forward to working with each and every one of you and firmly believe that with your help we can ensure that Firebaugh FFA remains among the very best Agriculture programs in the state!

Sincerely,
The Firebaugh FFA Advisors

Mrs. Gravatt

Ms. Geist

Mr. Catalan

Mr. Vargas

Do You Just Belong

Are you an active member,
the kind that wouldn't be missed?
Or are you just content
to have your name among the list?
Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock?
Or do you usually stay away
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part,
to help and work along?
Or are you satisfied
to be the kind that just belongs?
Do you pitch in, and do your share,
to really make things tick?
Or leave the work to just a few,
that you would call "the clique?"

There's quite a program scheduled
that we're sure you've heard about,
and we'll appreciate it if you too,
will help us work things out.
So come to the meetings often,
and help with hand and heart.

Don't just be a member,
but take an active part.
Think this over, friend,
because you know right from wrong,
Are you an "ACTIVE MEMBER",
or do you just belong?

Author Unknown

Mission and Strategies

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of others by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To accomplish this mission, we the FFA will:

1. Develop a competent and assertive agricultural leadership program.
2. Increase awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourage achievement in supervised occupational experience programs.
6. Encourage wise management of the economic, environmental, and human resources of the community.
7. Develop interpersonal skills in teamwork, communication, and human relations.
8. Build character, promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism in our students and community.
9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

The Emblem, Colors, & Motto

The National FFA emblem consists of five symbols and represents the history, goals and future of the organization. As a whole, the emblem covers the broad spectrum of the FFA and agriculture. Each element within the emblem has unique significance. THE CROSS SECTION OF THE EAR OF CORN provides the foundation of the American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, as corn is grown in every state of the nation. THE RISING SUN signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day glowing with opportunity. THE PLOW signifies labor and tillage of the soil, the backbone of agriculture and the historic foundation of our country's strength. THE EAGLE is a national symbol, which serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture. THE OWL, long recognized for its wisdom, symbolized the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture. The words "AGRICULTURE EDUCATION" and FFA are emblazoned in the center to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.



Colors

As the blue field of our nation's flag and the golden fields of ripened corn unify our country, the FFA colors of "NATIONAL BLUE and CORN GOLD" give unity to the organization. All FFA functions and paraphernalia should proudly display the colors.

Motto

The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization.

***Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve.***

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 generation 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.

Chapter Goals

- To begin educating children of all ages on the importance of agriculture, so they take an interest in agriculture, now and in the future.
- To further develop the involvement of members in our FFA organization, so that our chapter will continue to succeed and grow in the coming years.
- To provide the community with agriculture education awareness and an understanding of the importance of agriculture in our daily lives.
- To maintain and enhance the relationship between our organization and community.
- To promote member participation in numerous FFA activities, and succeed at the Chapter, State, and National levels.
- To be recognized as a 3-Star Chapter for the National FFA Chapter Award.
- To make this year one to be recognized by many, and filled with member involvement and achievements.
- To excel in all aspects of agriculture education and develop those skills needed to succeed in life.

FFA Officers

Firebaugh FFA Chapter Officers

President	Joel Saldana
Vice-President	Carlos Adame
2 nd Vice-President	Maria Ornelas
Secretary	Stacey Norton
Treasurer	Melissa Cardiel
Reporter	Clay Best
Sentinel	Katie Maiorino
Chaplain	Traci Robertson
Historian	Mirella Herrera

West Fresno Madera Sectional FFA Officers

President	John Diaz-Central
Vice-President	Austin Large-Central
2 nd Vice-President	Brittany Westbrook-Fire.
Secretary	Kelsey Gragnani-Kerman
Treasurer	Gilbert Navarro-Kerman
Reporter	Ashley Jessen-Central
Sentinel	Tracey Heffington-Chow.
Chaplain	David Pilcher-Caruthers
Historian	Isabel Verduco-Tranqu.
Parliamentarian	Adam Peterson-Wash. U.
Advisor	Ann Delay-Central

San Joaquin Regional FFA Officers

President	Natalie Phipps-Central
Vice-President EF/M	Lindsay Streeter-Sanger
Vice-President WF/M	John Diaz-Central
Vice-President SEQ.	Jared Castle-Porterville
Vice-President T/K	Brandon Souza-Hanford
Vice-President K/I	Lindsay Walsh-Baker.F.
Secretary	Janelle Williams-Baker.
Treasurer	Megan Jacobsen-Wash.
Reporter	Grace Berryhill-Tulare U.
Sentinel	Beau Williamson-Clovis

