

FIREBAUGH **FFA**

**PROGRAM  
of  
WORK**

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**1996-97**

## **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,  
the 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,  
cause you know right from wrong,  
Are you an "ACTIVE MEMBER",  
or do you just belong?

Author Unknown

## DEDICATION

### *~Mrs. Sharon Ramirez~*

In sincere appreciation and great thanks we, the Firebaugh FFA Chapter, wish to dedicate this 1996-97 Program of Work to our Honorary Chapter Farmer, Mrs. Sharon Ramirez.

Mrs. Ramirez has not only dedicated many hours of her time to the FFA Organization, but in our eyes, has become a true loyal supporter. She has helped with many activities, and most notably at the many fairs we attended. Her desire to help has been overwhelming and will not be forgotten. We want to let her know that we truly and sincerely do appreciate all of her strong and good hearted efforts.

Mrs. Ramirez, thank you for ever so kindly giving us so much of your time and support. We hope that it is possible for you to continue your cherished support. Once again, thanks!

*The Firebaugh FFA Chapter*



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## **Officer's Letter**

**Dear Members,**

**We, the 1996-1997 Chapter Officer Team, hope you enjoyed your vacation as we are about to embark upon a new and exciting year in our chapter. Be prepared for what we know will be one of the most productive and exciting years ever!**

**The Firebaugh FFA Chapter, as we feel, offers some of the best 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 take action.**

**For all of you who will be joining us this year, or if you are a returning FFA member, we strongly encourage you to get involved and increase your participation in the Firebaugh FFA. With your support and participations, you will be part of an organization which knows no limits!!**

**This year we have planned for you many exciting and rewarding activities that will pass you by if you don't participate. 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 1996-1997 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team**

**President-Shannon Norton**

**Vice President-Jacob Maiorino**

**Secretary-Susan Poppa**

**Treasurer-Jane Diedrich**

**Reporter-Milagros Lujan**

**Sentinel-Jason Davis**

## **Advisors' Message**

The Advisors of the Firebaugh FFA Chapter would like to welcome every new and returning member to the Firebaugh FFA for the 1996-97 school year. Once again we are certain that the Firebaugh FFA is going to continue its success. This Program of Work will serve as a guide, outlining the activities you can get involved in. These activities are very diverse so we are sure you will find something just for you.

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

Ms. Rego

## Firebaugh FFA Ag Boosters

The Ag Boosters Committee is currently being established. This committee is valuable to the students of the FFA program. They help raise funds to support activities throughout the year. The Boosters are responsible for financially supporting the FFA Banquet, Buyers Bar-be-Que., and student trips.

The Boosters support the FFA students at the fair by securing their break even price through the auction if the students have 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 member. With parent involvement we can support these students as they set and reach their highest goals. Monthly meetings will be established.

## Firebaugh FFA Scholarship Committee

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

### Committee Officers

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

## **Mission and Strategies**

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

To accomplish this mission, FFA:

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agricultural and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.

## **Chapter Goals**

- \*Continue the on-going recruitment process**
- \*Develop a system of communication with the members that will encourage member participation**
- \*Will encourage academic excellence and higher education**
- \*Will continue to imporve our image on campus and in the community**
- \*Continue to suceed in recieving awards above the chapter level**
- \*Improve public relations**
- \*Donate to Valley Children's**

## \*\*\*\*\* 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 center to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.

## Colors

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

## Motto

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

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

## The FFA Creed

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

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

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to service your own and 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	Floriculture
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.

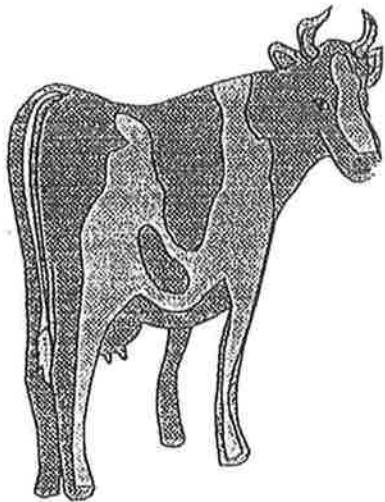
Prepared Public Speaking is just what it sounds like. A 6-8 minute speech is given to a panel of judges over a topic of the contestant's choice. The contestants in Extemporaneous Speaking, in addition to speaking to judges, must also research the Ag based topic within 30 minutes, and prepare a 4-6 minutes 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



