

Iowa's Agricultural Education Story

Agricultural Education / FFA

opening doors

- * Class / Lab Instruction in Agriculture
- * Career Experience in Agriculture
- * FFA – Leadership Development





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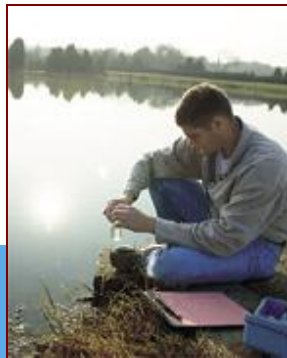
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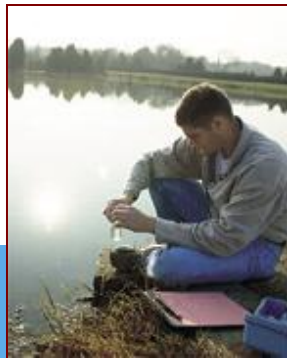
- Agricultural Education started in 1917
- Iowa has 17,000 high school students in agricultural education
- FFA was established in 1928
- Iowa has 12,000 FFA members
- Iowa agriculture students earned \$15 million net income in '04



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- FFA members participate in hands-on experience
- Agricultural Education students are preparing for more than 300 agricultural careers
- Excellence in academics is the goal of agricultural education students
- FFA is an integral part of the agricultural education program



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FFA Mission Statement

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.



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Seven Career Pathways and Curriculum Focus Areas

- Food Production & Processing
- Agri-Business Systems
- Plant Systems
- Animal Systems
- Natural Resource Systems
- Power, Structure, & Technical Systems
- Environmental Systems

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Career Experience in Agriculture *

- Iowa Students Owning a Business = 900
- Iowa Students Owning a Production Enterprise = 3,668
- Iowa Students Employed in Agri-business = 3,548
- Iowa Students Employed on a Farm = 2,421
- Iowa Students Conducting an Agri-science Experiment = 2,243



* 2005



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What is Agricultural Education / FFA? Correcting Common Misconceptions

1. Agricultural education is for urban , suburban, & rural students.
2. FFA is more than a club, it is an integrated curriculum activity.
3. Agricultural students / FFA members are more than just production farmers.
4. Agricultural students / FFA members set high academic standards.
5. The study of agriculture focuses on 300 careers.



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FFA is:

- Integral part of a school's agricultural education program
- Chartered by the U.S. Congress
- Housed in the U.S. Department of Education
- A way for students to apply classroom / laboratory knowledge to real life situations
- An intra-curricular part of the program
- A connecting activity

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Agricultural Education / FFA = Diversity

- Members live in urban, suburban and rural areas
 - 34% urban and suburban areas
 - 39% rural, non-farm areas
 - 27% rural, farm areas
- FFA Chapters are in 10 of the 15 largest U.S. cities
- Agricultural education students are prepared for diverse careers
 - Not just production agriculture
 - FFA members participate in a wide range of activities

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Agricultural education students excel in academics

- Math, science and other academic areas
- Enthusiastic about learning
- Believe courses are challenging
- Believe courses are interesting
- 86% of FFA members go on to colleges and universities
- National, state and local scholarship recipients