Past Award Winners, Degrees, & Presidents

SECTIONAL PROFICIENCY

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Mendoza	Specialty Animal Production	1994-95
Josh Ross	Poultry	1994-95
Jesus Fuentes	Forage Crop	1994-95
Stacie Dabbs	Ag Communications	1996-97
Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
Paula Pafford	Fiber Crop Production	1996-97
Nathan Thomas	Landscape Management	1996-97
Pablo Vasquez	Soil and Water Management	1996-97
Leticia Campa	Vegetable Production	1997-98
Jane Diedrich	Diversified Livestock Production	1997-98
Jason Diedrich	Equine Science	1997-98
Vincent Garcia	Turf Grass Management	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1997-98
Tom Phelen	Soil and Water Management	1997-98
Alberto Torres	Diversified Crop Management	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1998-99
Tom Phelen	Soil and Water Management	1998-99
Vincent Garcia	Turf Grass Management	1998-99
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Crop Production	1998-99
Jordan Fickett	Specialty Animal Production	1998-99
Anthony Rodriguez	Ag Mechanics Placement	2000-01
Mathew Shuemake	Emerging Agriculture Technology	2000-01

REGIONAL PROFICIENCY

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Fuentes	Forage Crop	1994-95
Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
Leticia Campa	Vegetable Production Placement	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Production Placement	1997-98
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Animal Production	1998-99

STATE PROFICIENCY

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jane Diedrich	equine Science	1996-97
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Animal Production	1998-99

NATIONAL PROFICIENCY

Jane Diedrich	Equine Science Gold Award	1996-97
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Livestock	1998-99

Past Award Winners, Degrees, & Presidents

PAST AMERICAN FFA DEGREES

Class of 1988

Teddi Snyder
Dustin Snyder

Class of 1996

Jesus Fuentes

Class of 1999

Jane Diedrich
Paula Pafford

Class of 2000

Alberto Torres
Jason Diedrich
Jason Davis
Bobby Perez
Tom Phelen

PAST STAR FFA DEGREES

Class of 1996

Jesus Fuentes

Class of 1997

Jane Diedrich

PAST STATE WINNING TEAMS

Computer Application Team –1995

David Ortega
Mishia Rodriguez
Jason Zaro

Coach: Gina Gravatt

B.I.G. – 2002

Clay Best
Melissa Cardiel
Vincent Fitch
Stacey Norton
Traci Robertson

Coach: Sheryl Geist

Past Award Winners, Degrees, & Presidents

PAST FIREBAUGH FFA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

1982-83	William Feliz
1983-84	Teddi Snyder
1984-85	Sandy Applewhite
1985-86	Gina Diaz
1986-87	Shelly Nash
1987-88	Johny Neufield
1988-89	Jared Banta
1989-90	Jared Banta
1990-91	Dustin Dillard
1991-92	Scott Kreighbaum
1992-93	Karina Franco
1993-94	Sal Fuentes
1994-95	Erin Miller
1995-96	David Ortega
1996-97	Shannon Norton
1997-98	Milagros Lujan
1998-99	Roberto Perez
1999-00	Jordan Fickett
2000-01	Anthony Rodriguez
2001-02	April Phelen
2002-03	Joel Saldaña, Jr.

Past State FFA Degrees

Class of 1982

Jeff Cradock
Ron Diaz
Keith Dodderer
Monty Ribinson

Class of 1983

Barbara Diedrich
William Felix
Billy Rousell
Teddi Snyder

Class of 1984

Edward Ward

Class of 1985

Trace Maiorino

Class of 1986

Gina Diaz
Dustin Snyder

Class of 1987

Freddie Fonseca
Shelly Nash
Sheri Smith

Class of 1988

Claudine Bishop
Susan Diedrich

Class of 1989

John Nuefield

Class of 1990

Tracey Coelho
Jeff Eppler

Class of 1991

Stacey Gilbert
Bobby Nash
Gerardo Patlan

Class of 1993

Karina Franco
Salvador Fuentes
Misty Gonzalez
Nicole Lake
Todd Turner

Class of 1994

Erin Miller

Class of 1995

Juan Arana
Jesus Fuentes
Martha Guzman
Elias Lujan
Jesus Mendoza
Jose Molina
David Ortega
Luis D. Perez
Josh Ross
Jason Zaro

Class of 1996

Cesar Arias
Summer Houk
Dustin Lowry
Carolina Ramirez
Pablo Vasquez

Class of 1997

Sandy Catania
Stacie Dabbs
Jane Diedrich
Augie Lopez
Jacob Maiorino
Juan Molina
Shannon Norton
Paula Pafford
Shaun Ramirez
Nathan Thomas

Class of 1998

Victor Avila
Leticia Campa
Jason Davis
Jason Diedrich
Vincent Garcia
Ryan Lowry
Milagros Lujan
Rafael Madriz
Roberto Perez
Tom Phelen
Susan Poppa
Jose Sepulveda
Alberto Torres

Class of 1999

Ricardo Arellano
Jordan Fickett
Tracy Hansen
Bobby Hogue
Juan Jacobo
Jose Martinez
Patrick Ramirez

Class of 2000

Oscar Feliz
Brittany Fickett
Reymundo Gamino
Vincent Guthrie
Anthony Rodriguez
Erin Trujillo

Class of 2001

Eric Arias
Mariam Catania
Omar Hernandez
Jeremy Ramirez
Mathew Shuemaker

Class of 2002

Kris Hansen
Santos Martinez
April Phelen
Joel Saldaña Jr.
Samantha Sierras
Brittany Westbrook

Agriculture Scholarships

Applications are available through the High School Counseling Office for these scholarships. It is your responsibility to get an application and return it by the deadline – GOOD LUCK!

