

Firebaugh FFA
1997-98



The Nations Best

**FFA Officer Team, Advisors,
and Members**

Program Of Work

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DEDICATION

Mr. John Teixeira

In sincere appreciation and great thanks, the Firebaugh FFA Chapter has dedicated this 1997-98 Program of Work to our 1997 Honorary Chapter Farmer, Mr. John Teixeira.

Mr. Teixeira has been actively involved in our program for several years. He has donated his time and energy with the alfalfa, greenhouse, and vegetable projects. With his advice, these projects have been successful and students have had "hands on" experience that will enhance their job readiness for the future.

It is an honor to dedicate this Program of Work to a person who has dedicated so much to our organization. We treasure his loyalty and friendship.

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA

Officer Letter

Dear FFA Members,

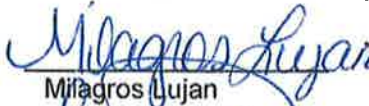
We the 1997-98 Firebaugh FFA Chapter Officer Team would like to welcome you to what will be a ride of a lifetime in our Organization. We hope your summer has been exciting as well as relaxing, just as we the officers plan this school year to be.

For all of you who will be joining us this year, or if you are a returning FFA member, we strongly encourage you to get involved and increase your participation in the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. We encourage you to participate in upcoming events that the Firebaugh Chapter may bestow upon you. You the members, are the back bone of our Organization, with your involvement and support our organization will continue to prosper in the upcoming years.

This year we have planned many exciting and new activities for you. Together we will be able to develop an organization that is unmatched by any other organization. Because of your many talents, you will help better the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. We hope this year will be a great learning experience as well as fun and exciting for you, the members. WELCOME BACK !!

Sincerely,
The 1997-98 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team

President


Miragros Lujan

Treasurer


Raymond Leanos

Vice

President


Susan Poppa

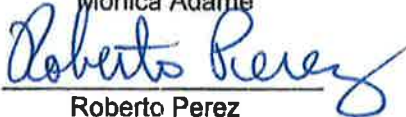
Reporter


Monica Adame

Secretary


Eileen Cantu

Sentinel


Roberto Perez

Advisor's Message

The Advisors of the Firebaugh FFA Chapter would like to welcome every new and returning member to the Firebaugh FFA for the 1997-98 school year. Once again we are certain that the Firebaugh FFA is going to continue its success. This Program of Work will serve as a guide, outlining the activities you can get involved in. These activities are very diverse so we are sure you will find something just for you.

This year the officers have set a goal for the chapter to continue improving **The Image Of The FFA**. We, as advisors, agree with the officers that is extremely important to establish a positive image in order to maintain the motivation and involvement of our chapter members. We also feel it is very important to take **PRIDE** in everything we do and that we should always portray a positive image. You should take pride in fact that you are a member of the **Best** youth organization in the **Nation**, the **NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION**.

Please remember that we are here to help, guide, and advise you through the year, and as we say in the opening ceremonies, " We hope our advice will always be based on true knowledge and ripened with wisdom." We all feel that the Firebaugh FFA is one of the best chapters in the state of California and we are extremely proud to be a part of it!

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA Advisors

Mr. Angel

Mrs. Gravatt

Mrs. Nunes

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 year.
- * To provide the community with our services and supplies whenever is needed.
- * To increase academic excellence and higher education, throughout the members in our FFA organization.
- * To encourage members to succeed not only at chapter level but, to go beyond own expectations.
- * To apply for the National FFA chapter award again this year.
- * To make this year one remembered with no regrets, and filled with accomplishments and improvement.

Missions and Strategies

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

1. Develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
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 agricultural experience programs.
6. Encourage wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develop interpersonal skills in teamwork, communication, human relations and interaction.
8. Build Character, Promote Citizenship, Volunteerism, and Patriotism.

The Emblem

The national FFA emblem, consisting of five symbols, is representative of 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 agriculturist; 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 agriculture pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agriculture life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I can not 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 your own and public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believing in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in 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.

