

Dedication

~Mr. Bob Hogue~

In sincere appreciation and thanks, the Firebaugh Chapter of FFA dedicates its 1995-96 Program of Work to a very special and supporting individual, Mr. Bob Hogue.

Mr. Hogue has devoted his time in supporting activities of the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. He is a person that works "behind the scenes" of our chapter and doesn't receive all of the recognition he deserves. Most notably at the many fairs we attended, he stood out and gave us 100%, if not more of his support.

In addition, Mr. Hogue is always willing to help the FFA and donate his time and efforts unselfishly. Without his support, many important FFA accomplishments may not have been possible.

The Firebaugh FFA will be always in his gratitude. We hope that Mr. Hogue realizes that he will always have a special place in the hearts of the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. Once again, thank you very much!

The Firebaugh FFA Chapter

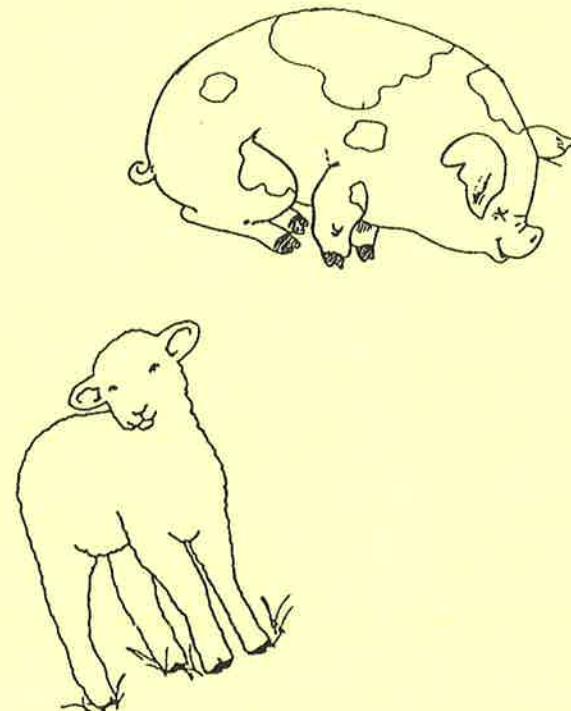
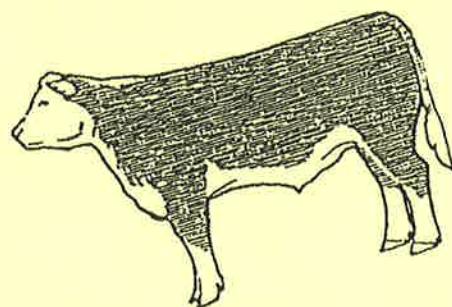


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Officer's Letter

Dear Members,

We, the 1995-1996 Chapter Officer Team, welcome you back from what we hope was a fun and exciting summer. Be prepared for what we know will be the most enjoyable and exciting year ever!

The Firebaugh FFA Chapter, as we feel, offers the most superlative opportunities and experiences for it's members. No matter if you go to a fair, field day, or meeting, you will be witnessing one of the most prestigious organizations in action.

We extend a warm welcome to those who will be taken part in this wonderful organization for the first time, and we welcome those of you back who are returning FFA'ers. We encourage you to get involved and increase your participation as the year goes by, for we are an organization who's skies are the limit.

This year we have planned for you many exciting and rewarding activities that will pass you by if you don't participate. Throughout the year, we promise to work alongside with you, and learn from your mistakes, as you learn from ours. Together we form an organization that is unmatched by any other, and because of your many talents, you will help better the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. We hope your year will be as fun for you as it will be for us. Welcome Back!

Sincerely,

The 1995-1996 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team

President David Ortega

Vice President Jesus Mendoza

Secretary Elias Lujan

Treasurer Juan Arana

Reporter Shannon Norton

Sentinel Jake Maiorino



Advisor's Message

The Advisor's of the Firebaugh Chapter of FFA would like to welcome each and every new and old member alike to the Firebaugh FFA for the 1995-96 school year. Once again we are certain that the Firebaugh FFA is going to continue its successful ways. 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 as a goal that the chapter continue to improve The Image Of The FFA. We as advisers agree with the officers that it is extremely important to establish a positive image in order to maintain the motivation of chapter members to become involved. We also feel it is very important to take PRIDE in whatever we do and that we should always portray a positive image. You should take pride in the 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

Mrs. Gravatt

Mr. Magill

Mr. Morales



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Firebaugh FFA Ag Boosters

The Ag Boosters support the FFA in a variety of ways throughout the year. They also sponsor the annual Ag Booster Dinner-Dance which supports the Lara Family and Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarships.