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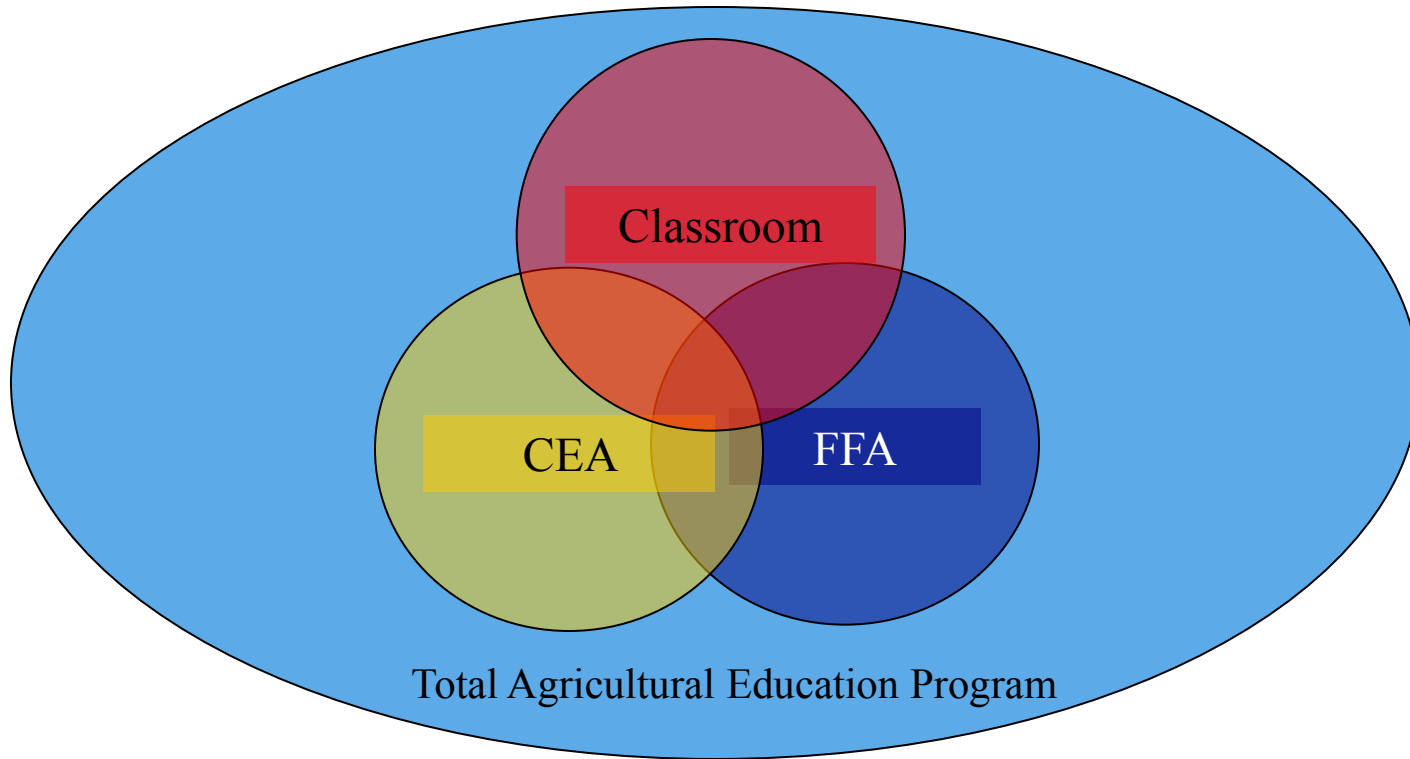
**FFA – An Integral Component Essential to the Success
of the Total Agricultural Education Program.**



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The three components that make up a successful agriculture education program.

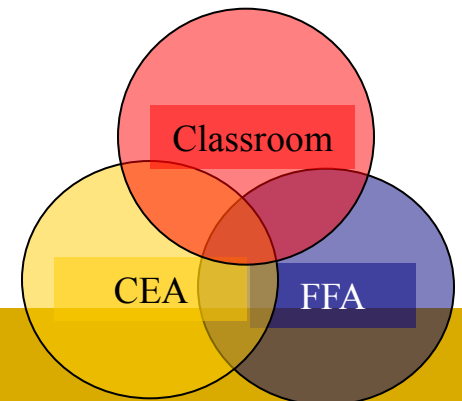


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Component #1

Class / Laboratory Instruction

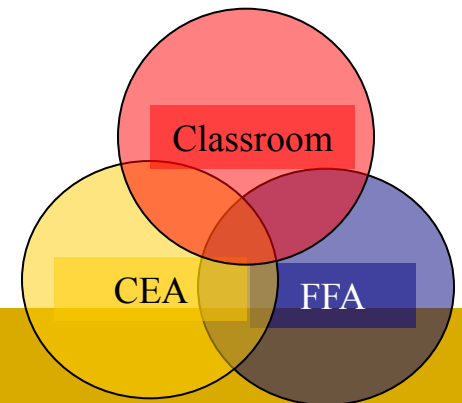


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Component #2

Career Experience in Agriculture



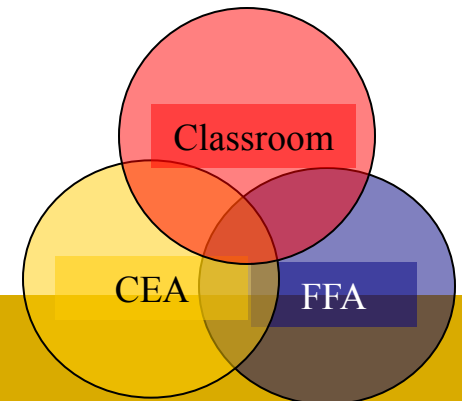
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Component #3

FFA

- Premier Leadership
- Personal Growth
- Career Success



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- Agricultural education supports academic instruction.
- Agriculture students apply learned competencies in math and science through their agricultural studies.
- These competencies are applied through the classroom / laboratory, CEAs and FFA activities.





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From the Classroom to the Community

- Good students
- Good citizens
- Involved students
- Recognition and awards
- Community service activities



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Agricultural Education / FFA students contribute to the community

- Better people
- Future community leaders
- Entrepreneurs



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Agricultural Education / FFA Improves Student Performance

- “Important to do their best”
- Personal effort=personal success
- Interpersonal skills
- Leadership skills
- Award system



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One Mission: Student Success

What does Agricultural Education / FFA do for our educational system?

- Produces leaders that are positive role models
- Provides opportunities
- Helps students excel in academics, relationships and in life!
- Agricultural education / FFA members are:
 - Well rounded and respected
 - Committed, loyal, hardworking
 - Motivated, lifelong learners
 - Moral, ethical, value driven and community oriented
 - Prepared and proven...professional

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The place to be!!



