

Firelands FFA



Taking the Challenge

The 2000-2001 FFA Officers

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Program Of Work

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DEDICATION

Lorenzo Madrid

In sincere appreciation and great thanks, the Firebaugh FFA Chapter has dedicated this 2000-2001 Program of Work to our 2000 Honorary Chapter Farmer, Lorenzo Madrid. He has been actively working in our program to ensure that if help is needed, he will be there.

Lorenzo Madrid has set up large fundraising events that have enabled us to attend National Convention, and lends a helping hand wherever it is needed. He has unselfishly donated his time, energy, and just about anything else we have needed. He has helped enable our chapter to develop those qualities in our members that an FFA member should possess.

It is our honor to dedicate this Program of Work to such a special person, who has helped us tremendously throughout the years. We treasure his loyalty, support, and friendship.

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA

Officer Letter

Dear FFA Members,

Greetings, from the 2000-2001 FFA Officer Team. We hope you had a fun, exciting, and relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year.

It is the goal of this year's FFA officer team to get new and returning FFA members to unite in participating and involving yourself in the FFA organization. We have planned many fun and exciting activities this year to encourage your involvement in the Firebaugh Chapter. The FFA members are truly the backbone of our organization. It is due to your support and belief in the FFA, which will help us continue to prosper in the upcoming years.

Together, we will be able to develop an organization that is unmatched by any other organization. You as members, possessing many talents will help to better the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. We hope this year will be a great learning experience, as well as fun, exciting, and challenging for you. Due to your excitement and energy, we know we will have the ultimate FFA experience in the 2000-2001 school year. LET'S DO IT!!!!!!

Sincerely,
The 2000-2001 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team

President	 Anthony Rodriguez	Treasurer	 April Phelen
Vice President	 Mona Cabada	Reporter	 Mariam Catania
2 nd Vice President	 Alexander Gonzalez	Sentinel	 Jr. Leanos
Secretary	 Brittany Fickett	Historian	 Samantha Sierras

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 2000-2001 school year. Once again we are certain that the Firebaugh FFA is going to continue its success. The curriculum is on the cutting edge and our facilities rival many junior colleges only to compliment the already highly successful FFA Chapter.

This year, the officers have set a goal for the new and returning FFA members to increase participation and involvement in the FFA. As advisors, we agree with the officers that it is vitally important to have FFA members actively involved in our program. This Program of Work will serve as a guide, outlining the activities you can be a part of. Use it to participate in the numerous opportunities offered to you in this chapter and agriculture program. It would be impossible for the chapter officers to carry out the activities outlined in this program without the cooperation from each and every member in this chapter. The duty of the advisors is only to point the way, while the officers and committees actually lead the membership. You, the chapter members, will decide how active or successful the chapter will be this year by your participation. We would like this year to be the best year you ever had in school. The FFA program is the greatest youth organization in the world and the Firebaugh FFA is one of the top five in the state!

The Chapter Advisors, look forward to working with our chapter members to keep Firebaugh FFA the best in the state! We are relying on you to make this year a success!

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA Advisors

Mr. Flett
Ms. Geist
Mrs. Gravatt

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



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 agriculture education awareness.
- * To develop a better relationship among the community, and enhance the relationship between our organization and the community.
- * To encourage members to succeed not only at the chapter level but to go beyond their own expectations.
- * To be recognized as a 3 star chapter for the National FFA Award.
- * To make this year one remembered with no regrets, and filled with accomplishments and improvement
- * To excel in every aspect of agriculture education.

Missions 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.



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

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

Motto

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.

Colors

The National FFA emblem, consists of five symbols and is a 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.

The Emblem

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 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 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.



Judging Teams

Agriculture Mechanics

Members complete a written exam, demonstrate problem-solving skills. System of emphasis include 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.

B.I.G

This contest is for first year members only. Members of this team are to complete a written test based upon their knowledge of the FFA.

Creed Speaking

This contest is also for first year members. You are to 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, complete a journal and a budget problem.

Farm Safety

Members take a written test based upon the safety of the farm. Such as tractors, tools, operating equipment, and how to transport animals.

Floriculture

Members demonstrate proficiency in plant identification, judgment of floral and foliage arrangements, problem solving and skills that include flower arranging, propagation, preparation of floral and foliage products for sale, plant disorders, merchandising and job interview.

Job Interview

You are required to type a cover letter and resume and you go through a mock interview with a panel of judges. You are evaluated and placed according to your resume, cover letter, and interview scores.

