

# CALIFORNIA FFA SAE GUIDELINES

## State-Wide Basic Requirements:

- All SAEs must have a complete SAE Plan that answers the prompts within AET.
- All projects (Entrepreneurship, Paid and Unpaid Placement, and Agriscience) must have legitimate hours, journal entries, and income/expenses (except unpaid placement).
- 10 Hours Required for First Year Agricultural Education Students, Freshmen, and Middle School Students
- 50 Hours Required for Second Year and Beyond Agricultural Education Students
- Excessive hours for ANY project must be addressed in the SAE plan and will be reviewed by state staff.
- Journal entries must include a minimum of one monthly entry during the duration of the project. Entries must include a complete description of the tasks completed.
- Up to 20% of total hours may be in the classroom or a max of 10 hours.

# CALIFORNIA FFA ACCEPTABLE SAE'S

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- Agricultural Communications
  - Agricultural Education
    - County Fair Educational Presenter
  - Agriculture Mechanics
    - Fabrication
    - Repair and Maintenance
      - Tractor Renovation
  - Agricultural Processing
  - Agricultural Sales
    - Floral Business
  - Agricultural Services
    - Horseshoeing Business
    - Taxidermy
  - Agriscience Research and Fair
  - Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management
  - Fiber and Oil Crops Production
  - Forage Production
  - Forest Management and Products
    - Christmas Tree Production
    - Firewood Business
  - Fruit and Nut Production
  - Grain Production
  - Landscape Installation
  - Livestock Production (Market and/or Breeding):
    - Beef Cattle
    - Dairy Cattle
    - Equine
    - Goats
    - Sheep
    - Swine
  - Nursery Operations
    - Greenhouse Production
  - Outdoor Recreation
  - Poultry Production (Meat and Eggs):
    - Chickens
    - Turkeys
    - Domestic fowl
  - Small Animal Production (Breeding and/or Market):
    - Rabbits
    - Cats
    - Dogs
    - Mice
    - Guinea pigs
    - Lizards
    - Snakes
    - Small birds
  - Specialty Animal Production (Breeding and/or Market):
    - Aquaculture
    - Apiary (Bees)
    - Mules
    - Donkeys
    - Bison
    - Oxen
    - Worms
    - Insects
    - Ostriches
    - Pigeons
    - Emus
    - Alpacas
    - Llamas
  - Specialty Crop Production
  - Turf and Landscape Maintenance
  - Vegetable Production
  - Wildlife Production (Wild Species):
    - Ducks
    - Geese
    - Quail

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## Agriculture Work Experience/Placement:

- Ag Chemical Salesperson
- Ag Equipment Operator
- Ag Equipment Recycling
- Ag Publicity Director or Writer
- Ag Pest Worker
- Ag Research Lab or Field Assistant
- Ag Water Sample Collector
- Ag Welder
- Ag Worker at Fair
- Compost Recycling
- Conservation Resources Worker
- Dairy Worker
- Dog Kennel Worker
- Farm Bureau Intern
- Farm Worker  
(Crops or Livestock)
- Feed Store
- Fish Harvester
- Floral Worker
- Garden Assistant
- Grocery Store Produce/Meats Department  
(Raw Product)
- Lawn or Landscape Worker
- Hatchery Worker
- Horse Stable Worker
- House Plant Care Worker
- Landscape Computer Technician
- Landscape Maintenance Worker
- Meat Cutter/Processor
- Organic Farming
- Parts Store Worker in  
Agriculture Business  
(Show knowledge relative to  
Agriculture)
- Park or Campground Employee
- Pet Store Worker
- Secretary/Clerk for an Ag Business
- Seed Dealership
- Tractor/Ag Equipment Dealership
- Vegetable Salesperson
- Veterinary Assistant
- Wildlife Assistant or Field Worker
- Zoo Worker or Volunteer

# **CALIFORNIA FFA**

# **NON ACCEPTABLE SAE'S**

## **FOR DEGREE ADVANCEMENT AND AWARDS**

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**Listed below are SAE's that are viewed by State Staff as non-acceptable projects for students:**

- **Ag Mechanics items such as toys, jewelry, indoor furniture, t-shirts, banners, plaques, art, and all facets of residential construction are considered non-agricultural and not eligible.**
- **Agriculture Department Student Assistant**
- **Any animal, reptile, amphibian, or fowl that is kept as a pet**
- **Baby Sitting Children**
- **Building Houses and other non-ag structures**
- **Cannabis Production**
- **Fast Food Employee**
- **Grocery Store, Clerk, Bag Person, Stocker, and Non-Raw Products**
- **Janitor in an Ag Business**
- **Non-Ag Production Food Processing (Candy Making)**
- **Working on personal and non-agricultural vehicles/equipment are considered non-agricultural (i.e.: racing or classic cars).**
- **Restaurant Employee: Host/Hostess, Food Server, Cook, and Dishwasher**
- **Serving as an FFA Officer**
- **Swimming Pool Cleaner**
- **Truck Washer**
- **Watersports**
- **Western Clothes & Boot Store Worker**