Judging Teams

Firebaugh FFA encourages students to participate in at least one of the following teams. You will be able to travel to different colleges throughout the state of California as you learn critical thinking, speaking, and leadership skills.

Ag Mechanics	Job Interview
Banking	Livestock Judging
Best Informed Greenhand	Marketing
Computer Applications	Novice Farm Records
Cotton	Floriculture
Creed Speaking	Opening/Closing Ceremony
Farm Power	Public Speaking
Farm Records	Ag Pest
Farm Safety	

Public Speaking

Public speaking contests are major leadership activities in the FFA. They promote speaking skills to large and small crowds alike. These skills are vital to any field of business you may be entering in the future. Public Speaking is becoming apparent in more and more contests. For instance, Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking are entirely based on these skills. However, the Job Interview Contest, and even the Computer Application Contest uses these skills as part of their contest.

Prepare Public Speaking is just what it sounds like. A 6-8 minute speech is given to a panel of judges over a topic of the contestant's choices. The contestants in Extemporaneous Speaking, in addition to speaking to judges, must also research the Ag based topic within 30 minutes, and prepare a 4-6 minutes speech to give. Both of these contests, as well as Job Interview and Computers are open to any FFA member interested. These contests take place throughout California.

Firebaugh FFA Ag Boosters

The Ag Boosters Committee is valuable to the students of the FFA program. They help raise funds to support activities throughout the year. The Boosters are responsible for financially supporting the FFA Banquet, Buyers B-B-Q, and student trips.

The Boosters support the FFA students at the fair by securing their break even price through the auction if the students have earned it through working hard with their project. They also provided financial support to the Ag Department throughout the years when needed.

All parents of Ag students are encouraged to become a Booster member. With parent involvement we can support these students as they set and reach their highest goals. Monthly meetings will be established.

Firebaugh FFA Scholarship Committee

This committee supports the FFA by raising money to fund the Lara Family and Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to one male and one female graduating senior who meet the qualifications.

Committee Members

Kitty Catania
Donna Diaz
John Diedrich
John Teixeira
Pat Ward

POSSIBLE FFA AWARDS

- Greenhand Degree (first year Ag students)
- Star Greenhand Degree (first year Ag students)
- Chapter Farmer Degree (second year Ag students)
- Star Chapter Farmer Degree (second year Ag students)
- State Farmer Degree (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- Judging Team Awards
- Speaking Awards
- Outstanding Ag Student Awards (by grade)
- Top Twenty Awards (FFA points)
 - Number one goes to National FFA Convention
 - All twenty goes on an end of the year trip
- Scholarships
- Outstanding Students In.....
 - Mechanics
 - Ag Science
 - OH
 - Ag Leadership
 - Ag Biology
- Proficiency Awards (Local, Section, Region, State, National)
- Outstanding Exhibitor Award (by specie at the end of the year)

Scholarships

The following scholarships will be offered through the Firebaugh High School Agriculture Program.

Matthew Roussel Memorial Scholarship-CWA-MAYA-CALCOT and the Lara Family/Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship.

The qualifications for the Lara Family/Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship are as follows:

- 1.) Student **must** provide a copy of the completed application **plus** essay to the Ag department chairperson by April 20th. (Late applications & essay will not be considered.)
- 2.) Ag Boosters will review the applications and check for the following qualifications:
 - a) Attend a two or four year college.
 - b) Declare an Agriculture Major or enrolled in one Ag course per quarter/semester.
- 3.) A typed 55 word essay must be on your past history and future plans. (Explain your involvement in FFA now and Ag in the future.)
- 4.) One male and one female will be chosen for this scholarship and one will receive \$4,000.00 and a belt buckle. \$1,000.00 will be given each year 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

Fairs & 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 three fairs and shows during the year. You will find us at the Madera Fair in September, Cow Palace in March, and at the Chowchilla Fair in May. Some student projects that can be exhibited are beef, sheep, swine, dairy, rabbits, chickens, goats, plants, flower arrangements and agricultural mechanics projects. If you are interested in attending any of these opportunities, any one of the Ag Teachers can get you started.