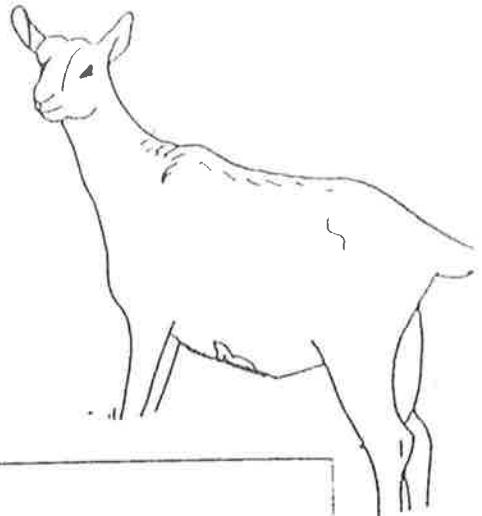
Showing a dairy heifer is a lot of responsibility and requires time. You will have your animal for the Chowchilla, Madera, and Fresno Fair. The animal is purchased in March, so you will be required to feed, water, and clean her for approximately 7 months. You will need to halter break the animal before 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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1475.00</b>
Receipt	(Bottom Bid at Fresno Fair)	\$ 2000.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 525.00

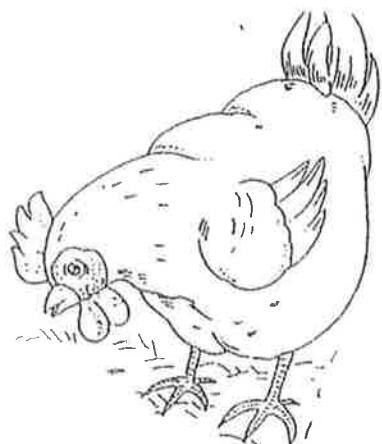
## Market Goats

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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
Receipt:		\$ 150.00
Profit/Loss:		\$ 15.00



## Poultry

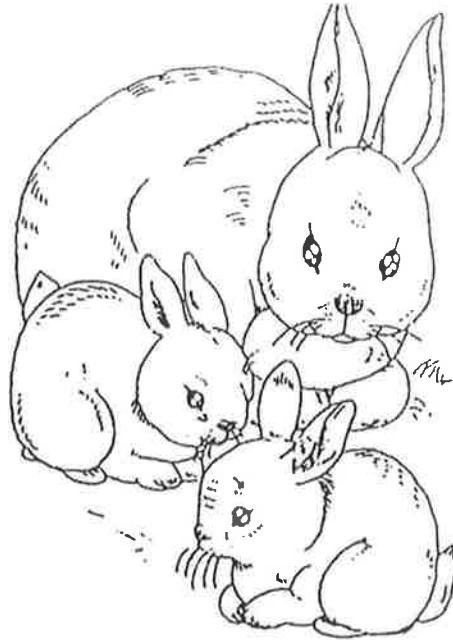
The poultry project doesn't require as much maintenance, as compared to other projects simply because they are small animals. You will take ownership and care for the animals for two months prior to the fair. When you get your animals you have to feed them and practice showmanship. Showmanship requires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

### Poultry Project Budget

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

## Rabbits

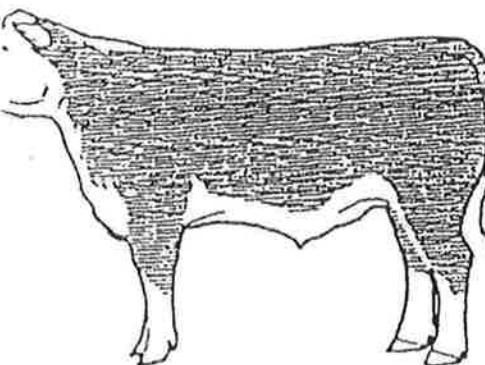
Raising and showing rabbits can be a lot of fun. If you are the type of person who doesn't like to work with larger animals, than this is the animal for you! There are a lot of responsibilities when you show rabbits. You have to feed and water them everyday and make sure you groom them everyday also. 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
<b>Total</b>		\$	<b>34.00</b>
<b>Receipt</b>		\$	<b>90.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss:</b>		\$	<b>56.00</b>
Breeding Rabbits \$5.00 - \$25.00			

## Steer



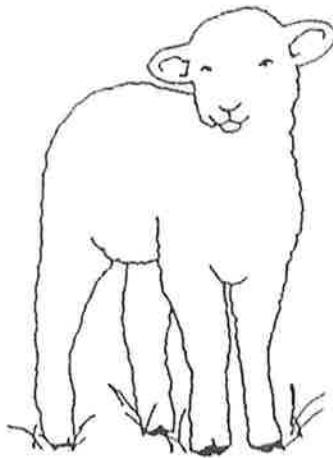
Showing a steer is a lot of hard work and you have to be willing to take a lot of responsibilities. You have to make sure you walk your steer everyday. You also have to rinse and brush the animal constantly because you are trying to make them grow hair. You also need to get them used to walking with 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

