

UINTAH FFA CHAPTER

Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEP) & Recordbooks

What is an SAE Project?

All students enrolled in an agricultural course are required to maintain a Supervised Agriculture Experience Project. (SAE) This program consists of all agricultural activities of educational value conducted by the student outside of class. Systematic instruction and supervision is provided for this program through the agricultural science teacher, parents, employers, or other adults. A specific unit describing SAE, its purpose and design will be taught in all agricultural science classes.

This type of experiential learning is the “hands-on” portion of the total agricultural education program. The SAE program is designed and carried out by the student with the support of the parent and the supervision of the agriculture teacher and/or employer.

- SAE stands for Supervised Agricultural Experience
- SAE is a project chosen and carried out by agriculture students.
- The project should expand and grow each year.
- Projects can be small and simple or more complex, but should ideally reflect the future career interests or hobbies of the students.

There are 4 SAE project TYPES:

Placement

You work for someone else (paid or voluntary) in a job related to agriculture

For Example...

- Work at a greenhouse, vet, feed store, or any other ag related business.
- Keep track of the hours you spend taking care of your family garden or yard.

Entrepreneurship

You work for yourself earning money in an agricultural enterprise.

For Example...

- Raise and sell an animal at the fair or a livestock show
- Mow lawns or do yard work for pay
- Raise and sell animals
- Grow plants in the greenhouse and sell them.
- Raise hens and sell eggs
- Grow a vegetable garden and sell produce at the farmer's market

Exploratory

Explore a job and/or agriculture industry.

For Example...

- Attend summer ag field trips, research an agricultural job or area you are interested in, spend some time job shadowing. The goal is to learn what you can do to develop a long term SAE project you are interested in.
- *Typically for freshmen and sophomores

Agriscience

Develop and perform a science experiment.

For Example...

- Develop a science experiment using the scientific method. Perform the experiment and make a science fair board displaying your results.
- *Your project can be used for the FFA Agriscience fair next spring.

Having an SAE is **essential** for you to succeed in the agricultural education program and FFA organization.