Dairy

Showing a dairy heifer is a lot of responsibility and requires time. You will have your animal for the Chowchilla, Madera, and Fresno Fair. The animal is purchased in March, so you will be required to feed, water and clean her for approximately seven months. You will need to halter break the animal before you do anything. She will need to be tied up to a post at the barn for eight hours, and lead to water every two hours. After being halter broke, the animal will need to be lead to insure she is properly trained. You will practice showmanship and wash her every other day. You will have fun as long as you learn to work with this large animal.

Dairy Replacement Heifers Budget

Expenses:	Heifer	\$ 120.00
	Feed	\$ 200.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 15.00
	Insurance	\$ 25.00
	Equipment	\$ 30.00
	School Housing (paid up front)	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 1475.00
Receipt	(Bottom Bid at Fresno Fair)	\$ 2000.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 525.00

Market Goats

A goat project is a fun project that does not require as much time as large animals. Basically you feed, clean, and practice showmanship. While at the fair you have to wash, feed, and shave your animal.

Market Goat Budget

Expenses:	Goat	\$ 90.00
	Feed	\$ 30.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 5.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 135.00
Receipt:		\$ 150.00
Profit/Loss		\$ 15.00

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 two months prior to the fair. When you get your animals you have 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)	\$ 9.00
	Feed	\$ 15.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 1.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 135.00
Receipt:		\$ 90.00
Profit/loss:		\$ 62.00

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 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 consist of 3 meat rabbits and you sell them at the fair or you can show fur rabbits which are used strictly for showing and keep those as your pets and they can also be used for breeding.

Rabbit Project Budget

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Animal Cost (3)</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
	<u>Feed</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	<u>School Housing</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
Total		\$ 34.00
Receipt:	Breeding Rabbits \$5.00-\$25.0	\$ 90.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 56.00

Steer

Showing a steer is a lot of hard work and you have to be willing to take a lot of responsibilities. You have to make sure you walk your steer everyday. You also have to rinse and brush the animal constantly because you are trying to make them grow. You also need to get them used to walking with a halter and making sure they get used to being shown with a show stick. If you are a first time showman then normally you don't want this to be the first animal you show.

Steer Budget on the next page

Market Steer Budget

Expenses:	
Feeder Steer	\$ 600.00
Feed	\$ 500.00
Entry Fee	\$ 5.00
Vet. supplies	\$ 20.00
Insurance's	\$ 25.00
Showing & Fitting supplies	\$ 80.00
School Housing	\$ 5.00
Total	\$1235.00
Receipt:	\$1265.00
Profit/Loss	\$ 30.00

Sheep

In showing sheep, there are a lot of responsibilities. When you purchased your animal you will have to feed and water your animal. After you and the animal get used to each other then you will begin to practice showing your animal, and exercise it daily. When it gets close to the fair, you will start washing and shearing your animal. There are two classes to show and compete in. Showmanship judges your showmanship skills, not the animal. In Market, the judge will judge the quality of the animal. When you have completed these shows, you will take your animal to the sale.

Market Sheep Budget

Expenses:	
Feeder Lamb	\$ 130.00
Feed	\$ 45.00
Entry fee	\$ 5.00
Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00
School Housing	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 195.00
Receipt:	\$ 360.00
Profit/Loss:	\$ 165.00

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 daily. As your project progresses, you begin to wash the animal often. As you approach fair time you wash your animal everyday. Before you go to the fair you may need to shave 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 show determines how well you control your animal, as well as how well you can show an animal.

