

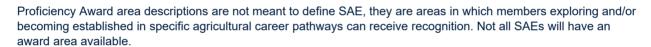
# 2024-25 AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARD AREA

# **DESCRIPTION**

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#### What Agricultural Proficiency Awards Are

Agricultural Proficiency awards are based on a member's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). They recognize individual skills and career-based competencies developed through multiple years of participation in Immersion type SAE projects. To be eligible to compete for an agricultural proficiency award SAEs must be agricultural in nature, fit into at least one nationally recognized agriculture, food and natural resource (AFNR) pathway and meet the description of the award area in which they apply (See the Agricultural Proficiency Award Handbook for all rules and procedures.).



#### Agricultural Proficiency Award Resources

The agricultural proficiency award handbooks, rules, FAQs and tips to help complete a competitive application can all be found on the National FFA Organization website at: https://www.FFA.org/participate/awards/proficiencies

### Agricultural Proficiency Award Application Types

**Entrepreneurship:** For members who own an enterprise through which he/she plans, implements, operates and assumes financial risks to produce products or provide services in one or more agriculture, food and natural resource (AFNR) pathways. Members who have Immersion SAEs that are

Ownership/Entrepreneurship should use this application type. Members who own a

share/portion/percentage of a School-Based Enterprise should use this application type. A member with a Service-Learning SAE type may use this application type if ownership is involved.

**Placement:** For members who are employed by or serving an internship with an agriculture, food or natural resources (AFNR) related business, individual, or non-profit organization. These experiences may be paid or un-paid. Members with Immersion SAEs that are Placement/Internship should us this application type. Members who are employees of School-Based Enterprises should use this application type. Members with Service-Learning SAE types which are not owned by themselves should use this application type.

**Combined**: For the proficiency award areas that are not split into separate entrepreneurship and placement areas (example: Agricultural Communications-Entrepreneurship/Placement) applicants may enter both placement and entrepreneurship records using the Combined application if the qualifying SAE includes both entrepreneurship and placement activities. If the SAE is in a combined

(un-split) area but includes only entrepreneurship or only placement activities, apply using the





entrepreneurship or placement application type, not a combined application type. Check this award area list to see combined (un-split) areas (this list changes annually).

**Research**: Members with agriculture, food or natural resource (AFNR) related Experimental, Analytical and/or Invention Research SAE types (see SAE for All Guide for full definitions) who are testing an AFNR related hypothesis, analyzing an AFRN related real-world problem or inventing an AFNR related new product or service.

#### Assistance with award area determinations

When choosing the appropriate proficiency award area to apply in, review ALL of the proficiency area descriptions. If you are in doubt or have questions regarding the correct area, please contact your state staff and/or the National FFA Organization SAE Education Specialist. Please email a detailed description of the SAE to: <a href="mailto:proficiency@ffa.org">proficiency@ffa.org</a> to request a determination.

Many members engage in SAE enterprises or activities of multiple types, which may qualify in different proficiency award areas. When a member's SAE qualifies in multiple proficiency areas only the activities, goals, descriptions, earnings/hours, duties and accomplishments that qualify in the proficiency area in which they are applying can be included in the application. For example: A member with an SAE which includes raising fish to sell to pet stores and employment by a landscape installation company has one enterprise that will qualify in the Specialty Animal Production award area and one that qualifies in the Landscape Management award area. When applying for an agricultural proficiency award in the Landscape Management area nothing about the fish raising enterprise should be included in the application. Do not discuss the fish raising enterprise in answers to questions, do not include inventory, earnings, skills, etc., from the fish enterprise in the landscape management application.

## **Agricultural Proficiency Award Area List**



- 1. Agricultural Communications Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 2. Agricultural Education Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 3. Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 4. Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship
- 5. Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement
- 6. Agricultural Processing Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 7. Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship
- 8. Agricultural Sales Placement
- 9. Agricultural Services Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 10. Agriscience Research Animal Systems
- 11. Agriscience Research Integrated Systems
- 12. Agriscience Research Plant Systems
- 13. Beef Production Entrepreneurship
- **14.** Beef Production Placement
- 15. Dairy Production Entrepreneurship
- **16.** Dairy Production Placement
- 17. Diversified Agricultural Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- **18.** Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship
- 19. Diversified Crop Production Placement
- 20. Diversified Horticulture Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 21. Diversified Livestock Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 22. Environmental Science and Natural Resources Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 23. Equine Science Entrepreneurship
- 24. Equine Science Placement
- 25. Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 26. Forage Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 27. Forest Management and Products Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 28. Fruit & Nut Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 29. Goat Production Entrepreneurship/Placement

- 30. Grain Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 31. Landscape Installation Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 32. Nursery Operations Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 33. Outdoor Recreation Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 34. Poultry Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 35. Service-Learning Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 36. Sheep Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 37. Small Animal Production and Care Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 38. Specialty Animal Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 39. Specialty Crop Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 40. Swine Production Entrepreneurship
- 41. Swine Production Placement
- 42. Turf & Landscape Management Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 43. Vegetable Production Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 44. Veterinary Science Entrepreneurship/Placement
- 45. Wildlife Production and Management Entrepreneurship/Placement