Matthew Roussel Memorial \$250

This is a memorial scholarship to honor an Alumni FFA member who has passed away. It is awarded to a student who has been active in the FFA Organization. The application for this scholarship is the general FHS Scholarship Application Form. By meeting the application requirements and deadline, the school scholarship committee will select a recipient.

California Women for Agriculture \$250

This scholarship application can be obtained from your counselor or Ag teacher. The requirements include being active in the agriculture program and pursuing a degree in agriculture.

Madera Agriculture Youth Association (M.A.Y.A.) \$500

The MAYA association is pleased to offer a scholarship program for those high school students pursuing a career in an agriculture related field.

Eligibility requirements:

1. A 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
2. Application must be planning to enroll as a full time student (MINIMUM 12 UNITS)
3. Must be a resident of Madera County and an active FFA member of Chowchilla, Madera, Firebaugh or Yosemite High Schools or a Madera County 4-H Club.

CALCOT \$1,000

The Calcot-Seitz has been established for promising young students from Arizona and California who plan to attend a college, or are attending a college offering at least a FOUR YEAR DEGREE in Agriculture.

Requirements are as follows:

- The student must be from a cotton-producing area of CA or AZ
- The student must be enrolled as a full-time student in a four-year college and have a major in the field of agriculture.
- A general guideline will be a 3.0 grade point average for high school graduates and college students.
- Applicants must also complete the entire applications form along with having three recommendations from non-relatives.

Agriculture Scholarships

Lara Family Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a female Ag student who meets the following requirements:

- 1.) Student **must** provide a **copy** of the completed **School Scholarship** application **plus** an essay to the Ag department chairperson by April 20th. (Late applications & essay will not be considered.)
- 2.) A committee will review the applications and check for the following mandatory qualifications:
 - a) Attend a two or four year college.
 - b) Declare an Agriculture Major or enrolled in one agriculture course per quarter/semester.
- 3.) A typed 500 word essay must be on your past history and future plans. (Explain your involvement in FFA now and in agriculture in the future.)
- 4.) The student will receive \$4,000.00 and a belt buckle. \$1,000.00 will be given each year, for four years while enrolled in college.
- 5.) Student can take any 2 semesters off without losing the remainder of the scholarship.
- 6.) Money is disbursed as follows:

Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a male Ag student who meets the following requirements:

- 1.) Student **must** provide a **copy** of the completed **School Scholarship** application **plus** an essay to the Ag department chairperson by April 20th. (Late applications & essay will not be considered.)
- 2.) A committee will review the applications and check for the following mandatory qualifications:
 - a) Attend a two or four year college.
 - b) Declare an Agriculture Major or enrolled in one agriculture course per quarter/semester.
- 3.) A typed 500 word essay must be on your past history and future plans. (Explain your involvement in FFA now and in agriculture in the future.)
- 4.) The student will receive \$4,000.00 and a belt buckle. \$1,000.00 will be given each year, for four years while enrolled in college.
- 5.) Student can take any 2 semesters off without losing the remainder of the scholarship.
- 6.) Money is disbursed as follows:

First semester registration	\$250.00
First semester grades	\$250.00
Second semester registration	\$500.00
Total	\$1,000.00 (per year)
Grand Total	\$4,000.00

Community Service

Firebaugh FFA takes pride in community service we feel that it is important for members to take an active role in helping others. As members get involved they get the learning experience of being there for someone who is in need. Young or old our community service is of importance because they help to feed the hungry. They also help young children in the community that are sick feel better through the support of Valley Children Hospital.

We participate in several events throughout the year from raising money for the Hospital to an all night Bowl-A-Thon event. In addition members come out and have fun selling "Kids Day" papers on every street corner from here to Mendota. Every event is exciting and always a new experience. The following are the events for the year:

Food Drive- We will host a food drive during the Thanksgiving season, working with local churches to distribute the food to the needy in our community.

Angel Tree- A project in which we collect toys for children in our community during the Christmas season

Kids Day- We sell "Kids Day" newspaper in an effort to raise money for Valley Children Hospital.

Ag Awareness Day- We host a day in which we recognize the importance of agriculture to the youths in our community service.

Bowling-4-Kids – Sectional Bowl-A-Thon is an event awarded to those individuals who help raise money for Valley Children Hospital

Rally – We host a rally at the Middle School to promote our FFA Program to the students.

Displays- We set up displays in local business to promote our organization during National FFA week.

Judging Teams

Agriculture Mechanics

Members complete a written exam, and demonstrate problem-solving skills. Emphasis includes machinery and equipment, industry and marketing, energy, structural and environmental resources.