Market Swine Budget

Expenses:	Feeder Hog	\$ 150.00
	Feed	\$ 80.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 5.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 240.00
Receipt:	Sale of animal	\$ 345.00
Profit/Loss		\$ 95.00

Community Service

The objective of community service is to develop in FFA members an attitude of service to the community in which they live. The chapter will develop a sense of community, service among the entire membership as follows:

- * We will have a food drive for Thanksgiving and work with a church to distribute the food to the most needy in our community.
- * We will collect and distribute toys at Christmas.
- * We will set up displays in local businesses to promote our organization during FFA Week.
- * We will provide a petting zoo at the elementary schools in our area to acquaint these students to Agriculture.
- * We will host a Community Carnival at the Bailey School, open to all of the Community, in hope that they get involved with our program.

FFA Officers

Firebaugh Chapter Officers

President	Milagros Lujan
Vice President	Susan Poppa
Secretary	Eileen Cantu
Treasurer	Raymond Leanos
Reporter	Monica Adame
Sentinel	Roberto Perez
Advisor	Gina Gravatt

West Fresno Madera Section

President	Nick Diaz- Fresno Central
Vice President	Cori Calvert-Fresno Central
Secretary	Leslie Coelho-Kerman
Treasurer	Frances Echeverria-Fresno Central
Reporter	Milagros Lujan-Firebaugh
Sentinel	Nathan Bump-Chowchilla
Chaplian	Nicholas Posakoff-Kerman
Historion	Tim Pettit-Chowchilla
Parliamentarian	Susan Poppa-Firebaugh
Advisor	Kristi Mattes- Fresno Central

San Joaquin Region

President	Matt Archer-Kerman
Vice President EF/M	Mellisa Cash-Clovis
Vice President WF/M	Nick Diaz-Fresno Central
Vice President ET	Sarah Tebeau-Mt. Whitney
Vice President WT/K	Manuel Bettencourt-Hanford
Vice President K/I	Leslie Tiner-Wasco
Secretary	Erin Gordon-Sierra
Treasurer	Scott Grumbles-Kingsburg
Reporter	Jennifer Meneses-Tulare West
Sentinel	Sarah Ortiz-Tulare West

Past State FFA Degrees

Jeff Cradock	1982	Todd Turner	1993
Ron Diaz	1982	Erin Miller	1994
Keith Dodderer	1982	Juan Arana	1995
Monty Robinson	1982	Jesus Fuentes	1995
Barbara Diedrich	1983	Martha Guzman	1995
William Feliz	1983	Elias Lujan	1995
Billy Rousell	1983	Jesus Mendoza	1995
Teddi Snyder	1983	Jose Molina	1995
Edward Ward	1984	David Ortega	1995
Trace Maiorino	1985	Luis D. Perez	1995
Gina Diaz	1986	Josh Ross	1995
Dustin Snyder	1986	Jason Zaro	1995
Freddie Fonseca	1987	Cesar Arias	1996
Shelly Nash	1987	Sommer Houk	1996
Sheri Smith	1987	Dustin Lowry	1996
Claudine Bishop	1988	Carolina Ramirez	1996
Susan Diedrich	1988	Pablo Vasquez	1996
John Nuefield	1989	Paula Pafford	1997
Jeff Eppler	1990	Juan Molina	1997
Tracey Coelho	1990	Augie Lopez	1997
Stacey Gilbert	1991	Stacie Dabbs	1997
Bobby Nash	1991	Jane Diedrich	1997
Geraldo Patlan	1991	Jacob Maiorino	1997
Karina Franco	1993	Nathan Thomas	1997
Salvador Fuentes	1993	Sandy Catania	1997
Misty Gonzalez	1993	Shannon Norton	1997
Nicole Lake	1993	Shaun Ramirez	1997

Past Star FFA Degrees

Jesus Fuentes	1996
Jane Diedrich	1997

Past American FFA Degrees

Teddi Snyder	1985
Dustin Snyder	1988
Jesus Fuentes	1996

Past Proficiency Award Winners

Section

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Mendoza	Speciality Animals	1994-95
Josh Ross	Poultry	1994-95
Jesus Fuentes	Forage Crop	1994-95

Region

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Fuentes	Forage Crop	1994-95

State

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
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Past State Winning Teams

Computer Application Team-1995

David Ortega	Mishia Rodriguez	Jason Zaro
Coach: Gina Gravatt		

THE OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION OF THE FIREBAUGH CHAPTER OF FFA

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, it's activities, and members.
- Section B. The purpose for which this chapter is formed by are 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.