The Boosters support the FFA students at the fairs by securing their break even price through the auction if the students have worked for it. They also provide financial support to the Ag Department throughout the year as the need arises.

All parents of Ag Students are encouraged to become a booster. With your involvement we can support these students as they set and reach their highest goals. Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month from October through May.

Ag Booster Officers

President	Pat Ward
Vice President	John Diedrich
Secretary	John Teixeira
Treasurer	Donna Diaz
Public Relations	Kitty Catania



Aims and Purposes

The primary aim of the National FFA Organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. The specific purpose for which this organization was formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent and assertive agriculture leadership.
2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. To strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual agricultural experience programs.
6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources of the community.
7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations and social abilities.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To build cooperative attitudes among agriculture students.
10. To encourage wise management of resources.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide organized recreational activities for agriculture students.

Chapter Goals For 1995-1996

- ★ *Improve public relations*
- ★ *To build up our financial standings through savings, investments, and successful fundraisers*
- ★ *Encourage others to participate in FFA activities and judging teams*
- ★ *Continue to succeed in receiving awards at the national level*
- ★ *Continue the on going recruitment process*
- ★ *To establish a monthly newsletter*



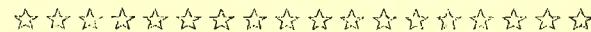
The Emblem

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 FFA and agriculture. Each element within the emblem has a unique significance. THE CROSS SECTION OF THE EAR OF CORN provides the foundation of the emblem, just as corn has historically served as the foundation crop of 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, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture. The words "AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION" and "FFA" are emblazoned in the necessary for progressive agriculture.



Colors

As the blue stripe 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

Our motto consists of only four lines filled with practical philosophy, reflecting a spirit and sincerity of youth, the backbone of our nation. The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. The FFA Motto is:

***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 generations of agriculturists; in the promise of 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 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 depend 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. 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	Novice Ornamental Horticulture
Creed Speaking	Opening/Closing Ceremony
Farm Power	Ornamental Horticulture
Farm Records	Parli-Pro
Farm Safety	Public Speaking



Public Speaking

Public speaking contests are major leadership activities in the FFA. They promote skills of speaking 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 Applications Contest uses these skills as part of their contest.

Prepared 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 choice. The contestants in Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, 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.

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 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



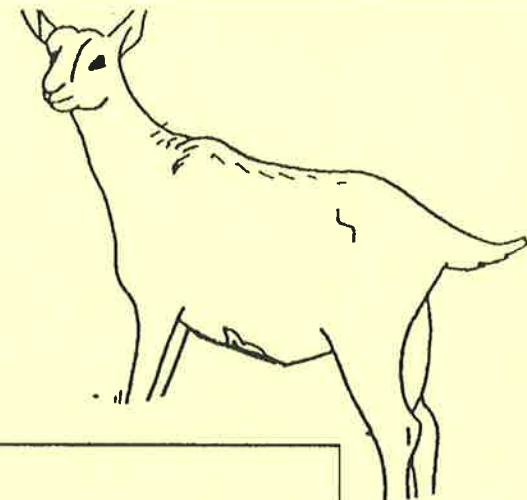
Showing a dairy heifer is a lot of responsibility and requires time. You will have your animal for the Chowchilla, Madera, and Fresno Fair. The animal is purchased in March, so you will be required to feed, water, and clean her for approximately 7 months. You will need to halter break the animal before you do anything. She will need to be tied up to a post at the barn for 8 hours, and lead to water every 2 hours. After she is halter broke, the animal will need to be walked around the ring that is provided. 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

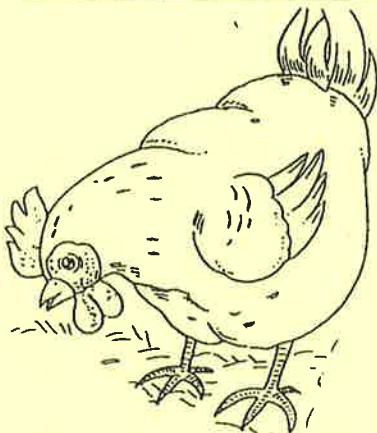
Market Goats

A goat project is a fun project that doesn't 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 (Paid up front)	\$	5.00
Total	\$	135.00
Receipt:		\$ 150.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 15.00