Livestock Judging

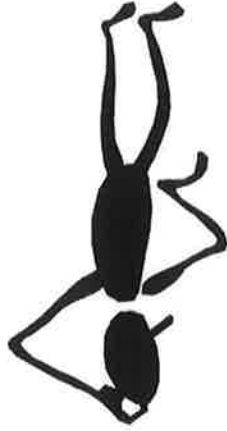
Members evaluate beef, cattle, sheep, and swine on physical characteristics and records for market and breeding usage. Members give oral reasons explaining their placing on three classes.

Marketing
Members develop marketing skills through the development and presentation of a plan that promotes a current or proposed product, supply, or service.

Opening/Closing
This is a contest 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. The teams are judged on their efficiency in opening and closing a mock meeting.

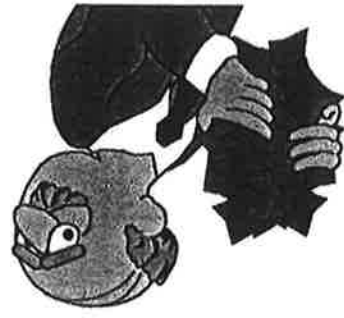
Prepared Public Speaking
The member that chooses this speaking contest is to write and memorize a ten-minute speech on a major agriculture issue. The individual will be scored on his or her ability to speak and also on how well they can answer questions on the topic they chose.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking
This requires participants to deliver a speech on one of three agricultural topics after they are given 30 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.



Firebaugh FFA Ag Boosters

The Ag Boosters Committee is exceedingly valuable to the students of the FFA. They help us raise funds to support activities throughout the year. The Ag Boosters Committee consists of anyone who helps make this organization become successful whether they donate their time, equipment, or money. Without these people, Firebaugh FFA would not be such a success. With the committee's involvement and support, the students of the Firebaugh FFA are able to set and reach their highest goals.



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
Donna Diaz
John Teixeira
Pat Ward

Scholarships

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

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

* Applications are available through the Counseling Office.

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 the High School Scholarship deadline in April. (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 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.) One male and one female will be chosen for this scholarship and each 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 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, goats, 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.

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 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	\$ 1200.00
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

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

Poultry Project Budget

The poultry project does not require as much maintenance, as compared to other projects simply because they are easier animals to take care of than larger 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

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

Market Goat Budget

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 Goats

Expenses:	
Feeder Steer	\$ 600.00
Feed	\$ 500.00
Entry Fee	\$ 5.00
Vet. supplies	\$ 20.00
Insurances	\$ 25.00
Showing & Fitting supplies	\$ 30.00
School Housing	\$ 5.00
Total	\$1185.00
Receipt:	\$1265.00
Profit/Loss	\$ 80.00

Market Steer Budget

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.

Steer

Expenses: Animal Cost (3)	
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

Rabbit Project Budget

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.

Rabbits

Expenses: Feeder Hog	\$ 150.00
Feed	\$ 80.00
Entry fee	\$ 5.00
Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00
School Housing	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 250.00
Receipt:	\$ 345.00
Profit/Loss	\$ 95.00

Market Swine Budget

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 class determines how well you control your animal, as well as how well you can show an animal.

Swine

Expenses: Feeder Lamb	\$ 150.00
Feed	\$ 45.00
Entry fee	\$ 5.00
Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00
School Housing	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 215.00
Receipt:	\$ 360.00
Profit/Loss:	\$ 145.00

Market Sheep Budget

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.

Sheep

Community Service

The purpose 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.

- * We will have a food drive for Thanksgiving and work with a church to distribute the food to the needy in our community.
- * We will collect and distribute new toys at Christmas and deliver them at a church in our community.
- * 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 Carnival at the A.E. Mills School, in hope that they will get involved with our program.
- * We will host a rally at the middle school to promote the Ag program.
- * We will sell Kids Day newspapers in order to donate money to help the children at Valley Children's Hospital.