Artical III. Membership

- Section A. Membership is limited to students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture at Firebaugh High School.
- Secton 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 agricultural class.
- Section D. No students may participate in any FFA activities unless they are members in good standing.
- Section E. The FFA advisors at their own discretion have the right to dismiss any members from the FFA organization at any time with approval of the administration.
- Section F. Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds:
1.) Active
2.) Alumni
3.) Honorary
as defined by the National FFA Constitution.
- 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 membership in their chapter. These levels are:
1.) The "Greenhand FFA Degree"
- All "Greenhand's " are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem charm.
2.) The Chapter FFA Degree
- All members holding the degree of Chapter FFA are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin.

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- 3.) The State FFA Degree
 - All members holding the degree of State FFA are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm.
- 4.) The American FFA Degree
 - All members holding the degree of American FFA 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 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 the history of the organization, the 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 written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

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

- 1.) Must have recieved 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.) Shows 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.

Article VI. Officers

Section A. The officers of the chapter shall be as follows:

- 1.) President
- 2.) Vice President
- 3.) Secretary
- 4.) Treasurer
- 5.) Reporter
- 6.) Sentinel
- 7.) Advisor

- The local advisors shall be the teachers of agricultural education in the school where the chapter is located.

* The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective offices as outlined in the Official FFA Manual.

Section B. Officers shall be elected annually.

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

- 1.) Must have and maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average .
- 2.) For Offices of President and Vice President, the

- applicant must have already completed at least three years of ag classes, and hold the Chapter FFA Degree.
- 3.) Other offices require that they have completed a year of an ag class, and hold the Greenhand Degree.

Article VII. 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 two 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 VIII. Executive Committee

Section A. Meetings shall be held once a month or as needed. The exact date will be set by the Executive Committee.

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

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

Article XI. Eligibility

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

Section B. Members must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average overall to be eligible to participate above the chapter level.

Article XII. Amendments

Section A. To amend the constitution, a majority vote of the active members is required.

Section B. To become effective, an amendment must be posted for two weeks previous to the vote of the active members.

Article XIII. Ratification of the Constitution

Section A. This constitution shall become effective when passed by a majority vote of the members voting.

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

Point Award System

The top twenty individuals on the point award system will be eligible to attend a summer achievement trip, and be honored at the Annual Awards Banquet in May.

Points are tabulated according to the following system:

I. Leadership		
1.	Greenhand Degree (November of year awarded)	20
2.	Chapter FFA Degree (November of year awarded)	30
3.	State FFA Degree Application Submitted	50
4.	State FFA Degree	100
5.	Star State Farmer (in addition to degree)	50
6.	Offices (points awarded in May)	
	* Chapter Officer	100
	* Sectional Officer	50
	* Regional Officer	75
	* Student Body Officer(In May of each year)	25
	* Class or Club Officer (In May of each Year)	15
7.	Meetings	
	* Attendance at each Chapter FFA Meeting	25
	* Participation in FFA Activities that are NOT listed	15
	* Representing the Chapter at Sectional Meetings	20
	* Representing the Chapter at Regional Meetings	25
	* Representing the Chapter at State Meetings	25/day
	* Representing the Chapter at National Convention	100
8.	Chairman	
	* Overall Chairman(upon filing report with advisor)	20
	* Active committee member	15
9.	For each Advisor Approved article printed in school, town, or FFA paper written by an FFA member. This excludes Chapter Reporter	25
10.	Own FFA Jacket (Awarded in May of each year)	50
11.	Ticket Sales	
	* Sale price \$1.00 and under	1/each
	* Sale price over \$1.00	5/each
12.	Beef Jerky Fundraiser Sales	10/bag
13.	X-mas Brochure	5/item
14.	Canned Food Drive	2/can
15.	Toy Drive	5/toy

II. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE	
1.	Approved Enterprise: (each project)
	* Large Mechanics, Market Beef, Sheep, and Swine 50
	* Small Mechanics, Market Poultry and Rabbit 20
	* Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats (project) 50
	* Breeding Poultry and Rabbit (project), OH/Landscape 20
2.	Exhibit at Fairs and Shows
	* First Award Ribbon
	* Mechanics/ OH/Breeding 20
	* Second Award Ribbon
	* Mechanics/OH/Breeding 15
	* Third Award Ribbon
	* Mechanics/OH/Breeding 10
	Animal Projects
	* Grand Champion 50
	* Reserve Grand Champion 35
	* FFA Champion 25
	* FFA Reserve Champion 20
	* Breed Champion 20
	* Reserve Breed Champion 15
	*Market and Showmanship Placing (Novice and Advanced)
	* First Place 25
	* Second Place 20
	* Third Place 15
	* Fourth through Tenth Place 10
	* Round Robin Participant 15
	* Round Robin Winner 25
	* Any other Special Award/Recognition 15
3.	Project Competition
	Local Competition 15
	Sectional Competition 20
	* Gold Winner 30
	* Blue Winner 15

III. SCHOLARSHIP (BASED ON QUARTER GRADES)

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|----|-----------------------|----|
| 1. | Superintendent's List | 20 |
| 2. | Honor Roll | 15 |

IV. CONTESTS

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|----|-----------------------|----|
| 1. | Participation | 20 |
| 2. | Placement | |
| | * Individual | |
| | * First High Overall | 25 |
| | * Second High Overall | 20 |
| | * Third High Overall | 15 |
| | * Fourth High Overall | 10 |
| | * Fifth High Overall | 5 |
| | * Team | |
| | * First High Overall | 25 |
| | * Second High Overall | 20 |
| | * Third High Overall | 15 |
| | * Fourth High Overall | 10 |
| | * Fifth High Overall | 5 |

*** The above points for a State Finals Contest are doubled!**



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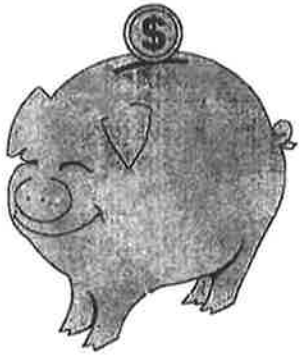
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 School Starts 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Chapter Meeting 6- 8 PM BBQ/Swim	29	30
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September

1997

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	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 Back to School Night	5	6
	Madera Fair					
7	8 Car Wash Ticket Sales Begin	9	10 WF/M FFA Meeting Fresno Central 5 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Ag staff Sectionall Inservice Sierra 5 PM	18	19 Car Wash Ticket Sales End	20 Car Wash High School Parking Lot 9 AM- 3 PM
21	22	23	24	25	26 Greenhand Conference Chowchilla High School 8 AM	27
28	29 X-Mas Brochure Sale Begins	30				



October

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			1	2	3 WHC Presentation 9-11AM Middle School Rally 2:15-3PM	4
5	6	7 X-Mas Brochure Sales End	8	9 FFA Officers at School Board Meeting 7PM	10	11 Bakersfield Cotton Contest 9AM
12	13	14	15 WF/M Sectional Inservice 5PM Fresno/ Washington	16 Skating 3:15 PM	17	18 West Hills Cotton Contest 9AM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Corcoran Cotton Contest 9AM
26	27 West Hills Farm Safety Contest 5PM	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	