Poultry

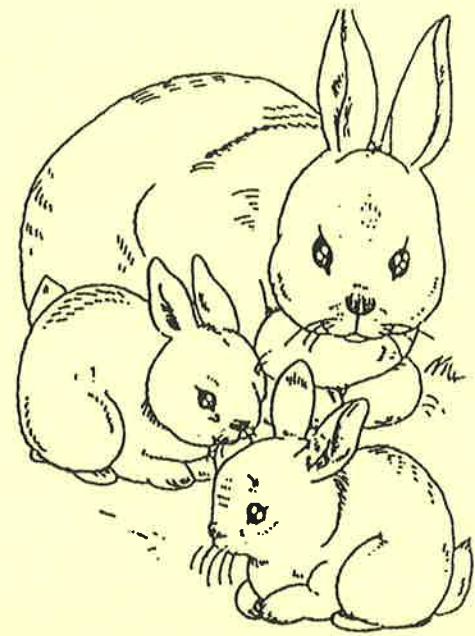
The poultry project doesn't require as much maintenance, as compared to other projects simply because they are small animals. You will take ownership and care for the animals for two months prior to the fair. When you get your animals you have to feed them and practice showmanship. Showmanship requires you to inspect the animal. After you show your animal, it will go to the auction

Poultry Project Budget

Expenses:		
Meat Pen (3)	\$	9.00
Feed	\$	15.00
Entry fee	\$	1.00
School Housing (Paid up front, per meat pen)	\$	3.00
Total	\$	28.00
Receipts:	Breeding Birds \$5.00 - \$25.00	\$ 90.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 62.00

Rabbits

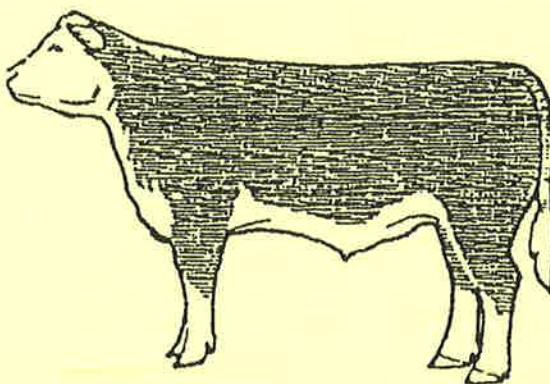
Raising and showing rabbits can be a lot of fun. If you are the type of person who doesn't like to work with larger animals, than this is the animal for you! There are a lot of responsibilities when you show rabbits. You have to feed and water them everyday and make sure you groom them everyday also.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



Rabbit Project Budget

Expenses:		
	Animal Cost (3)	\$ 15.00
	Feed	\$ 15.00
	Entry fee	\$ 1.00
	School Housing (Paid up front, per meat pen)	\$ 3.00
	Total	\$ 34.00
Receipt		\$ 90.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 56.00
Breeding Rabbits \$5.00 - \$25.00		

Steer

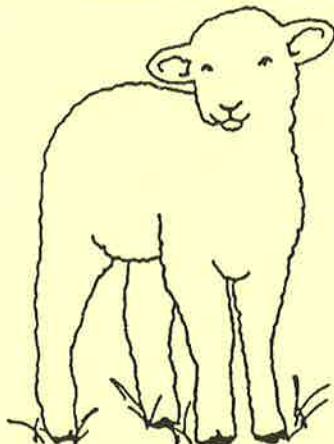


Showing a steer is a lot of hard work and you have to be willing to take a lot of responsibilities. You have to make sure you walk your steer everyday. You also have to rinse and brush the animal constantly because you are trying to make them grow hair. You also need to get them used to walking with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

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Market Steers Budget

Expenses:	Feeder Steer	\$ 600.00
	Feed	\$ 500.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 12.00
	Insurance	\$ 25.00
	Showing & Fitting Supplies	\$ 80.00
	School Housing (Paid up front)	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 1227.00
Receipt:	Sale of animal (\$1.10/# @ 1250#'s)	\$ 1375.00
Profit/Loss		\$ 148.00