FFA Officers

Firebaugh Chapter Officers

Anthony Rodriguez	President
Mona Cabada	Vice President
Alexander Gonzalez	2 nd Vice President
Brittany Fickett	Secretary
April Phelen	Treasurer
Mariam Catania	Reporter
Jr. Leanos	Sentinel
Samantha Sierras	Historian
Gina Gravatt	Advisor

West Fresno Madera Section

Anthony Rodriguez-Firebaugh	President
Jonathan Moon-Fresno Central	Vice President
Amanda Killion-Madera	Second Vice President
AnneMarie Dienert-Riverdale	Secretary
Pedro Trinidad-Laton	Treasurer
Jenna Smith-Fresno Central	Reporter
Cole Gallaher-Caruthers	Sentinel
Lindsay Maddox-Riverdale	Chaplain
Layci Gagnani-Kerman	Historian
Jamie Hawkins-Washington Union	Parliamentarian
Gina Gravatt-Firebaugh	Advisor

San Joaquin Region

Seth Brown-Tulare Union	President
Heather Seaward-Kingsburg	Vice President EF/M
Anthony Rodriguez-Firebaugh	Vice President WF/M
Wednesday Kirven-Redwood	Vice President SEQ
Beth Sequiera-Hanford	Vice President T/K
Greg Gonzalez-Foothill	Vice President K/I
Kyle Prosper-Madera	Secretary
Martina Otterbeck-Sanger	Treasurer
Mark Stephens-Yosemite	Reporter
Jordan Whaley-Golden West	Sentinel
Kenneth Harris	Advisor

Past State FFA Degrees

1982	Jeff Cradock	1982	Jason Zaro	1995
1982	Ron Diaz	1982	Cesar Arias	1996
1982	Keith Dodderer	1982	Summer Houk	1996
1982	Monty Robinson	1982	Dustin Lowry	1996
1983	Barbara Diedrich	1983	Carolina Ramirez	1996
1983	William Felz	1993	Pablo Vasquez	1996
1983	Billy Rouseil	1983	Paula Pafford	1997
1983	Teddi Snyder	1983	Juan Molina	1997
1984	Edward Ward	1984	Augie Lopez	1997
1985	Trace Majorino	1985	Stacie Dabs	1997
1986	Gina Diaz	1986	Jane Diedrich	1997
1986	Dustin Snyder	1986	Jacob Majorino	1997
1987	Freddie Fonseca	1987	Nathan Thomas	1997
1987	Shelly Nash	1987	Sandy Catania	1997
1987	Sheri Smith	1987	Shannon Norton	1997
1988	Claudine Bishop	1988	Shaun Ramirez	1997
1988	Susan Diedrich	1988	Victor Avila	1998
1989	John Nuefeld	1989	Leticia Campa	1998
1990	Jeff Eppier	1990	Jason Davs	1998
1990	Tracey Coelho	1990	Jason Diedrich	1998
1991	Stacey Gilbert	1991	Vincent Gracia	1998
1991	Bobby Nash	1991	Ryan Lowry	1998
1991	Gerardo Patan	1991	Milagros Lujan	1998
1993	Karina Franco	1993	Rafael Madriz	1998
1993	Salvador Fuentes	1993	Roberto Perez	1998
1993	Misty Gonzalez	1993	Tom Pheien	1998
1993	Nicole Lake	1993	Susan Poppa	1998
1993	Todd Turner	1993	Jose Sepulveda	1998
1994	Erin Miller	1994	Alberto Torres	1998
1995	Juan Arana	1995	Jordan Fickett	1999
1995	Jesus Fuentes	1995	Tracy Hansen	1999
1995	Martha Guzman	1995	Bobby Hogue	1999
1995	Elias Lujan	1995	Patrick Ramirez	1999
1995	Jesus Mendoza	1995	Ricardo Arellano	1999
1995	Jose Molina	1995	Juan Jacobo	1999
1995	David Ortega	1995	Jose Martinez	1999
1995	Luis D. Perez	1995	Brittany Fickett	2000
1995	Josh Ross	1995	Anthony Rodriguez	2000
			Vincent Guthrie	2000
			Erin Trujillo	2000
			Reymundo Gamino	2000
			Oscar Felix	2000