November

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						1 Chapter Officer Leadership Conf. Hanford Regional CATA Meeting 8AM
2	3 Beef Jerkey Sales Begin	4	5 WF&M Opening/ Closing West Hills 5PM	6 WF/M Interview Resumes due to Caruthers Tulare Cotton contest	7	8 Fresno State Cotton Finals
9	10 Food Drive Begins	11	12 National Convention Main Trip Kansas City	13	14	15
			National Convention			
16	17	18	19 GH/CF Banquet Cafeteria 6pm	20 WF/M Job Interview Contest Caruthers	21 Beef Jerkey Sales End Food Drive Ends	22
23	24	25	26 NO SCHOOL!	27 THANKSGIVING DAY!!	28	29
30						



January

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				1 Happy New Year	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 WF/M State Degree Record Book Scoring Kerman 5 PM	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22.	23 FFA Regional Officer Screening Tulare HS Farm	24 KRCC Agriscience Fair Regional
25	26 FFA Dinner Tickets Sales Starts	27	28 WF/M Record Book Scoring & Proficiencies Riverdale	29	30 Master Teacher Workshop	31





February

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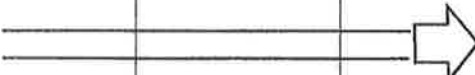

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1 Star Admin. & Star Advisor Apps. Due	2	3	4 WF/M COOP Quiz and Novice Record book Firebaugh 5 PM	5	6 Regional Speech Manuscript & Resumes due to Ken	7
8	9 President's Day NO SCHOOL	10 Tulare Farm Show 	11	12	13 Dinner Ticket Sale Ends Regional Proficiency Application due to Regional office Bank Display FFA Dance 8-12	14 Valentines Day
15 Scholarship Chapter, National Chapter Proficiency Awards Apps due	16 Washington's Birthday NO SCHOOL	17 Lunch Time Activity Teacher Lounge Display	18 Lunch Time Activity Teacher/ Staff appreciation	19 FFA Week Dinner & Program 4:30-6:30 PM Regional Profi- ciency Judging Redwood 5 PM	20 FFA Community Carnival 2:30 - 5:30 pm Bailey School	21 Regional Speech & Job Interview COS 8 AM
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24	25 Sacramento Leadership Experience 	26	27	28 West Hills College Field Day



March

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1	2 Candy Bar Sales Begin	3	4	5	6 U.C. Davis	7 U.C. Davis Field Day
8	9	10	11 Bowling 3:15 PM Madera	12	13	14 College of Sequoias Field Day 8:00 PM
15	16 FFA Leadership Conference Registration due	17	18 WF/M Parli Pro Contest Fresno Central 5 PM	19	20 Candy Bar Sales Ends	21 San Joaquin Regional Meeting FFA & CATA Stockdale 8am
22	23	24	25	26 FFA Regional Parli Pro Visalia 4 PM	27	28 Kings River Field Day
29	30	31				



April

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			1	2	3	4 Modesto Jr. College Field Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>EASTER VACATION</i> →						
12 Easter	13 No School	14	15 WF/M & EF/M State Degree Banquet Ag Pavillion F.S.U. 6 PM FHS Open House	16	17 State Leadership Contests	18 Fresno State Field Day State FFA Leadership Conference
19	20 <i>Discussion meet</i>	21	22 Movie Night 3:30 PM	23 Project Competition Banquet Madera 6 PM	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 WF/M American Degree Inservice Workshop Fresno Central 6 PM		



May

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					1 Leave for SLO 12 PM	2 State Judging Finals @San Luis Obispo
3	4	5	6 WF/M American Farmer Verification Fresno Central 5 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 <i>CHOWCHILLA FAIR</i>						
17	18	19	20 WF/M Sectional Inservice & FFA Meeting Laton 5 PM	21 Chapter Officer Applications Due	22 Officer Interviews	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL	26	27	28 FFA Banquet Cafeteria 6pm	29	30
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*Community
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June

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	1	2 FFA Pool Party 2:00 PM	3	4	5 Last Day of School 	6
7	8 Top Twenty Trip Santa Cruz 8:00 AM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