<b>Expenses:</b>	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1227.00</b>
<b>Receipt:</b>	Sale of animal (\$1.10/# @ 1250#'s)	\$ 1375.00
<b>Profit/Loss</b>		\$ 148.00

### Sheep



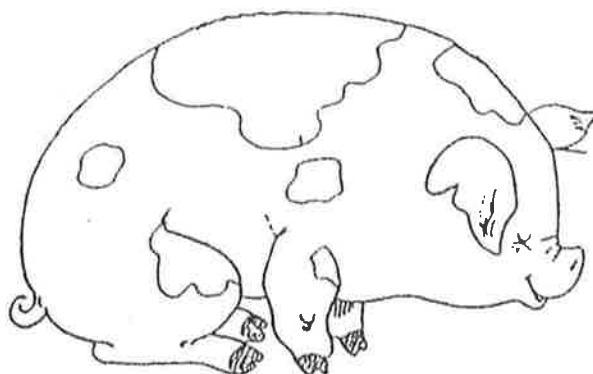
In showing sheep, there are a lot of responsibilities. When you obtain your animal you will have to feed and water your animal. After you and the animal get used to each other then you will begin to practice showing your animal, and exercise it daily. When it gets close to the fair, you will start washing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

### Market Sheep Budget

<b>Expenses:</b>	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 195.00</b>
<b>Receipt:</b>	Sale of animal (\$3.00/# @ 120#'s)	\$ 360.00
<b>Profit/Loss</b>		\$ 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

<b>Expenses:</b>	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>
<b>Receipt:</b>	Sale of animal (\$1.50/# @ 230#'s)	\$ 345.00
<b>Profit/Loss</b>		\$ 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. 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 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 your debt.

## **Barn Contract**

The Firebaugh Agriculture Department under the direction and guidance of  
Mrs. Gravatt, Ms Rego, and Mr. Morales agrees to provide pen space to:  
for his/her \_\_\_\_\_ project for the  
19 \_\_\_\_\_ - 19 \_\_\_\_\_ school year.

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, \$5.00 per breeding project and \$3.00 per small animal project. Students are required to participate in clean up and repair activities upon request from Mrs. Gravatt, Ms. Rego and Mr. Morales.
6. To feed, water and care for my project between 7:00a.m. - 8:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. or as directed by Mrs. Gravatt, Ms. Rego 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 remove my projects within 48 hours upon request of Mrs. Gravatt, Ms. Rego and Mr. Morales, or the review board. This will only happen if the student fails to take proper care of the project or misses 3 workdays and/or 3 showmanships combined. The student will receive only three warnings regarding improper care before being asked to remove the project.
8. The responsibility of purchasing feed will be determined by the individual advisor of each specie.
9. 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. The review board will also determine if I will be allowed to exhibit my animal at the fair.
10. 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.
11. To pay for the feed, vet supplies, insurance, rent, and entry fee. This will be paid in full or approved payments are acceptable if paid for by the start of the fair.
12. I understand that my project may be in the pen with other student's projects. Students may be required to feed the entire pen as directed by a prearranged feeding schedule approved by Mrs. Gravatt, Ms. Rego and Mr. Morales.
13. To participate in all showmanship practices scheduled or pay a \$5.00 fee.
14. To notify Mrs. Gravatt, Ms. Rego and Mr. Morales 72 hours in advance that I will be out of town and arrange for the care of my project.
15. To cooperate and work with all other students. However, if I have a complaint, I will bring it to Mrs. Gravatt, Ms. Rego and Mr. Morales.
16. To pay all fees/fines before the start of the fair. Also, if I have to remove my animal, I will pay all fees within 72 hours upon removal.
17. I understand that I must be "eligible" and not on the school "non-privileged" list for the duration of my project.

