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The Eureka High School Agriculture program is the largest and most comprehensive agriculture program in Humboldt County. We offer two pathways agriscience and agriculture mechanics. The agriscience pathway has a course sequence of three UC and CSU approved area D lab science classes for college entrance credit. The courses are Biology and Sustainable Agriculture, Chemistry and Agriscience and Advanced Agriscience. The agriculture mechanics pathway consists of Intro to Agriculture Mechanics and Ag Welding. We also offer a host of other classes including Ag Art and History of Floral Design, Agriculture Leadership and Agriculture Earth Science. Students have many options at Eureka High School within the class selection but we also have strong participation from the student population within the Future Farmers of America or FFA program. This year we have 367 students at Eureka High School and 138 students at Winship Middle School who are members of the FFA. Although very few of our students have a farming background, there is interest in the process of food production and the science behind food and the job opportunities available within the field. We take approximately 50 students around the state in the spring to Career Development Events competitions at schools like UC Davis, Fresno State, Chico State and Cal Poly just to name a few. Students compete in competitions like floral design, farm power or agriculture mechanics. These judging team trips allow our students to visit college campuses while learning more about a field that interests them with the ultimate goal of helping our students develop their career path. Following the student interest is strong support from our community. We have a tremendous Agriculture Booster Club which hosts one big fundraising event, this year on January 19th and the community is invited. Our community support is what has allowed the agriculture department to grow and flourish. Our annual Dutch Lottery and tri-tip dinner fundraiser is Wednesday November 29th at 6pm in the EHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 10. Come and purchase tickets to win some of our hand made student projects. We are gearing up for judging team season and excited about the future. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our veterans. Thank you for serving our country.