Past Star FFA Degrees

Past American FFA

1996 Jesus Fuentes
1997 Jane Diedrich

1988 Todd Snyder
1988 Dustin Snyder
1996 Jesus Fuentes
1999 Jane Diedrich
1999 Paula Pafford

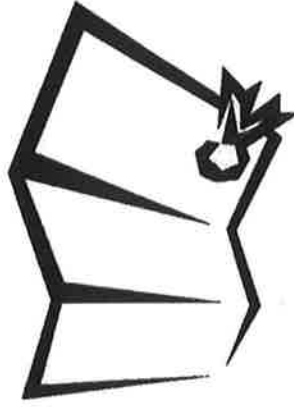
Past Proficiency Award Winners

Sectional Proficiency

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

Regional Proficiency

1993-94 Cereal Grain Production	1993-94 Cereal Grain Production	Sal Fuentes
1984-95 Forage Crop	1984-95 Forage Crop	Jesus Fuentes
1996-97 Equine Science	1996-97 Equine Science	Jane Diedrich
1997-98 Vegetable Production Placement	1997-98 Vegetable Production Placement	Leticia Campa
1997-98 Oil Crop Production Placement	1997-98 Oil Crop Production Placement	Bobby Hogue
1998-99 Diversified Animal Production	1998-99 Diversified Animal Production	Jason Diedrich
1998-99 Oil Crop Management	1998-99 Oil Crop Management	Bobby Hogue



Past State Winning Teams

Computer Application Team-1995

David Ortega

Mishia Rodriguez

Jason Zaro

Coach: Gina Gravatt

Jason Diedrich

Diversified Livestock
Gold Award

1998-99

Jane Diedrich

Equine Science

1996-97

National Proficiency

Sal Fuentes
Jane Diedrich
Jason Diedrich

Cereal Grain Production
Equine Science
Diversified Animal Production

1993-94
1996-97
1998-99

State Proficiency



POSSIBLE FFA AWARDS

- Greenhand Degree (first year Ag students)
- Star Greenhand (first year Ag students)
- Chapter FFA Degree (second year Ag students)
- Chapter Star Farmer (second year Ag students)
- Chapter Star in Agribusiness (second year Ag students)
- State FFA Degree (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- State Star Farmer (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- State Star in Agribusiness (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- American FFA Degree (5th year Ag student)
- American Star Farmer (5th year Ag student)
- American Star in Agribusiness (5th year Ag student)
- Speaking Awards
- Judging Team Awards
- Outstanding Ag Student Awards (by grade)
- Top Twenty Awards (FFA points)
- Number one goes to National FFA Convention
- All twenty go on an end of the year trip
- Scholarships
- Proficiency Awards (Local, Section, Region, State, National)
- Outstanding Exhibitor Award (by specie at the end of the year)

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:

1.	Leadership	30
	Greenhand Degree (November of year awarded)	50
	Chapter FFA Degree (November of year awarded)	100
	State FFA Degree	75
	Star State Farmer (in addition to degree)	75
	Offices (points awarded in May)	100
	Chapter Officer	50
	* Ag. Leadership Team (Excluding Officers)	50
	* 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
	Meetings	50
	* Attendance at each Chapter FFA Meetings/ Activities/Banquets	25
	* Participation in FFA Activities that are NOT listed	25
	* Representing the Chapter at Sectional Meetings	25
	* Representing the Chapter at Regional Meetings	50
	* Representing the Chapter at State Convention	100
	* Representing the Chapter at one Day State Convention	25
	* Representing the Chapter at National Convention	150
	Above the Chapter Level Involvements	50
	* State Choir	50
	* State Committee Member	50
	* Similar Activities (as approved by advisor)	50
	Committees	15
	* Active committee member participant	5
	Ag. Day (if you wear any paraphernalia concerning the FFA	100
	then you receive 5 pts. Towards Top Twenty)	100
	Own FFA Jacket (Awarded in May of each year)	100
	Ticket Sales	1/each
	Sale price \$1.00 and under	5/each
	Sale price over \$1.00	5/item
	X-mas Brochure	2/can
	Canned Food Drive	5/toy
	Toy Drive	