Sheep

In showing sheep, there are a lot of responsibilities. When you obtain 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. When it's time to go to the fair, you will need to wash and shear 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 (Paid up front)	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 195.00
Receipt:	Sale of animal (\$3.00/# @ 120#'s)	\$ 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 every day. 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	\$ 140.00
	Feed	\$ 80.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 5.00
	School Housing (Paid up front)	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$ 240.00
Receipt:	Sale of animal (\$1.50/# @ 230#'s)	\$ 345.00
Profit/Loss		\$ 105.00



Bank Loans

The Firebaugh FFA Students have the opportunity to obtain a loan through the Firebaugh Valley Wide Bank. The following procedures should be used to obtain a loan:

1. Acquire two loan applications from either the Ag. teachers or the Valley Wide Bank. Carefully read and fill out one form, and have one of your parents or guardians fill out the other, since you need a co-signer to receive the loan. The Ag. Boosters will also co-sign the applications, so regardless of your past credit, you will get the loan.
2. When the applications are completed, you and your co-signer must take them to the bank, together, and sit down with Barbara Barragan so she can go over the forms and inform you of any errors or incomplete items. It is very important that your co-signer goes with you because they might have overlooked a section in which they needed to sign.
3. It usually takes the bank a week to process the loan forms. Once your loan is processed, the bank, or one of the advisors will call you to pick up your check. It's imperative that you pick up your check immediately, endorse it, and give it to your advisors. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of your loan.
4. As soon as you can you receive the loan check, take it to one of the Ag. teachers so they can deposit it in the FFA Farm Account, and clear you from the debt.

Barn Contract

The Firebaugh Agriculture Department under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Gravatt, Mr. Magill and Mr. Morales agrees to provide pen space to: _____ for his/her to begin on _____ and terminate on _____.

I, _____ agree to the following terms:

1. To insure my animal prior to bringing it to the school farm.
2. To keep my pen and surrounding area clean of any unsightly or dangerous material. (manure, wire, twine, feeding bags, etc...)
3. To inspect the health condition of my animal **DAILY**.
4. That under no circumstances will I try to collect for damages or hold Firebaugh High School employees or Firebaugh FFA responsible for any damages or loss to my project.

5. Firebaugh Agriculture Department will provide pen space and facilities to students at \$5.00 per market project and \$5.00 per breeding project. Students required to participate in clean up and repair activities upon request from Mrs. Gravatt, Mr. Magill and Mr. Morales.
6. To feed, water and care for my project between 7:00a.m. - 8:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. or as directed by Mrs. Gravatt, Mr. Magill and Mr. Morales. If this is not done a fee will be charged of \$2.00 for feeding and for missing a scheduled workday without prior permission.
7. To sign in every time I check my project. Furthermore, I will not sign in for someone else. If I do this and get caught, I will appear in front of a review board within 48 hours. If the review board request to have my project removed I will do so within 48 hours. The review board will also determine if I will be allowed to exhibit my animal at the fair.
8. To remove my projects within 48 hours upon request of Mrs. Gravatt, Mr. Magill and Mr. Morales, or the review board. This will only happen if the students fails to take proper care of the project. The student will receive only three written warnings regarding improper care before being asked to remove the project.
9. If the project is not removed within the allotted time frame, the project will be taken to the first available auction. The funds from the sale of the project shall be paid to the owner less the costs of transportation, feed and interim care.
10. To pay for the feed, vet supplies, insurance and entry fee. This will be paid in full or adequate payments are acceptable is paid for by the start of the fair.
11. I understand that my project may be in a pen with other student's projects. Students may require to feed the entire pen as directed by a prearranged feeding schedule approved by Mrs. Gravatt, Mr. Magill and Mr. Morales.
12. To participate in all showmanship or pay a \$5.00 fee.
13. To notify Mrs. Gravatt, Mr. Magill and Mr. Morales 72 hours in advance that I will be out of town and arrange for the care of my project.
14. To cooperate and work with all other students. however, if I have a complaint, I will bring it to Mrs. Gravatt, Mr. Magill or Mr. Morales.
15. To pay all fees before that start of the fair. Also, if I have to remove my animal, I will pay all fees within 72 hours upon removal.

