

Holton High School
Agricultural Education Department
Mr. Jason M. Larison, Instructor

The prerequisite for all upper-level agriculture courses in Agriculture Exploration. Due to scheduling conflicts and other situations, students who were unable to take Ag Ex can take Ag Mechanics, Horticulture, Animal Science, etc. by completing the following requirements listed below:

1. Meet with Mr. Larison to set up a [Supervised Agriculture Experience Program \(SAE\)](#) program. You will set goals, brainstorm SAE ideas, and get your record book started. This may require an out of school meeting to finalize the details. Your SAE Record starts officially September 1. DUE DATE: Sept 1
2. Memorize and recite [the FFA Creed](#). This public speaking exercise is an introduction to making a presentation and communicating on your feet. You must present the memorized creed to Mr. Larison. (The creed is in place of the two Ag Ex speaking requirements which in addition to the creed, agriculture students are required to give a research, write, and memorize a 2-3 minute speech over an agriculture topic.) DUE DATE: Sept 25
3. You must complete general agriculture knowledge activities and research to cover a basic understanding of the agriculture industry. The instructions are listed in detail below, email or turn in the completed activities. DUE DATE: Sept 15

General Agriculture Knowledge Activities and Research

Step 1 -Read the Following Lessons on [AgEdNet.com](#) (Located in the FFA Reference Library) See Mr. Larison for the entrance password.

- NFFA01 History of the FFA*
- NFFA05 The FFA Creed *
- NFFA07 Your SAE and Proficiency Awards*

**(You only need to read these, do not do the end of unit exercise)*

Step 2 -After reading the three lessons, download and complete the [FFA/Par Law Worksheet](#) (You can use the internet, FFA manual, or classroom texts as references) --Email or turn the worksheet in when finished--

Step 3 -Using the local [Holton FFA website](#) as a reference, complete the following [Online Holton FFA Quiz](#) (You will be asked to enter a session name "Holton FFA Quiz", your name, and your password. Your score will be automatically sent to Mr. Larison – YOU MUST ACHIEVE A 90 PERCENT or above ON THIS ACTIVITY – LOOK THEM UP!)

Step 4 – Choose four of the following lessons on [AgEdNet.com](#) read the lesson and copy/paste the 5 “end of unit” questions in to Microsoft Word and email or turn in the 20 total questions (5 per unit) to Mr. Larison. (Hint – Make sure everything is labeled clearly as to which units you choose. The lessons are located in the lessons library section. The first two initials of each unit match the lesson they are in. Ex – LA = Large Animal, EQ = Equine, etc.)

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| LA111 Breeds of Swine PowerMatch | LA150 The Beef Industry PowerMatch |
| LA151 Beef Breeds PowerMatch | LA180 The Dairy Industry |
| LA181 Dairy Breeds PowerMatch | EQ180 Owning a Horse |
| LA131 Sheep Breeds | LA003 Marketing Livestock PowerMatch |
| EQ181 Light Horse Breeds | EQ183 Horse Feeding Management |
| HT219 Irrigation of Greenhouse Plants | HT008 The Basics of Bedding Plant Production |
| CS048 Common Plant Processes -- Photosynthesis | FS113 Dairy Products |
| FS114 Meat Production, Grading and Tenderness | FS116 Poultry Production |
| BT114 More and Better Food with Biotechnology | BT115 Biotechnology and the Safety of Food |

PowerMatch - Indicates that there is a PowerPoint available to download from [AgEdNet.com](#)

If you have any questions please ask Mr. Larison. If you are not willing to complete each of the above requirements, you should see the guidance counselor about finding another class. If you do not complete the above activities you cannot receive credit for the upper level Ag Ed class.