

# 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 Farm Laboratory. The University Farm Laboratory is a vital part of the education program at the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology and is used to support courses offered by the college's seven departments.

The Agricultural Foundation is governed by an appointed Board of Directors. The board members are all leaders in either the valley's agricultural community or at the University. The Board of Directors is 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 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 Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology's educational program. 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 support for livestock, field crops, orchards, vineyards, and other farm enterprises to enhance the total educational experience for students.

The **Rue and Gwen Gibson Farm Market**, located on the campus of California State University, Fresno, is a unique store that carries only products 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 from our products go back into student enterprises, helping current and future students enhance their knowledge and skills 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 to ensure the winery receives the best possible fruit and ends with students using state-of-the-art winemaking procedures under the direction of our winemaker and wine master to make superior wine.

After our student winemakers bottle the wine, they help with the marketing and selling of these products. Under the supervision of a marketing manager, students participate in community outreach events and brand management. This provides them with the necessary training to become 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 advancing education for university students and others in the community interested in pursuing careers in floral design, event planning, and academic instruction. The floral laboratory serves as a stationary location for OH 4, a floral design course offered by the university. The laboratory also provides 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 live on campus, this unit focuses on milk and its products.

More information regarding the Agricultural Foundation of California State University, Fresno, may be viewed at the following link:  
[Agricultural Foundation Webpage.](#)