Student	Date	Parent	Date
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Principal	Date	Agriculture Instructor	Date
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Firebaugh High School Fair Contract

Before entering a project at the fair, the student and parent must agree to the following terms:

1. Be eligible (2.0 GPA) when you purchase your animal and at the time of the fair.
2. To have an up to date record book of his/her project prior to entry deadline date.
3. To maintain the project on their own.
4. If the project is a market animal, the student must keep a weekly weight gain chart of the animal(s).
5. The student will be required to participate in all farm clean up days, and meetings called by the advisors, or face a fine of \$2.00.
6. The student is to serve barn duty at the fair. If the student, while on barn duty does not fulfill the job, that student will be charged a \$5 fine.
7. If the project is a market animal, the student will have to secure a buyer for the animal and turn in the buyer's form to the agriculture instructors prior to hauling that animal to the fair.
8. The Ag Department will hold the student fair checks until a thank you letter has been written and approved by the FFA advisor, and in a stamped envelope for the Advisor to mail. In addition, all fines must be paid and the record book must be kept up to date prior to the student receiving their check.
9. The student will obey all rules of the fair and school or the student will receive appropriate punishment.
10. A student with an animal will have to buy insurance from the State FFA Insurance Program.

11. The student must be enrolled in an Agriculture class the entire year and have a passing grade.
12. The students must have an up to date record book to receive premium checks.
13. The student must follow the instructions of the advisors or person that the advisor has placed in charge.

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT: _____ DATE: _____

PRINCIPAL: _____ DATE: _____

ADVISOR: _____ DATE: _____

Scholarships

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

Matthew Roussel Memorial Scholarship • CWA • MAYA

Lara Family/Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the Firebaugh Ag Boosters

Qualifications:

- 1) Student must fill out general application form and turn it into the counseling office by the April Deadline set by the school.
- 2) Student must provide a copy of the complete application plus essay to the ag department chairperson.
- 3) 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.
 - c) Have a 2.75 cumulative GPA.
 - d) Have completed 6 semesters of Agriculture classes with a C or better and be enrolled in an Ag class at the time of application.
 - e) 3 letters of recommendation from non ag teachers.
- 4) Type a 500 word essay on past history and future plans. (Explain involvement in FFA now and ag in the future)
- 5) One male and one female will be chosen to each receive \$4,000.00 and a belt buckle. \$1,000.00 will be given each year while enrolled in college.
- 6) Student can take any 2 semesters off without losing the remainder of the scholarship.
- 7) Money is disbursed as follows:

First semester registration	\$ 250.00
First semester grades	\$ 250.00
Second semester registration	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 1,000.00

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.*
- *Our chapter will collect and distribute toys at Christmas.*
- *The chapter will set up displays in local businesses to promote our organization during FFA Week.*
- *Our chapter will provide a petting zoo at the elementary schools in our area to acquaint these students to Agriculture.*
- *We will acquaint the public with animal life through a petting zoo held at the annual Cantaloupe Round Up.*

Past State FFA Degrees

Jeff Craddock	1982	❑	Stacey Gilbert	1991
Ron Diaz	1982	❑	Bobby Nash	1991
Keith Dodderer	1982	❑	Gerardo Patlan	1991
Monty Robinson	1982	❑	Karina Franco	1993
Barbara Diedrich	1983	❑	Salvador Fuentes	1993
William Feliz	1983	❑	Misty Gonzales	1993
Billy Rousell	1983	❑	Nicole Lake	1993
Teddi Snyder	1983	❑	Todd Turner	1993
Edward Ward	1984	❑	Erin Miller	1994
Trace Maiorino	1985	❑	Juan Arana	1995
Gina Diaz	1986	❑	Jesus Fuentes	1995
Dustin Snyder	1986	❑	Martha Guzman	1995
Freddie Fonseca	1987	❑	Elias Lujan	1995
Shelly Nash	1987	❑	Jesus Mendoza	1995
Sheri Smith	1987	❑	Jose Molina	1995
Claudine Bishop	1988	❑	David Ortega	1995
Susan Diedrich	1988	❑	Luis D. Perez	1995
John Nuefield	1989	❑	Josh Ross	1995
Jeff Eppler	1990	❑	Jason Zaro	1995
Tracey Coelho	1990	❑		



Past American FFA Degrees

Teddi Snyder

Dustin Snyder



State Winning Teams

Computer Applications Team - 1995

David Ortega, Mishia Rodriguez, and Jason Zaro

Coach: Gina Gravatt

FFA Officers

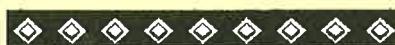
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SAN JOAQUIN REGION