Student	Date	Parent	Date
Principal	Date	Agriculture Instructor	Date



## Scholarships



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

**Matthew Roussel Memorial Scholarship -CWA-MAYA-CALCOT**

**Lara Family/Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship**

Sponsored by the Firebaugh Ag Boosters

**Qualifications:**

- 1) Student must provide a copy of the completed application plus essay to the Ag department chairperson by April 20th.(Late applications & essay's will not be considered)
- 2) Ag Boosters will review the applications and check for the following qualifications:
  - a) Attend a two or four year college.
  - b) Declare an Agriculture Major or enrolled in one Ag course per quarter/semester.
  - 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.
- 3) The typed 500 word essay must be on your past history and future plans. (Explain involvement in FFA now and Ag in the future)
- 4) 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.
- 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>



## 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.*
- *The chapter will donate money to Valley Children's Hospital.*

## **Past State FFA Degrees**

Jeff Craddock	1982	Gerardo Patlan	1991
Ron Diaz	1982	Karina Franco	1993
Keith Dodderer	1982	Salvador Fuentes	1993
Monty Robinson	1982	Misty Gonzales	1993
Barbara Diedrich	1983	Nicole Lake	1993
William Feliz	1983	Todd Turner	1993
Billy Rousell	1983	Erin Miller	1994
Teddi Snyder	1983	Juan Arana	1995
Edward Ward	1984	Jesus Fuentes	1995
Trace Maiorino	1985	Martha Guzman	1995
Gina Diaz	1986	Elias Lujan	1995
Dustin Snyder	1986	Jesus Mendoza	1995
Freddie Fonseca	1987	Jose Molina	1995
Shelly Nash	1987	David Ortega	1995
Sheri Smith	1987	Luis D. Perez	1995
Claudine Bishop	1988	Josh Ross	1995
Susan Diedrich	1988	Jason Zaro	1995
John Nuefield	1989	Cesar Arias	1996
Jeff Eppler	1990	Sommer Houlk	1996
Tracey Coelho	1990	Dustin Lowry	1996
Stacey Gilbert	1991	Caroline Ramirez	1996
Bobby Nash	1991	Pablo Vasquez	1996

## **Past Star State FFA Degrees**

Jesus Fuentes 1996

## **Past American FFA Degrees**

Teddi Snyder	1985
Dustin Snyder	1988
Jesus Fuentes	1996

## FFA Officers

### FIREBAUGH CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Shannon Norton
Vice President	Jacob Maiorino
Secretary	Susan Poppa
Treasurer	Jane Diedrich
Reporter	Milagros Lujan
Sentinel	Jason Davis
Advisor	Gina Gravatt

### WEST FRESNO MADERA SECTION

President	Tim/Pettit Chowchilla
Vice President	Chad Murdoch/Chowchilla
Secretary	Cori Calvert/Fresno-Central
Treasurer	Matt Archer/Kerman
Reporter	Jessica Valdez/Kerman
Sentinel	Tim Kerber/Fresno-Central

### SAN JOAQUIN REGION

President	Brian Combes/Sierra
Vice President	Randee Maier/Sierra
Vice President	Tim Pettit/Chowchilla
Vice President	Tania Simones/Tulare Union
Vice President	Keila Moffa/Kern Valley
Secretary	Christine Brasil/Tulare Western
Treasurer	Summer Hackett/Sierra
Reporter	Karyn Perry/Kingsburg
Sentinel	Christy Barsotti/Sierra

### STATE OFFICERS

President	James Garner/Hanford
Vice President	Lindsey Wilmeth/Kingsburg
Secretary	Traci Soares/Tulare Western
Treasurer	Nick Garcia/Galt
Reporter	Emily Brinegar/Merced Golden

## **Past FFA Presidents**

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

## **Past Star Greenhands**

Elias Lujan	1992-93
David Garcia	1993-94
Shannon Norton	1994-95
Susan Poppa	1995-96

## **Past Chapter Farmers**

Mitch Robinson	1992-93
David Ortega	1993-94
Cesar Arias	1994-95
Jacob Maiorino	1995-96

## **Past High Point Award Winners**

Sal Fuentes	1992
Rosemary Vierra	1993
Jesus Mendoza	1994
David Ortega	1995
Jacob Maiorino	1996

## **Past Honorary Chapter Farmers**

Kitty Catania	1992
Chris McCraw	1993
Maurice Ledford	1994
Bob Hogue	1995

## **Past Proficiency Award Winners**

### Section

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

### Region

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

### State

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

### Computer Applications Team-1995:

David Ortega      Mishia Rodriguez      Jason Zaro  
Coach: Gina Gravatt

## 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 .....	15

**III. SCHOLARSHIP (BASED ON QUARTER GRADES)**

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

**IV. CONTESTS**

1.	Participation.....	15
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.

# 1996

## August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 State Fair Junior Show 	16	17
18	19 School Starts 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	2	28 Chapter Mtg 6 pm BBQ/Swim 	29	30	31

