

# Agricultural Foundation of California State University, Fresno

The **Agricultural Foundation of California State University, Fresno** provides support for the financial management of the 27 enterprise units and student projects operated within the context of the Farm Laboratory. The University Farm Laboratory is a vital part of the education program for the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology and is used to support courses offered by the seven departments within the college.

The Agricultural Foundation is governed by an appointed Board of Directors. The members of the board are all leaders in either the valley's agricultural community, or at the University. The Board of Directors are primarily responsible for providing fiscal and operational oversight of the enterprise units to preserve the viability and productivity of this very important asset. In addition, the Board continually strives to improve its enterprise operations by upgrading its livestock program, planting the most promising new varieties of fruit, vines, and field crops, and employing the latest techniques in equipment operation, management, and safety.

The Agricultural Foundation reinvests any surplus funds back into equipment, facilities, and operations, to help ensure the long-term viability of this important laboratory for our students. Management and accounting services are provided by the California State University, Fresno Association.

The **Farm Laboratory** is a vital part of the educational program of the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. It is continually used to support the program of courses offered by the seven departments that comprise the college. The Agricultural Foundation of California State University, Fresno provides livestock, field crops, orchards, vineyards, and other farm enterprises, in support of a total educational experience for the student.

The **Rue and Gwen Gibson Farm Market**, located on the campus of California State University, Fresno, is a unique store that only carries products that are all grown, packaged, and/or processed by Fresno State students and enterprises. Today the Rue and Gwen Gibson Farm Market carries products from over 15 enterprises from five different departments. The different enterprises are operated by dedicated faculty and enterprise technicians who work closely with students in managing a field, product, or product line. The proceeds of our products go back into the student enterprises which help current and future students enhance their knowledge and skill with better equipment and resources.

The **Fresno State Winery** strives to engage our students in all aspects of the winemaking profession. This process begins with vineyard consultations and wine-grape research that ensures the winery receives the best possible fruit and ends with the students using state-of-the-art winemaking procedures, under the direction of our winemaker and wine master, to make superior wine.

After the wine is bottled by our student-winemakers, they then help in the marketing and selling of these products. Under the supervision of a marketing manager, students participate in community outreach events and brand management. This gives them the necessary training to be successful promoters and marketers of their own wines in the future and benefits many charity and community related events.

The mission of the **Fresno State Floral Laboratory** is to assist in the advancement of education for university students and others in the community, who are interested in pursuing a career in floral design, event planning and academic instruction. The floral laboratory serves as a stationary location for laboratory sessions for OH 4, a floral design course offered by the university. The laboratory also provides assistance and materials for this and other ornamental horticulture courses.

The **Dairy Processing** unit is part of the University Agriculture Laboratory (UAL) at California State University, Fresno. The Fresno State Dairy Processing Unit specializes in dairy products. While dairy cows do live on campus, this unit is focused on milk and its products.

More information regarding the Agricultural Foundation of California State University, Fresno may be viewed at the following link:  
<http://www.fresnostate.edu/aqf/index.html>