

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES (SAEs)



Foundational SAE

A Foundational SAE is a starting place for all students and should lead to one or more of the Immersion SAE types and continue alongside. Explore agriculture and plan for a career, include personal financial management planning and learn about workplace safety for a career you find interesting.

Try:

- Taking a career interest assessment (for instance, check out [FFA.org/AgExplorer](https://www.ffa.org/agexplorer)).
- Job shadowing an employee at an agricultural business.
- Researching and reporting on an agricultural career.
- Visiting an agricultural business to observe, interview the owner/manager.

(NOTE: Not all Foundational SAE activities will contribute to earning FFA awards and degrees.)

Immersion SAE Types

Service-Learning Experience SAE

Work with other students, or on your own, to research a need, develop a plan and get approval to provide a free service to your school, community or the world (i.e., not for yourself or for your FFA chapter). Stay related to agriculture.

Try:

- A food collection drive.
- A farm safety education workshop.
- Creating a community garden.
- Providing a free website for the community to buy/sell locally produced food and ag products.

School-Based Enterprise SAE

Work with other students to create/run a business using your school's or chapter's equipment or facilities to provide goods or services.

Try:

- Raising livestock for sale.
- Building fence panels for sale.
- Turning the greenhouse into a cooperative to sell corsages.
- Creating websites for local agricultural businesses.

Placement/Internship SAE

Work for an agricultural business or nonprofit. Work can be paid or unpaid.

Try:

- Working at a farm/pet supply store.
- Reporting for the local paper's agriculture section.
- Working for a florist.
- Interning at a veterinary clinic.

Research-Based SAE

Investigate, experiment, analyze and/or invent agricultural materials, processes and information or test existing ones.

Try:

- Testing different types of welds.
- Inventing new feed rations to improve animal health.
- Analyzing the effects of new agricultural regulations.
- Experimenting on how to change public perceptions about agriculture.

Ownership/Entrepreneurship SAE

Own and operate an agricultural business providing goods and/or services. Make the decisions and take the risks.

Try:

- Starting a lawn care service.
- Selling animals or livestock.
- Selling subscriptions to your own agriculture podcast.
- Creating and repairing garden/farm/lawn tools and equipment.



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