# 1996

## September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day 	3	4	5	6	7
		<b>Madera County Fair</b>				
8	9 Car Wash Ticket Sales Start  	10	11 Back to School Night	12 Sectional FFA Meeting Chowchilla 5 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18 WF/M Sectional Inserve Ag Staff 5pm	19	20 Car Wash Ticket Sales End	21 Car Wash High School Parking Lot 9am-4pm
22	23	24	25	26	27 Greenhand Conference Chowchilla 9am Homecoming	28
29	30					

# 1996

## October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Beef Jerky Sales Start	8	9 FFA Meeting 3:15 Skating 4:30	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Sectional In-Service Kingsburg Ag Staff 5pm	17 COS Freshmen Field Day 9am	18	19 Bakersfield Cotton Contest 9am
20	21	22	23	24	25 Beef Jerky Sales End	26 WHC Cotton Contest 9am
27	28	29	30	31		



# 1996

## November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Officer Conference Hanford 8am CATA Meeting
3	4 Christmas Fundraiser Starts 	5	6 WF/M Open/ Closing Contest West Hills 5pm	7 GH/CF Banquet 6pm CL/Resume Due	8	9 Corcoran Cotton Contest 8AM
10	11 Farm Safety Contest  Food Drive Starts	12	13	14	15 Fundraiser Ends	16
17	18	19	20	21 WF/M Job Interview  Tulare Cotton 4pm	22 Food Drive Ends	23 State Finals Cotton Judging CSU Fresno 8am
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30

National FFA Convention

Washington D.C. Trip

# 1996

## December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Speeches Due  Toy Drive Starts	3	4 BIG Banking Fresno Central 5pm	5	6 SanJoaquin Road Show CSU Fresno	7
8	9	10	11 Speech Contests WHC 5PM	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 State Farmer Workshop Laton 5PM	19 Toy Drive Ends FFA X-MAS Party 6pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas 	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# 1997

## January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Record Book Scoring Kerman 5PM	9	10	11 Excellence Conference KRCC & COS
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Record Book Scoring & Proficiencies	23	24	25 Regional Agri Science Fair
26	27	28	29 FFA Meeting 6PM Basketball	30	31	

# 1997

## February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Candy Bar Sales Start B. Dance Tickets Start	4	5 Coop Quiz/ Novice Farm Rec. Firebaugh	6 Master Teacher Workshop Fresno	7	8
9	10 Presidents Day 	11	12 Tulare Farm Show	13	14 Bank & Teacher Lounge Display Set Up	15 Regional CATA & FFA Meeting
16	17 Washintons Birthday 	18 Petting Zoo Bailey School 9am-2pm	19 Teacher Lunch Ag Dept	20 Donkey B-Ball Gym 7:30pm	21 Farm Olympics All Sales End	22 WHC Contest Barn Dance 8-12pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	

National FFA Week

# 1997

## March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 KRCC
2	3	4 Parli-Pro Contest Fresno- Central 5pm	5 Chapter Meeting 3:15 Bowling	6	UC Davis Field Day	8
9	10	11	12	13 Cow Palace	14 Leadership Conference Reg. Due	15
16	17 Open House Dinner Tickets	18	19	20 Regional Parli-Pro Visalia 4 pm	21	22 Merced College Feild Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 EASTER	31 No School					

Easter Vacation



# 1997

## April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 American Farmer Workshop Chowchilla 4:30PM	2	3	4 Open House Dinner Tickets End	5 CSU-Chico Field Day  KRCC Field Day
6	7	8 School/ Ag Dept Open House & Dinner	9 State Degree Banquet FSU 6 pm	10	11 State FFA Leadership Semi-Finals	12 CSU Fresno Field Day  State Convention
13	14	15	16 Chapter Meeting Mushball 6PM	17	18	19 MJC Field Day
		FFA State Convention				
20	21	22	23 Project Comp. Banquet Madera 6:00	24	25	26 PROM 
27 Sectional Bar-B-Que Volleyball Madera 2:00	28	29	30			

# 1997

## May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 FFA State Finals Cal Poly SLO
4	5	6	7 American Farmer Scoring Chowchilla 5pm	8	9	10 Magic Mountain Award Trip 6am
11	12	13	14 Kerney Ag Future	15	16 AF Applica- tions Due	17
18	19	20 Chapter Officers Applica- tions Due	21 CATA In- Service & FFA Meeting Laton 5:00	22 Officer Interviews	23 Officer Elections	24
25	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	29 FFA Awards Banquet 6pm	30	31

Chowchilla Fair

