

Eureka High School has an extremely strong agriculture department with over 350 students who are also members of FFA through EHS. A strong agriculture program has a three ring venn diagram model of areas including FFA leadership, Supervised Agriculture Experience and the classroom. Our goal as educators is to get students interested and involved in all three areas, FFA leadership, Supervised Agriculture Experience, and their agriculture course at EHS. If we can get students interested in all three sections of agriculture education, we feel successful. One of the most important sections of agriculture education is the Supervised Agriculture Experience project or SAE. Every student in FFA in the entire country must have an ag project where they work in some way in the agriculture industry. All 350 students at EHS have ag experience projects ranging from raising pigs, goats, sheep, beef, rabbits or other animals for the fair. Students also complete home improvement projects and landscaping as well as building and maintaining their own home gardens. We have students who work in the agriculture field in part time positions. We currently have students employed at Coast Seafoods, Western Chain, and Redwood Acres Fairgrounds along with many other agriculturally related positions within Eureka. We also have students completing welding and woodworking projects and students who have started their own firewood businesses. Our students are learning food processing skills and creating products to distribute to their customer base, from local honey and honey butter to homemade cheese, our students are involved in many facets of agriculture. Our students are learning real life, hands on skills that they will be able to apply in hopefully a career in the agriculture industry but definitely in life in whatever they decide to do. We are proud of our students and their Supervised Agriculture Experience Projects.

After Kyler:

Real life, hands on skills are a key component of agriculture education and we are proud that we can offer these opportunities for our students.

My name is Kyler Gouthier and I a junior at Eureka High School. My SAE is working for a construction business doing labor such as tare downs and remodels. Next year I will be still be at EHS but I have plans of ^{starting} my own construction business after I graduate.

My name is Emily Schunneman and I am also a sophomore at Eureka High School. My Supervised Agriculture Experience project this year is raising a pig ~~quinn~~ for the Humboldt County Fair. I have had my pig since February and I am excited to see how he does at the county fair.

My name is Krista Marcelli and I am a senior at Eureka High School. My Supervised Agriculture Experience Project is a floral design project. I am a member of the Floral Design Career Development Events team and I have been building my skills in floral design for the last ~~two~~ years. Next year, I will be attending College of the Redwoods and I will be taking general education and agriculture classes.