Banking

Members complete a written test made up of financial standings, such as checks and bank statements. You will be expected to know the different rates of credit that may be given to you.

Best Informed Greenhand (B.I.G.)

This contest is for Freshmen FFA Students only. Members on this team complete a written test on their knowledge of the FFA.

Creed Speaking

This contest is for Freshmen FFA Students only. Students memorize and recite the FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffany

Farm Records

The Farm Records contest is a three - part contest based on the FFA record book. Each student must take a written exam, and complete a journal and a budget problem.

Farm Safety

Members take a written test based on farm safety. Topics include tractors, tools, operating equipment, and how to transport animals.

Floriculture

Members demonstrate proficiency in plant identification, judgement of floral and foliage arrangements, problem solving, and skills that include flower arranging and corsage construction.

Job Interview

Members are required to create a cover letter and resume prior to participating in a job interview. You are evaluated and placed according to your resume, cover letter, and interview scores.

Livestock Judging

Members evaluate beef cattle, sheep, and swine on physical characteristics and records for market and breeding usage. Members give oral reasons explaining their placing on three classes.

Parliamentary Procedure

Members complete a written examination and then demonstrate their proficiency at using correct parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings. Participants discuss chapter events during their mock meetings.

Judging Teams

Cotton Judging

This contest is made up of a three-member team. Members are required to take a written exam of your knowledge of cotton. Members will also be required to judge and score different types of cotton.

Meats

Members complete a written test; Evaluate beef carcasses in terms of quality and yield grades; and judge and place beef, lamb and pork classes. Members also complete a meat formation problem and cooperatively fulfill a beef carcass order.

Cooperative Marketing

This contest is designed to create an awareness and understanding of the basic elements of farm product marketing and farmer cooperation in marketing, purchasing, bargaining, and service.

Opening/Closing

This contest is made up of a six-person team. Each member of the team is responsible for memorizing one officer part of the opening and closing ceremonies and reciting it at the sectional contest.

Prepared Public Speaking

The member that chooses this speaking contest is to write a memorized a ten-minute speech on a major agriculture issue. The individual will be scored on his or her ability to speak and also on how well they can answer questions on the topic they choose.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Members deliver a speech on one of three agricultural topics after they are given thirty minutes to prepare a four-to-six minute speech. At the conclusion of the speech, the judges may question the speaker for five-minutes. Decisions are based on factors similar to the prepared event.

Fairs and Shows

In order to give our students an area to showcase the knowledge they have learned through their Supervised Occupational Experience Project, Firebaugh FFA competes at two fairs and shows during the year. You will find us at the Madera Fair in September, and the Chowchilla Fair in May. Student projects that can be exhibited are beef, sheep, swine, dairy, horses, rabbits, poultry, plants, flower arrangements and agricultural mechanics projects. If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities, one of the Ag Teachers can get you started.

Market Swine

A swine project is a great experience. When you begin your project, you must exercise your pig everyday in order for it to maintain a quality build. You are responsible for feeding and cleaning according to your assigned schedule. As your project progresses, you begin to wash your animal often. As you approach fair time you wash your animal everyday. Before you go the fair you will need to clip your hog. Like other projects, you compete in two types of shows: market and showmanship. In the market show, the judge evaluates the animal for meat quality and the showmanship class determines how well you control your animal, as well as how well you can show your animal.

Market Swine Budget

Expenses:	Feeder Hog	\$ 175.00
	Feed	\$ 95.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. Supplies	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 10.00
	School Housing/ Bedding	\$ 10.00
Total		\$ 320.00
Receipt:		\$ 400.00
Profit/Loss		\$ 80.00

Fairs and Shows

Poultry

The poultry project does not require as much maintenance, as compared to other projects simply because they are small animals. You will take ownership and care for the animals for thirty days prior to the fair. When you get your animals you have to feed them and practice showmanship. Showmanship requires you to inspect the animal. After you show your animal, it will go to the auction if it does well at the show.

Poultry Project Budget

Expenses:	Meat Pen (3)	\$ 27.00
	Feed	\$ 15.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 1.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
Total		\$ 48.00
Receipt:		\$ 90.00
Profit/loss:		\$ 42.00

Rabbits

Raising and showing rabbits can be a lot of fun. If you are the type of person who doesn't like to work with larger animals then this is the animal for you! There are a lot of responsibilities when you show rabbits. You have to feed and water them everyday and make sure you groom them everyday also. You can either show a meat pen which consists of 3 meat rabbits and you sell them at the fair. You can also show rabbits which are used strictly for showing and keep as your pet to use them for breeding.

Rabbit Project Budget

Expenses:	Animal Cost (3)	\$ 45.00
	Feed	\$ 10.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 1.00
	School Housing	\$ 4.00
Total		\$ 60.00
Receipt:	Breeding Rabbits \$5.00-\$25.0	\$ 90.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 30.00

Fairs and Shows

Market Steer

Showing a steer is a lot of hard work and you have to be willing to take on a lot of responsibility. You have to make sure you walk your steer everyday. You also have to rinse and brush the animal hair everyday to make it grow all in the same direction. You will need to get them use to walking with a halter and show stick to make sure they get use to being shown. If you are a first time showman, you don't want this to be the first animal you show.

