

# SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

- In **all** agriculture classes, students are **required** to have a supervised agricultural project.
- The project requires 50 hours **minimum** to be put in each year. (25/semester)
- Generally, students involved in the Agriculture Program take a core curriculum of classes, in doing so your student is in an agriculture class every year in high school. Every year the student must complete another project or another 50 hours on an existing project, if the student has breeding animals.
- This project is 20% of your student's grade, depending on the agriculture class they are taking every year.
- This project does not mean that your student will pass or fail the course they are enrolled in based on hours, effort, or success of the project. **It is only a percentage of their grade base on a 100% grading scale.**
- **All of the teachers in the agriculture program strive to help the students achieve to their fullest potential. If the students achieve 100hrs each year they may be eligible for the State Farmer, the highest degree a high school student can earn in this leadership organization.**

## Types Of Supervised Agricultural Projects

- **ALL PROJECTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISING AGRICULTURE TEACHER!!**
- Projects can include; nursery/greenhouse, landscaping, livestock, poultry, rabbits and any project centered around agriculture that the Agriculture teacher approves.

## Contracts And Responsibilities

- **All students** no matter the project will be responsible for signing a contract that will clearly explain the requirements and level of responsibility required from the student before the project begins. The contract will stipulate rules/regulations, consequences if responsibilities are not upheld. All contracts are to be signed by: parents, students & agriculture teacher before the project begins.
- If the contract is not signed by all of the above-mentioned parties and all terms agreed upon, a project will not take place, the student will take a zero on that percent of their grade in the agriculture class that they are enrolled in at the time.
- All records for the Supervised Agricultural Project will be kept in the students' record books and graded by the agriculture teacher on a weekly basis. This will ensure that student, teacher and parent can and will be informed of students' progress on a regular basis.

## Costs

- Landscape/ Gardening projects vary depending on how extensive the project is, from zero cost to unlimited expense.
- Livestock/Poultry/Rabbits

	<u>Pig</u>	<u>Lamb</u>	<u>Goat</u>
Animal:	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Feed:	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<u>Insurance:</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total:	\$375.00	\$320.00	\$320.00

**\*\* These are only estimates, and are subject to change. Rabbits and Poultry are based on market prices and the quantity desired at the time.**

## **Livestock/Animal Projects**

- **ALL PROJECTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AG TEACHER!**
- Projects are to be done outside of classroom instruction time period.
- Projects can occur at home or on the school facilities.
- A contract will be signed by all parties involved, negotiating time period of the project, money involved, feed, and time responsibilities.
- **It is the student's responsibility to obtain a buyer.**
- The student, the parent and the teacher will sign the agreement that will stipulate that the animal is being raised for educational and personal gain of the student, and will be consumed by the buyer. (This applies to market projects only!)
- **\$100 DEPOSIT (NON – REFUNDABLE) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL BUYERS**
- The buyer can be anyone: parents, neighbors, friends, businesses, etc. The reason for the buyer is to ensure that when the project comes to an end (60-120 days later) the animal gets butchered, the student has completed their responsibility, and the buyer gets home grown, quality meat in their freezer.
- The object of the project is to give the students the opportunity to get hands on experience:
  - Raising, caring, and feeding livestock
  - Public relations and Sales (finding a buyer)
  - Responsibility
  - Time management
  - Valuable on-the-job skills
- The animal is for exhibit at the Orange County Fair in July. The animal will only go through the auction if it is deemed to be “market ready” by the presiding judge. The student will be able to sell their market project if they meet all of their contractual obligations.
- Showing an animal at the Orange County Fair requires the students to continue feeding their animal twice a day, cleaning the pen once a day, and attending required weekly meetings and complete their project tasks through August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions ask the Ag teacher.

## **Landscape/Nursery Projects**

- **ALL PROJECTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AG TEACHER!**
- Projects must be done outside of the classroom instruction time period.
- Projects generally occur at home, such as: landscaping in the back yard, front yard, constructing a pond, lawn mowing business, anything requiring labor, beautification, or some type of construction or improvement.
- A contract will be signed by all parties involved, negotiating time period, pay (if applicable), supplies, and scale of the project.
- Generally students choose to landscape a part of their parents yard. This is just an example of a project a student can do, there are many more possibilities, please talk to your agriculture teacher if you have any questions or ideas about the project your child would like to pursue.
- Students will learn these valuable skills from this project:
  - Responsibility
  - Time Management
  - Record Keeping
  - Plant and Tool ID
  - Valuable on-the-job skills