President	James Garner/Hanford
Vice President	Brian Combes/Sierra
Vice President	Ronda Hamm/Fresno Central
Vice President	Traci Soares/Tulare West
Vice President	Trish Thomas/Bakersfield
Secretary	Christine Brasil/Tulare West
Treasurer	Michelle Gibbs/Hanford
Reporter	Tania Simoes/Tulare Union
Sentinel	Randee Maier/Sierra



WEST FRESNO MADERA SECTION

President	Ronda Hamm/Fresno Central
Vice President	Devon Robertson/Washington
Secretary	Stephanie Ashburn/Fresno Central
Treasurer	Shane Geist/Madera
Reporter	Tommy Greci/Madera
Sentinel	Chad Murdoch/Chowchilla
Advisor	Kristy Mattes/Fresno Central

FFA Presidents

Year	President
1991-92	Scott Kreighbaum
1992-93	Karina Franco
1993-94	Salvador Fuentes
1994-95	Erin Miller
1995-96	David Ortega

Star Greenhands & Chapter Farmers

Year	Star Greenhand	Star Chapter Farmer
1992-93	Elias Lujan	Mitch Robinson
1993-94	David Garcia	David Ortega
1994-95	Shannon Norton	Cesar Arias

Proficiency Award Winners

Section	Region	State
Sal Fuentes Cereal Grain Production 1993-94	Sal Fuentes Cereal Grain Production 1993-94	Sal Fuentes Cereal Grain Production 1993-94
Jesus Mendoza Specialty Animals 1994-95	Jesus Fuentes Forage Crop 1994-95	
Josh Ross Poultry 1994-95		
Jesus Fuentes Forage Crop 1994-95		

High Point Award Winners

Year	Winner
1992	Sal Fuentes
1993	Rosemary Vierra
1994	Jesus Mendoza
1995	David Ortega



Honorary Chapter Farmers

Year	Honorary Chapter Farmer
1992	Kitty Catania
1993	Chris McCraw
1994	Maurice Ledford
1995	Bob Hogue

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 (year awarded).....	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/can
13.	Gift Wrap Sales	10/roll
14.	Canned Food Drive.....	2/can
15.	Community Toy Drive.....	5/toy

II. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE

1.	Approved Enterprise: (each project)	
	• Mechanics, Beef, Sheep, and Swine.....	50
	• OH, Poultry, and Rabbit	20
2.	Exhibit at Fairs and Shows	
	• Each entry exhibited at Fair	
	»Beef, Sheep, and Swine	10
	»OH, Poultry, and Rabbit	5
	»Mechanics (Small and Medium Projects).....	15
	»Mechanics (Large Projects)	25
	• First Award Ribbon	
	»Mechanics (Small and Medium Projects).....	15
	»Mechanics (Large Projects)	25
	• Second Award Ribbon	
	»Mechanics (Small and Medium Projects).....	10
	»Mechanics (Large Projects)	20
	• Third Award Ribbon	
	»Mechanics (Small and Medium Projects).....	5
	»Mechanics (Large Projects)	15
	• Grand Champion	50
	• Reserve Grand Champion	35
	• FFA Champion	25
	• FFA Reserve Champion	20
	• Breed Champion.....	15
	• Reserve Breed Champion.....	10
	• 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 (additional).....	25
	»Any other Special Award/Recognition	15
3.	Project Competition	
	• Local Competition.....	15
	• Sectional Competition	10
	»Gold Award Winner	30
	»Blue Award Winner	10

III. SCHOLARSHIP (BASED ON QUARTER GRADES)

1.	Superintendent's List	15
2.	Honor Roll.....	10

IV. CONTESTS

1.	Participation	15
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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 Final are Doubled!

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, its 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 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 provisions 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 Vocational Agriculture 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 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 member 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.) Honoraryas 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.
- 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 qualifications 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 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.) Participated 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 toward 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 advisor 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. Officer 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. The chapter officers shall belong to the Executive Committee.

Section B. Executive Committee members may not miss more than two consecutive executive committee meetings without an advance excuse for the absence.

Section C. The advisors shall be non-voting members.

Section D. The duties of the executive committee shall be as follows:

- 1.) Meet regularly previous to monthly chapter meetings to plan an agenda.
- 2.) Enforce the constitution and bylaws.
- 3.) Recommend members for Greenhand and Chapter FFA Degrees.
- 4.) Revise the point award system if necessary.