Market Steer Budget

Expenses:	Feeder Steer	\$ 700.00
	Feed	\$ 500.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 25.00
	Insurance's	\$ 50.00
	Showing & Fitting supplies	\$ 30.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$1340.00
	Receipt: 1250 lbs x 1.25	\$1562.00
	Profit/Loss	\$ 222.00

Sheep

In showing sheep, there are a lot of responsibilities. When you purchase your animal you will have to feed and water it. After you and the animal get use to each other, you will begin to practice showing and exercise your animal daily. When it gets close to the fair, you will start washing and shearing. There are two classes to show and compete in. Showmanship judges your showmanship skills, not the animal. In market, the judge will look at the quality of the animal.

Market Sheep Budget

Expenses:	Feeder Lamb	\$ 150.00
	Feed	\$ 50.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 10.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 230.00
	Receipt: 120lbs. X 3.00	\$ 360.00
	Profit/Loss:	\$ 130.00

Ag Boosters

The Firebaugh FFA Ag Boosters are essential to our organization. They are the community members and parents who volunteer their time and support for this prestigious organization throughout the year. It is impossible to create a list of the Ag Boosters primarily because the amount of support given from the community is extremely high.

Where do the Ag Boosters come from? They range from dedicated parents, to generous people in the community of Firebaugh who have a genuine concern for the well being of the organization and its members.

The duty of an Ag Booster relies solely on the Ag Boosters themselves. Whether they choose to donate their time, equipment, or money, they can consider themselves part of the Ag Boosters "crew" and a huge contribution towards the Firebaugh FFA Chapter.

FFA Awards Offered to You

Degree Awards:

- Greenhand Degree: For 1st year Ag students.
- Star Greenhand: For 1st year Ag students.
- Chapter FFA Degree: For 2nd year Ag students.
- Chapter Star Farmer: For 2nd year Ag students.
- Chapter Star in Agribusiness: For 2nd year Ag students.
- State FFA Degree: For 3rd and 4th year Ag students.
- State Star Farmer: For 3rd or 4th year Ag students.
- State Star in Agribusiness: For 3rd or 4th year Ag students.
- American FFA Degree: For 5th year Ag student.
- American Star Farmer: For 5th year Ag students.
- American Star in Agribusiness: For 5th year Ag students.

Speaking Awards:

- Given for Creed, Extemporaneous, Prepared Public Speaking

Judging Team Awards

Outstanding Ag Student Awards:

- Given by grade level.

Top 20 Awards: Determined by FFA points.

- The #1 student gets a FREE trip to the National FFA Convention.
- All 20 go on a trip at the end of the year.

Scholarships

Proficiency Awards:

- Given at the Local, Sectional, Regional, State, and National levels.

Outstanding Exhibitor Award:

- Given to the outstanding exhibitor.

Top Seller and Top Twenty Trip

Top Seller Trip

Throughout the year, the Firebaugh FFA members are given the opportunity to help raise money for our chapter. The money raised goes towards numerous events and activities that take place in our FFA chapter throughout the year. For example, Firebaugh FFA plans a minimum of one trip per month during our school year that is free of charge to our students. These trips include skating, bowling, and movie night just to name a few. In order to fund these trips we put on different fundraising events through the year. This year we carry on the traditional fundraisers such as the Drive-Up Tri-Tip Dinner, the Tri-Tip Take-Out Dinner, and this year we have added the Pretzel, Pizza, and Cookie Dough sale. If the member has sold a total of 30 tickets or items at the end of the last fundraiser, he/she will be invited to the Top Seller Trip at the end of the year. The top seller trip is designed to give every student in our department the opportunity to receive a free trip to a designated theme park.

Top Twenty Trip

As mentioned above, Firebaugh FFA members are given numerous opportunities to participate in FFA activities. Throughout the year we give students points for attending and participating in FFA activities, events, and contests. For example, the top twenty students are announced at the annual end of the year banquet, and then those students are taken on an achievement trip to Magic Mountain. The student who is the most active and earns the most points total throughout the school year receives a full expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention held in Louisville, KY and then on to Washington, D.C. The students fill out point award sheets at the end of each month, and a running total is kept until the end of the year. The winner of the top twenty trip is announced at the end of the year banquet.