<p>II. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE</p> <p>1. Approved Enterprise: (each project)</p> <p>* Large Mechanics, Market Beef, Sheep, and Swine 50</p> <p>* Small Mechanics, Market Poultry, Goats and Rabbit 20</p> <p>* Breeding Poultry and Rabbit (project) 50</p> <p>* Landscaping/Booth Entry 25/p/d</p> <p>* OH /Crop/Floral Entry 20</p> <p>2. Exhibit at Fairs and Shows</p> <p>* First Award 20</p> <p>* Mechanics/ OH/Breeding /Floral/Landscaping/Booth 20</p> <p>* Second Award 15</p> <p>* Mechanics/OH/Breeding/Floral/Landscaping/Booth 15</p> <p>* Third Award 10</p> <p>* Mechanics/OH/Breeding/Floral/Landscaping/Booth 10</p>	<p>Animal Projects</p> <p>* Grand Champion 50</p> <p>* Reserve Grand Champion 35</p> <p>* FFA Champion 25</p> <p>* FFA Reserve Champion 20</p> <p>* Breed Champion 20</p> <p>* Reserve Breed Champion 15</p>	<p>Market and Showmanship Placing (Novice and Advanced)</p> <p>* First Place 25</p> <p>* Second Place 20</p> <p>* Third Place 15</p> <p>* Fourth through Tenth Place 10</p> <p>* Round Robin Participant 15</p> <p>* Round Robin Winner 25</p> <p>* Any other Special Award/Recognition 15</p>	<p>3. Proficiency Awards</p> <p>* Applicant 20</p> <p>* Sectional Winner 25</p> <p>* Regional Winner 50</p> <p>* State Winner 75</p> <p>* National Winner 100</p>	<p>III. CONTESTS</p> <p>1. Participation 25</p> <p>2. Placement</p> <p>* Individual</p> <p>* First High Overall 25</p> <p>* Second High Overall 20</p>
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* The above points for a State Finals Contest are doubled!

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* Third High Overall
* Fourth High Overall
* Fifth High Overall
* Team

* First High Overall
* Second High Overall
* Third High Overall
* Fourth High Overall
* Fifth High Overall

**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 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 students 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 FFA Chapter 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 during 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.

- 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 history of the organization, chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.

Section J. Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualification for election:

- 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.
- 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 I. There shall be four levels of active membership in the chapter. These levels are:

Section H. Honorary membership in the chapter shall be limited to the Honorary FFA Degree.

Section G. The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

- 1.) Active
- 2.) Alumni
- 3.) Honorary- as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section F. Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds:

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 D. No student may participate in any FFA activities unless they are members in good standing.

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

Article VI. Officers

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

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

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

Section L. State 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.) 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 K. Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

- 6.) Have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
- 7.) Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

* 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. The Officers shall be elected or confirmed by a majority vote of the active members with the exception of the advisors who shall be the agriculture education instructors.

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 FFA advisors. Upon reviewing officer applications for chapter office, will slate 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. Vacancy shall be filled by the 1st Vice-President. The president shall nominate candidates for the committee's consideration.

Section F. 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/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 agricultural leadership class.

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

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 abilities.

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.

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

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

Article X. Eligibility

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

Article IX. Dues

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

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

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

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 A. Executive meetings shall be held as needed. Beyond the Ag Leadership class.

Article VIII. Executive Committee

- 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, upon receiving the third strike he or she will be removed from office.

Article XI. 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 XII. Ratification of the Constitution

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

August

2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 School Begins 	22	23	24	25 SOLC Exeter 	26 SOLC Exeter 
27	28	29	30	31 FFA Meeting BBQ/Swim 5-7 PM 		



September

2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 No School	5 Madera Fair	6 Madera Fair	7 Madera Fair	8 Madera Fair	9 Madera Fair
10 Madera Fair	11 Dinner Ticket Sales Begin	12	13 Chapter Officer Conference Firebaugh 5 PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 CATA Sierra H.S. 5 PM	21 Sectional Activity Night 5-8 PM Blackbards	22 Dinner Ticket Sales End	23
24	25	26	27	28 Drive-Up Dinner 5-7 PM	29	30
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October

2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Brochure Sales Begin 	10	11	12 FFA Meeting 5 PM School Board Meeting 7 PM	13	14 West Hills Cotton Contest
15	16 Brochure Sales End 	17	18 Skating Party Madera 3:15-7:30 PM	19 Greenhand Conference at Chowchilla 8 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25 National Convention	26 National Convention	27 National Convention	28 National Convention
29 Washington D.C Trip	30 Washington D.C. Trip	31 Halloween Washington D.C. Trip				







November

2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Washington D.C. Trip	2	3	4
5 West Hills Farm Safety 5 PM Food Drive Begins	6 West Hills Farm Safety 5 PM Food Drive Begins	7	8	9	10 School Holiday 	11 Veterans Day 
12	13	14	15 W/F/M O/C Contest @ Madera High @ 5 PM W/F/M Job Interview Applications Due	16 Greenhand/ Chapter Farmer Banquet FHS Cafeteria 6 PM	17 Food Drive Ends	18 CATA Regional Meeting and Chapter Officer Day Hanford 8AM
19	20	21 W/F/M No School	22 No School	23 Thanksgiving	24 No School	25
26	27	28	29 W/F/M BIG & Banking Contest Chowchilla @ 5 PM	30		