Article IX. Meetings

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.

August

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14 School Starts	15	16	17 CA State Fair	18 CA State Fair	19 CA State Fair	
20 CA State Fair	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30 Chapter Meeting, 6pm BBQ	31			

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September

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Madera Fair</i>						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			FFA Leadership @ Fresno Cent. 5pm			Car Wash, HS Parking Lot, 9am-4pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Beef Jerky Sales Begin		CATA Inservice@ Sierra			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Lemoore Open/Close 5pm			

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October

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Meeting & Skate
Trip, 3:05pm

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Beef Jerky Sales
End

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Cotton Cont.
@Bakersfield AG,
9am

Fresno Fair

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Gift Wrap Sales
Begin

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CATA Inservice
@Washington
HS, 5pm

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WHC Cotton
Contest, 9am

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Gift Wrap Sales
End

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Regional Mtg.
@Hanford, 8am
• CATA Mtg
@WHC, 9:30

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Regional Mtg.
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Halloween

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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 WF/M Open/Close, WHC, 5pm	2	3	4 Corcoran Cotton Contest, 8am
5	6 Food Drive Starts	7 Farm Safety @WHC, 5pm	8	9	10	11
<i>National FFA Convention @ Kansas City</i>						
12	13	14	15 Greenhand Chapter Farmer Banquet, 6pm, FHS Cafeteria	16 Tulare Cotton Contest, 4pm	17 Food Drive Ends	18 Cotton St. Finals, CSU Fresno
<i>Post Convention Trip@Washington DC</i>						
19	20 WF/M Resume & Cover Ltr. Due @Caruthers HS	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>						
26	27	28 Toy Drive Starts	29 WF/M Job Interview @Caruthers HS, 9am	30		

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December

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4 WF/M Speech Manuscripts Due @WHC	5	6 WF/M BIG & Banking @Chowchilla HS, 5pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 WF/M Speech Cont. @WHC, 5pm	14 X-Mas Mtg/Party, 6pm Toy Drive Ends	15	16
17	18	19	20 WF/M St. Degree Wkshp., @Laton HS, 9am	21	22	23
24	25 X-Mas!!	26	27	28	29	30
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January

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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WF/M Rec. Bk.
Scoring
@Kerman HS,
5pm

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Winter FD
@KRCC

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WF/M Rec. Bk.
Scoring
@Riverdale HS,
5pm

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FFA Reg. Off.
Screening @
Tulare HS Farm

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FFA Reg. Off.
Screening @
Tulare HS Farm

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Meeting/
Basketball, 6pm

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February

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3
					Reg. Speech, Job Intv., & Resume Due @ Reg. Supv.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Candy Bar Sales Begin		WF/M COOP & Nov. Rec. Bk, HS Ag. Dept.			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						Reg. Speak., Creed, Job Intv., @KRCC, 9am
						<i>Tulare Farm Show</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Washington's Birthday	Petting Zoo	Teacher Lunch Donkey BB, 7pm	Farm Olympics	Barn Dance, 8-12	Regional Mtg @Madera HS, 9am
						<i>National FFA Week</i>
25	26	27	28	29		
			Parli Pro @Selma HS, 5pm	Candy Bar Sales End		

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March

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 UCDavis FD	2 UCDavis FD
3	4	5	6 Meeting and Movie, 6pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 WF/M Parli Pro @Central, 5pm	14	15	16 KRCC FD
17	18 Reg. Parli-Pro, Visalia Conv. Ctr, 4pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Modesto FD
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Cow Palace

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April

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 Chapter Meeting (Mushball), 6pm	4	5 Magic Mtn Trip, 6am-10pm	6
7	8	9	10 E & WF/M State Degree Ceremony, CSU Fresno, 5pm	11 Open House Dinner, 5-7pm	12	13 San Joaquin Reg. CATA Mtg.
14	15	16	17	18 Kingsburg FD, 1pm	19	20 CSU Fresno FD State Convention Starts
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 WHC FD
<i>State Convention</i>						
28	29	30				

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May

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 WF/M Project Comp. Banquet, Madera, 6pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Chowchilla Fair</i>						
19	20	21	22 WF/M FFA/CATA Planning Dinner @Laton HS, 5pm	23 Awards Banquet, 6pm, FHS Cafeteria	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 Farewell Class of 1996!!!	31	

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