Top Twenty Trip

I. Leadership		
A.	Greenhand Degree (November of each year awarded)	30
B.	Chapter FFA Degree (November of year awarded)	50
C.	State FFA Degree	75
D.	Star State Farmer (In addition to degree)	100
II. Offices (Points awarded in May)		
A.	Chapter Officer	100
B.	Ag. Leadership Team (Excluding officers)	50
C.	Sectional Officer	50
D.	Regional Officer	75
E.	Student Body Officer (In May of each year)	25
F.	Class or Club Officer (In May of each year)	15
III. Meetings/Conferences		
A.	Attend Chapter FFA Meetings/Activities/Banquets	50
B.	Attend Sectional/Regional Meeting or Activity	50
C.	Attend State Convention	100
D.	Attend One Day State Convention	25
E.	Attend National Convention	150
IV. Community/Service		
A.	Kids Day, Ag Awareness Day, and Angel Tree	50
B.	Middle School Rally	25
C.	Canned Food Drive	2/can
D.	Toy Drive	5/toy
E.	Bowl-a-Thon	10pts./30.00
V. Fundraisers		
A.	Dinner Ticket Sales	5pt./ticket
B.	Pizza, Pretzel, and Cookie Dough	5 pt./item
C.	Donkey Basketball	5 pt./ticket
D.	Pepsi Booth at Cantalope Roundup	25pt./shift
VI. Other FFA Activities		
A.	Participation in any FFA activity that is not listed	25
B.	Purchase FFA T-Shirt	50
C.	Purchase FFA Sweatshirt	25
D.	Purchase FFA Jacket	100

Top Twenty Trip

VII. Supervised Agriculture Experience

A.	Approved Enterprise: (Each project)	
1.	Large Mechanics, Market Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, and Breeding	50
2.	Small Mechanics, Market Poultry, Goats and Rabbits	30
3.	Breeding Poultry and Rabbit (Project)	50
B.	Exhibit at Shows and Fairs: Mechanics, Landscape, Floral, and Animal Projects	
1.	First Award	25
2.	Second Award	20
3.	Third Award	15
4.	Fourth Award – tenth award	10
5.	Round Robin Participant	25
6.	Best of Show	50
7.	Outstanding Exhibitor (any species)	5
C.	Animal Projects: Market or Breeding	
1.	Grand Champion	50
2.	Reserve Grand Champion	35
3.	FFA Champion	25
4.	FFA Reserve Champion	20
5.	Breed Champion	20
6.	Reserve Breed Champion	15

VIII. Proficiency Awards

A.	Applicant	20
B.	Sectional Winner	25
C.	Regional Winner	50
D.	State Winner	75
E.	National Winner	100

IX. Contests

A.	Participation	25
B.	Placement	
1.	Individual and Team Placing	
a.	First High Overall	25
b.	Second High Overall	20
c.	Third High Overall	15
d.	Fourth High Overall	10
e.	Fifth High Overall	5

The above points for a State Finals Contest are doubled!

X. Academics (Quarterly)

A.	Superintendents List	75
B.	Honor Roll List	50

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Article I. Name and Purposes

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. The letters "FFA" will be used to designate the chapter, its activities, and members.

Section B. The purpose for which this chapter is formed by is as follows:

1. To develop agricultural leadership skills among all members.
2. To develop a global awareness of agriculture.
3. To bestow confidence among agricultural student and their work.
4. To promote agriculture career opportunities through hands-on training.
5. To develop competencies in communication, human relations, and social abilities.
6. To build cooperative attitudes among agricultural students.
7. To encourage improvement in scholastics.
8. To provide organized recreational activities for agriculture students.

Article II. Organization

Section A. The Firebaugh Chapter of FFA is a chartered local entity of the West Fresno - Madera Section of the California Association, made up of local members.

Section B. This chapter accepts in full the provision in the constitution and bylaws of the California Association of the FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

Article III. Membership

Section A. Membership is limited to students enrolled in Agriculture Education at Firebaugh High School.

Section B. Membership of graduates is limited to students that were active members in high school.

Section C. The Firebaugh FFA is a 100% affiliated chapter with every student becoming a member of the FFA when they enroll in an agriculture class.

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- Section D. No student may participate in any FFA activities unless they are members in good standing with the FFA. In order to be in good standing with the FFA a student must owe no money to the FFA, and their name must not appear on the ineligible list.
- Section E. The FFA advisors at their own discretion have the right to dismiss any members from the FFA organization at anytime with approval of the administration.
- Section F. Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds:
1. Active - Any student enrolled in an agriculture education program.
 2. Alumni - Any person who has formerly been enrolled in an agriculture education program or in other ways interested in supporting the FFA.
 3. Honorary - Any person who has helped to advance agriculture education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership.
- Section G. The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.
- Section H. Honorary membership in the chapter shall be limited to the Honorary FFA Degree.
- Section I. There shall be four levels of active degree attainment in the Firebaugh FFA Chapter.
1. The Greenhand FFA Degree
 - All Greenhand Degree recipients are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem charm.
 2. The Chapter FFA Degree
 - All members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin.
 3. The State FFA Degree
 - All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm.
 4. The American FFA Degree
 - All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.
- Section J. Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualification for election:
1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans

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- for a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
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 history of the organization, chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Section K. Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must be enrolled in their second year of agricultural education and have an approved Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
3. Participate in planning and conducting of at least three official chapter functions.
4. Have earned at least \$150.00 or worked at least 45 hours and have developed plans for the growth of their SOEP.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of procedure law.
7. Show progress towards individual achievement in the FFA awards programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

Section L. State FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Section M. American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Section N. Special committees shall review the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.