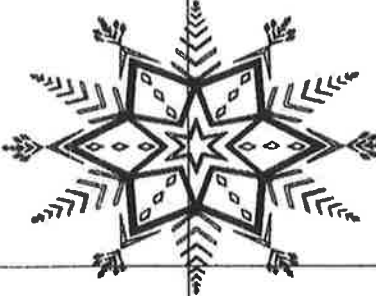
December

2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Toy Drive Begins 	5	6 WFM Cred & Speech Contest @ Couinga @ 5 PM	7	8 San Joaquin Road Show Fresno Central Ag. Staff	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Toy Drive Ends 	16
17	18	19	20 FFA X-Mas Party @ 6 PM 	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Begins 	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve 						


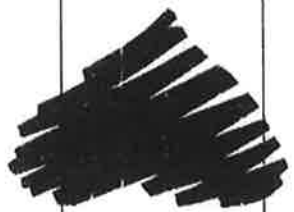
January

2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4	5	6 Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy @ Reedley	
7	8	9	10 WR/M RB Scoring @ Kerman 5 PM	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 WR/M Record Book Scoring @ Riverdale 5 PM	25	26 Regional Officer Screening @ Tulare HS 3 PM	27
28	29	30	31			





February

2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13 Regional Proficiency Judging Redwood @ 9 AM	14 Tulare Farm Show	15	16 Dinner Ticket Sales End Regional Discussion and Job Interview Finals 1 PM @ Reedley College	17
4	5 Dinner Ticket Sales Begin	6	7 W/F/M Co-Op & Farm Records Contest Tranquility @ 5 PM	8	9 Middle School Rally 2 PM	10 W/F/M "Bowling 4 Kids" @ Madera 11:45 PM- 6:00AM
				1	2	3
18	19 President's Day	20 FFA Week Sacramento Leadership Day	21 FFA Week Teacher Appreciation Day	22 FFA Week FFA Dinner/ Open House 4-6 PM Lunch Time Activity	23 FFA Week Lunch Time Activity	24 FFA Week San Joaquin Regional CATA and FFA Meeting Clovis East High 8 PM
25	26	27	28 FFA Meeting Ag. Dept. 5 PM State Proficiency @ F.S.U.			



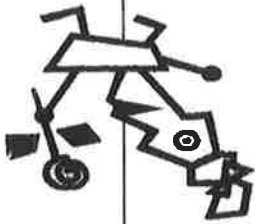
March

2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>18</p> <p>San Joaquin Regional and State Officer Candidate Training at Holiday Inn 9 AM-2 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Merced College Field Day</p> 
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>W/F/M Sectional Parli-Pro at Central @ 5 PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Reedley College Field Day</p> 
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>FFA Bowling Madera 3:10 PM</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>UC Davis Field Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>UC Davis Field Day</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>W/F/M Sectional Officer Meeting at Firebaugh 5 PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>FFA Meeting Ag. Dept. 5 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Modesto College Field Day</p> 

April

2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 FFA Movie Night Madera 3:10 PM 	5 W/F/M State Degree and Sectional Proficiencies Awards Ceremony Central @ 6PM	6	7 Top Seller Trip
8	9 Easter Vacation	10 Easter Vacation	11 Easter Vacation	12 Easter Vacation	13 Easter Vacation	14 Easter Vacation
15 Easter Sunday 	16 No School	17	18	19 State Leadership Finals	20	21 State Finals CSUF State FFA Convention
22 State FFA Convention	23 State FFA Convention	24 State FFA Convention	25	26	27	28 Prom
29	30					


May

2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FFA Petting Zoo @ Bailey 9 AM-1 PM	2	3	4 Leave for State Finals	5 Cal Poly State Finals
6	7 E/M & W/M American Degree Scoring @ Fowler @ 5 PM	8 Ag. Futures Conference @ Ag. Center in Parlier	9 W/M Sectional FFA & CATA Meeting at Firebaugh 5 PM	10	11	12
13	14	15 Chowchilla Fair	16 Chowchilla Fair	17 Chowchilla Fair	18 Chowchilla Fair	19 Chowchilla Fair
20	21 Chowchilla Fair	22	23	24 Grad Night May 24-25	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30 FFA Awards Banquet FHS Cafeteria 6 PM	31		

June

2001

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8 Last Day Graduation 	9
10	11	12 Top Twenty Trip	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 