The National FFA and Agricultural Education

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The FFA Mission

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.
The FFA Vision

Students whose lives are impacted by FFA and agricultural education will achieve academic and personal growth, strengthen American agriculture and provide leadership to build healthy local communities, a strong nation and a sustainable world.
National FFA Organization

- 1,000,000 Ag Ed Students
- 557,318 FFA Members
- 11,000+ Teachers
- 7,498 FFA Chapters
- 52 State FFA Associations
- National FFA Center
- Ag Ed Headquarters
The Integrated Agricultural Education Model

Outcomes

- Character
- Competence
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Accountability
- Self-motivated
- Proven
- Service-oriented
- Community-focused
- Leadership
The New Ag–Based Economy

Over 300 Diverse Careers:

– Processing and Distribution
– Mechanics and Engineering
– Communication and Education
– Science and Research
– Marketing, Merchandising and Sales
– Horticulture and Forestry
– Research and Health Science
– Social Services
– Agricultural Production
– Resource Management
– Agribusiness
Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

- Experiential, work-based learning
- Applies classroom concepts
- Students develop SAE projects based on:
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Placement
  - Research and Experimentation
  - Exploratory
- Students earn recognition for SAE achievement through FFA
Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)
21st Century Skill Development

- Core Subjects and 21st Century Themes
- Learning and Innovation Skills
- Information, Media and Technology Skills
- Life and Career Skills
21st Century Skill Development

- FFA Career Development Events
- FFA Leadership Conferences
The Agricultural Career Network

A portal-based information system

Career Exploration

Classroom/Lab Experiential Learning FFA Activities

Internships Career Entry Job Change
FFA and Ag Ed: Pathways to Prosperity for tomorrow’s agriculture