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Nevada Agriculture Education Fact Sheet

Ag. Facts:

Agriculture is one of the largest and most vital industries. Nevada agriculture is the third largest industry in the state, and recorded a total receipt of over 300 million dollars in 2000. Agriculture education and the agriculture industry are joined through the Nevada Agriculture Council, which combines the efforts of all agriculture industries in the Silver State.

Mission:

The mission of agriculture education is to prepare and support individuals for careers, build awareness, and develop leadership for the food, fiber, and natural resource systems.

Structure:

Agriculture education combines Classroom Instruction, Supervised

Agricultural Experience, and the FFA organization through integral instruction.

The agriculture education model is supported by both federal and state law. Nevada Agriculture Education is currently developing skill standards for its courses.

Classroom Instruction covers agriculture science and advanced sciences, and gives students a practical approach to the theories of science and how they are used in agriculture, the largest science industry in the nation.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE (WORK-BASED LEARNING) II

LEADERSHIP

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Supervised Agricultural Experience is the hands-on, workbased learning part of the model. It allows the students to learn industry skills through an ownership or non-ownership enterprise project that is overseen by their instructor.

The FFA (Future Farmers of America) organization is the training and testing area of agriculture education. FFA evaluates the skills that students learned through agriculture education by using Career Development Events. It also sharpens students' speaking and leadership skills.

Nevada Agriculture Education is cows and plows, as well as biochemists, engineers, and veterinarians.

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Nevada Agriculture Education Yearly Leadership Activities

January & February

Made For Excellence Conference – The National FFA curriculum focuses on the personal growth of each individual person. Students learn about using conflict resolution techniques appropriately, setting goals and building self-esteem.

Advanced Leadership Conference – The curriculum builds on MFE and prepares students for future careers, either through hands-on experience or advanced education. Students also polish their leadership and communications skills.

International Leadership Seminar for State Officers - All current state officers are eligible. Officers enjoy 12 educational and fun-filled days in another country. They gain knowledge and understanding of the country's lifestyle while visiting American embassies, meeting young farmers, visiting farms and agribusinesses, and enjoying a few days getting to know their host family.

Nevada Agriculture Youth Legislative Experience – Juniors and Seniors travel to Carson City to learn about the Legislative Process. They get hands-on experience in testifying, meeting with legislators, and serving as mock legislators. The students also have an opportunity to meet with the incoming legislators. This conference is held every other year, in conjunction with the legislative session.

Chapter Visits – The Nevada State Officers travel throughout Nevada visiting FFA Chapters. The officers present several workshops to all FFA members. The workshops range from opportunities in agriculture education to honing their leadership skills.

March & April

Nevada Career Development Events – Nevada FFA students test their classroom instruction through team and individual competitions. After a year of local and regional competitions, students compete in 28 Career Development Events that range from Livestock Evaluation to Parliamentary Procedure.

Nevada State Convention – Over 400 FFA students attend the annual convention each year. Members listen to exciting motivational speakers as well as the retiring addresses of the current state officers. The new year's state officers are announced and many students and supporters are recognized for their achievements. Student delegates from each chapter discuss and vote on important topics that affect the association.

Blast Off Training –The National FFA offers a premier development program for state officers to begin their year of service. BLAST OFF provides training in life management, presentations, social skills, personal goals and assessment.

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June & July

Summer Leadership Camp – Students from across Nevada meet at the 4-H Camp on Lake Tahoe to learn skills about being a strong leader in their local chapters. The state officers perform several workshops to assist in developing these skills.

National Leadership Conference for State Officers – The second component of the state FFA officer-training continuum builds on the individual training received during the initial component (Blast Off). The curriculum for this 3 1/2 day conference focuses on development of team's mission, team leadership, understanding of agriculture, organizational issues, and presentation skills.

Washington Leadership Conference—Students travel to Washington D.C. and spend a week gaining skills in personal development, motivation, leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and goal-setting. These skills are applied as students meet with members of Congress and tour the capital.

August & September

State Degree Tours – Nevada FFA State Officers travel throughout the state visiting students' who plan to apply for the highest Nevada FFA degree, the Silver State Degree, in January. Students present and explain their Supervised Agriculture Experiences and involvement in FFA. The state officers take photos of the projects to display the recipients of the degree at the annual FFA convention.

State Presidents' Conference – A weeklong leadership conference for two state officers from each association held annually in Washington D.C. This advanced leadership training builds on the first two components of the state FFA officer leadership continuum.

October & November

Greenhand Conference – The high, energy conference is geared toward freshman and first year sophomores, and highlights opportunities for first year members. The curriculum assists in motivating new members to become active in agriculture education.

National FFA Convention – Over 46,000 members from across the nation attend the national conference. Qualified students compete in Career Development Events and are awarded during the convention. Students receive the highest degree of membership, the American FFA degree, for their Supervised Agriculture Experiences. Motivational conferences, an agriculture career show, and the announcement of the new National FFA Officers are only a few of the convention's highlights.

December

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