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Article IV. Officers

Section A. The possible FFA offices for the Firebaugh FFA Chapter shall be as follows:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1.) President | 6.) Reporter |
| 2.) Vice President | 7.) Sentinel |
| 3.) Second Vice President | 8.) Historian |
| 4.) Secretary | 9.) Chaplain |
| 5.) Treasurer | 10.) Advisor |

Section B. The Officers shall be elected or confirmed by a majority vote of the active members.

- * The advisors and current chapter officers have the right to operate outside of the constitution for special circumstances not addressed.

Section C. If more than one student desires the office of president, the candidates ranking 1,2, & 3 by vote for office of chapter president shall be elected as president, vice president, and 2nd vice president, respectively.

Section D. The nominating committee shall be composed of the 12th grade chapter officers and the FFA advisors. Upon reviewing officer applications for chapter office, students will be slated as candidates on the ballot.

Section E. All officer vacancies, during the term of office, shall be filled by a majority vote of the chapter officers with the exception of the president. The 1st Vice-President shall fill vacancy. The president shall nominate candidates for the committee's consideration.

Section F. Officers Eligibility. Minimum qualifications to run for chapter office:

1. Must be academically eligible to run for a FFA office.
2. For offices of President and Vice President, the applicant must have already completed at least three years of Agriculture classes, and/or hold the Chapter FFA Degree.
3. Other offices require that they have completed a year of an Ag class, and hold the Greenhand Degree.
4. Must enroll in the agriculture leadership class.

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Section G. Officer probation due to academic ineligibility

Any officer who becomes academically ineligible during their term of office will be put on a one-time probationary four-week suspension. At the end of four weeks a grade check will be due to the advisors. While officers are on probation they will not participate in any FFA affiliated activities. If the student meets grade requirements they will be immediately reinstated. If the officer remains academically ineligible they will be immediately removed from office.

- * Grades will be based on quarter report cards
- * Officer participation during the probationary period will be at the advisors discretion.

Article V. Impeachment of Officers

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.

1. Any FFA Chapter Officer not fulfilling the duties of the office as described by this constitution will be required to meet with fellow officers and advisors to discuss a plan for improvement.
2. A written plan for improvement will be drawn up 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 the officer in question.
3. If the officer in question still does not fulfill his/her duties, then a 2/3 vote of the executive committee will remove that officer from office.

Article VI. Executive Committee

Section A. Executive Meetings shall be held as needed.

Section B. Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All special meetings shall open and close with the official ceremony.

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Parliamentary Procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

Section C. Hats shall not be worn in the meeting room.

Section D. Poor conduct will result in that member being dismissed from the meeting room.

Section E. Delegates go through an application process headed by the Ag staff to be able to represent the chapter at the State Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the state.

Article VII. Dues

Section A. As long as Incentive Grant funds are available dues shall be paid for all members through that source.

Article VIII. Eligibility

Section A. Eligibility of members exhibiting at fairs and shows will be based on the Advisors discretion.

Section B. Members must be academically eligible to participate above the chapter level.

Section C. See rules of article IV section G of the Firebaugh Chapter of FFA.

Article IX. Amendments

Section A. To amend the constitution, a majority vote of the Executive Committee is required.


Article X. Ratification of the Constitution

Section A. This constitution shall become effective when passed by the executive committee and advisors.

2002 August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				National Biotechnology Conference		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Davis					State Fair Jr. Livestock Show	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
State Fair Jr. Livestock			State Fair Jr. Dairy			
	School Begins				SOLC @ Exeter 5:00PM-4:00PM	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Ag. Open House Welcome Back BBQ @ 4:00-6:00PM		

2022 September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 Happy Birthday Katie Maiorino	4	5	6 Madera Fair	7
8	9 FFA Drive-Up Dinner Ticket Sales Begin	10 Back to School Night Happy B-day Stacey Norton	11 WF/M COLC @ Fresno Central 3:15-9:30 PM	12	13	14
15	16 Happy Birthday Melissa Cardiel 	17	18 Sect. CATA Mtg. @ Sierra H.S.	19 Sectional Activity Night @ Blackbeards 3:15-9:30PM	20 FFA Drive-Up Dinner Ticket Sales End	21 Happy B-day Ms. Geist
22	23	24	25 FFA Drive-Up Dinner 4:30-6:30PM	26	27 CATA Leadership & Young Professionals Conference	28 FFA Barn Dance @ 8:00-12:00AM
29	30 National Convention Delegate Training @ Sacramento					

2022 October




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 FFA Meeting @ Ag. Dept. 5:30-6:30PM School Board Mtg. @ 7PM	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day Happy Birthday Mr. Catalan	15	16 WF/M CATA Sect. Mtg. @ WUHS FFA Skating 3:15-7:30 PM	17	18	19 WHC Cotton Contest
20 Happy Birthday Mirella Herrera	21	22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Maria Ornelas 	26 Corcoran Cotton Contest
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 		

