

California Department of Food and Agriculture

2015 CalAgPlate Program Project Abstracts

California State Fair Farm Tour

\$24,722

California Exposition & State Fair

The California State Fair's three acre demonstration farm has been an important partner in agricultural education, showcasing the industry to millions of visitors since 1974. The California State Fair Farm Tour project creates educational opportunities for today's youth to be interested and excited about farming and agriculture. Funding provides access to farm fieldtrips to over 117,000 elementary students within Sacramento County and supports the creation of a video highlighting the farm tour. The developed fieldtrips and video will engage students K-6 in science based curriculum coupled with five fun interactive stations for hands on learning.

Crops Contest & Classroom Kits for High School Ag Teachers

\$12,630

Stanley W. Strew Education Fund

This project will provide 35 high school agricultural instructors with classroom resource kits and training related to crop and plant science. The goal of this project is to get more students exposed to crop and plant science in the classroom through contests and other projects. This project builds upon a previous CalAgPlate grant showcasing career opportunities in crop science.

Leadership and Programmatic Development

\$212,000

California, Future Farmers of America (FFA)

This project supports leadership and programmatic development for California's statewide FFA program. Nearly 80,000 high school students in 324 local communities are part of California's FFA program. Activities funded under this project include the Leadership Continuum (statewide workshops), the State FFA Leadership Conference, and outreach activities (website/newsletters). More than 11,000 students participate in developed workshops and conferences. This project supports agricultural education through access to educational, leadership and career opportunities in the agricultural industry.