National FFA Convention- Louisville

2002 November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Washington D.C. Trip  National FFA Convention	2
3 Washington D.C. Trip  National FFA Convention	4	5	6	7 Tulare Cotton Contest @ Tulare H.S. 3:15-10:00PM	8	9 State Finals Cotton Contest Rotary Golf Tourney @ Madera
10	11 Veteran's Day	12 FFA Food Drive Begins	13	14	15	16 CATA & FFA Fall Regional Mtg. @ Lemoore @ 9AM
17	18 Farm Safety Contest @ WHC 3:15-9:30PM	19 Happy Birthday Mrs. Gravatt 	20 WF/M O/C Contest @ Madera @ 5PM	21 Greenhand/ Chapter Degree Banquet@ FMS @ 6:00PM	22 FFA Food Drive Ends	23
24	25	26 WF/M Greenhand Cornference @ Coalinga 7:00-4:00PM	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving 	29	30

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Birthday Traci 	2 "Angel Tree" Project & X-mas Families Begins	3	4 WF/M Job Interview Contest @ Caruthers H.S.	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 WF/M B.I.G. & Banking Contest @ Chowchilla 4:00-9:30PM	12	13	14
15	16 CATA Road Show @ Central H.S.	17 Tentative Ag. Incentive Review @ Ag. Dept. 8:00-3:00PM	18 FFA Christmas Party @ Ag. Dept 5:00-8:00PM	19 Ag. Leadership Party @ 5:00PM	20	21
22	23 Happy Birthday Mr. Vargas 	24	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year	2 Sacramento Leadership Experience Applications Due	3	4
5	6 Happy Birthday Carlos Adame 	7	8	9 ●————● FHS Teacher Inservice	10	11
12	13	14	15 State Degree R.B. Scoring @ Kerman @ 5PM	16	17 Regional Officer Application Due	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22 WF/M Sectional Speaking Contest @ Coalinga H.S.	23	24 Regional Officers Screening @ Tulare H.S. @ 3PM	25
26	27	28	29 Ag. Science Fair @ Kern R.B. Scoring @ Laton	30 ●————● Master Teacher/Student Teacher Conclave Modesto	31	

2008 February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 FFA Take-Out Dinner Ticket Sales Begin	4	5 Farm Records & Co-op Contest@ Firebaugh H.S. 5:00-8:00PM	6	7	8 WHC Field Day 7:00-6:00PM
9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Tulare Farm Show	14 FFA Dinner Ticket Sales End Middle School Rally Bank Display	15 FFA Sectional "Bowling 4 Kids" 11:00PM- 6:00AM
16	17 President's Day	18	19 Teacher Appreciation Brunch FFA Mtg. @ Ag. Dept.	20 FFA Take-Out Dinner @ Ag. Shop Sacramento Leadership Experience	21	22 San Joaquin CATA & FFA Regional Mtg.
23	24	25	26	27	28 UC Davis Field Day	

2003 March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 UC Davis Field Day
2	3	4	5 Regional Speech & Job Inter. @ Reedley	6 FFA Mtg. @ Ag. Dept. 5:30PM	7 Donkey Basketball @ 7PM	8 Great Western @ Tulare Fairgrounds 6:00-6:00PM
9	10	11	12	13 FFA Movie Night 3:15PM	14	15 Reedley College Field Day
16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 "Kids Day" Newspaper Sales	19 Sectional State Degree Banquet @ WUHS @ 6pm	20	21	22 Merced College Field Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Modesto Junior College Field Day
30	31					



2003 April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 State Speaking Finals @ 1Pm @ Fresno Convention Center	4 State Parli-Pro Contests @ 8 AM @ Fresno Convention Center	5 Fresno Field Day State FFA Conference
6	7 FHS Open House	8	9	10	11 Ag. Awareness Day 8:00-3:00PM	12
State FFA Leadership Conference						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Spring Break					
20  Happy Easter Happy B-day Clay Best	21	22	23	24	25	26 Jr/Sr Prom Madera Floral Contest
27	28	29	30			
	SAT 9 Testing					

2008 May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SAT 9 Testing	2 Day On The Green State Finals @ Cal Poly	3
4	5	6	7 WF/M CATA & FFA Mtg. @ Central H.S. 3:00-9:00PM	8 School Board Meeting @ 7PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15  Chowchilla Fair	16	17
18 	19	20	21 American Degree Scoring @ Fowler H.S.	22 	23 Ace Testing Grad Night	24 Top Seller Trip
25	26 Memorial Day	27 Yearbook Distribution	28 FFA Banquet @ FMS 6:00-9:30PM	29	30	31

2003 June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 FFA End of the Year Pool Party @ 2:00-4:00PM	4	5	6 Graduation 	7
8	9	10 Top Twenty Trip	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 CATA State Conference @ San Luis Obispo						
29	30					