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2026 Yuba-Sutter Fair Recap

By Leslie Williams, YSFB Program Coordinator

As the United States of America approached its 250th anniversary this summer, the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau (YSFB) celebrated our patriotism in vibrant red, white, and blue for the 2026 Yuba-Sutter Fair theme of “Barn in the USA”, June 25-28.

YSFB board members and staff look forward to this event every year that allows us to engage with current and prospective members, students, and the public. Our participation has grown over the years, and each fair season brings innovative ideas and goals for our office to expand our reach in the community. This year’s fair formally kicked off on Thursday with YSFB as the headline sponsor for the night, featuring free opening day admission to farm bureau members. Several YSFB board members also attended the Fair’s hosted sponsors’ dinner Thursday evening.

Throughout the week, you could find us representing local agriculture; from the barns where we hosted a fun and competitive Ag Trivia Bowl on Tuesday night for the youth livestock exhibitors, to AgVentures in Palmer Hall where we organized displays from our community partners including the UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE), 4-H, Master Gardeners, CHP, Sutter County Sheriff, Yuba-Sutter Cattlewomen, and the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau of course! In addition to our popular pollination station featuring a live beehive display from YSFB board member Frank Hall, we hosted several activity stations

and an informational BBQ display highlighting commodities from our farms and ranches that make their way to a traditional BBQ picnic.

Saturday’s Yuba-Sutter Jr. Livestock Auction was a highlight of the week and the culmination of many months of dedication and hard work by the participants. Once again, the YSFB and Farm West Insurance Services were honored to attend and support the projects and programs that are developing future generations of community leaders. Our buyer representatives were there from the first bid to the final drop of the gavel, with Farm West Insurance Services purchasing over ten livestock projects and YSFB donating over \$7,000 in add-ons to 90 youth exhibitors. Farm West Insurance Services, the YSFB, and YS Young Farmers and Ranchers also sponsored the auctioneers, who do a wonderful job helping the youth sell their projects.

Although the fair may only be one short week a year, the work that goes on behind the scenes

for the staff and exhibitors alike, is a year-round effort. It is one of our favorite annual events and one that we would not want to miss. From the visits of the youth in their 4-H and FFA uniforms bringing buyer letters to our office in the weeks leading up to fair, to the final conversations of the weekend with community members stopping by our Agventures building, we end fair week with new friends and fond memories each year. 🌾



Figure 1 YSFB Staff & Directors - Ag Trivia Bowl

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Figure 2 Agventures BBQ Display

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UCCE Rice Weeds Program: Submit Seeds for Herbicide Resistance Testing

By Whitney Brim-DeForest, UCCE Rice Advisor

It's weed seed collection season! As weeds mature through summer and early fall, now's the time to gather seed samples from any herbicide-resistant species you've spotted in your fields.

How to know if what you are seeing is likely resistance (and what to collect):

- Weeds are located in clumps
- "Streaks" of weeds may be found going away from those clumps (dragged by field equipment)
- Weeds are not evenly distributed throughout the field
- Weeds are not found only around field margins
- There are no patterns to the distribution (indicating a clogged nozzle or skip)

What We Test:

The UCCE Weeds Program regularly tests:

- Watergrass species (late, early, barnyardgrass, coast cockspur)
- Sprangletop
- Smallflower umbrella sedge
- Bulrush
- Redstem/Redberry

If you don't see a species of interest listed above, that is okay! We welcome submissions of any species you suspect is herbicide-resistant.

Collection Timeline & Tips

Collect when seeds naturally fall off the seed head with gentle agitation in a paper bag. It is important not to strip the seeds from the seedheads or panicles, or the seeds will not germinate, and we will not be able to successfully have screening results.

Species	Best Timing	What to Look For
Watergrass	Near rice harvest	Brownish seeds
Sprangletop	August–September	Brown/dry seeds
Sedges	July–early September	Yellow seeds with brown hulls (dustlike)
Bulrush (roughseed)	Summer–fall	Black seeds with fine hairs



Barnyard Grass - Photo Credit UCCE Rice Weeds Program

Collection Best Practices:

- Sample from multiple plants (collect several handfuls minimum)
- Target areas you know were treated with the suspected herbicide
- Avoid field margins
- Dry samples in a paper bag to prevent mold (no plastic)
- Don't collect too early! Seeds need to be mature or they will not germinate

How to Submit:

1. Complete the form at agronomy-rice.ucdavis.edu (make sure to include your email!)
2. Deliver your sample to a local UCCE Farm Advisor or directly to the Rice Experiment Station (RES) in Biggs
3. Get results via email (typically in March of the following year)

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Agriculture Crimes – Partnering with Local Law Enforcement in Prevention Efforts

By Leslie Williams, YSFB Program Coordinator

The Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau has an open and collaborative relationship with our local law enforcement agencies in the bi-county region. We appreciate the difficult job that they do and strive to work with them as partners in protecting our agriculture families and businesses. Each month, we extend an open invitation to both county Sheriff's offices to attend our YS Farm Bureau Board of Directors meetings to exchange updates and share information on local crime trends affecting our agriculture and rural communities. Additionally, we include them in our community events throughout the year, such as Agventures at the Yuba-Sutter Fair and our annual Farm Day for third graders.

Most recently, we hosted a community "Tail-gate Talk" with Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes on July 10th. The town-hall style meeting was open to the public and held at Holt Ag Solutions in Yuba City from 11am to noon, followed by lunch provided by the Farm Bureau. The roundtable discussion was an exchange between farmers in attendance and Sheriff Brandon Barnes, SCSO Outreach Sergeant Carlos Mendoza, and SCSO Detective Wade



Tailgate Talk with Sutter County Sheriff, July 10, 2026. Photo Credit: YSFB

Wymore. The Sheriff and his staff fielded questions on diverse topics of crime and safety related to agriculture, ranging from metal theft to traffic enforcement.

Currently, metal thefts are an ongoing concern, with pumps and air conditioning units continuing to be targeted statewide. Fuel thefts have not been as much of an issue as expected with rising diesel costs. Trespassing and establishments of transient encampments on private property were a top concern of growers, especially for locations along the river bottoms.

Sheriff Barnes also shared insight on the county budget process and how economic impacts affect his operating overhead, and the staffing challenges that come with it. Despite the fiscal hurdles they face, the Sheriff's office is looking for creative solutions and remains committed to public safety. One of the ways we can help is by being vigilant and reporting suspicious activity as soon as it is observed. By following the advice of "see something, say something," we can be a force-multiplier by lending extra eyes and ears throughout our communities.

The Farm Bureau is also in the process of developing an informational document to be provided to law enforcement, which will detail the kinds of farming equipment and activities that would be common to

see during different seasons of agriculture operations in the Yuba-Sutter area. Farm Bureau staff are also slated to attend upcoming patrol briefings at both Yuba and Sutter County Sheriff's Offices to give a brief presentation on current harvests underway and those coming up next; with plans to present quarterly as seasonal changes bring new equipment and routines to the fields and orchards around us.

Some practical things farmers can do to prevent becoming a victim:

- Secure property. Harden targets by locking buildings, gates, and vehicles. Remove keys from equipment.
- Immobilize seldom-used machinery. Remove batteries, use wheel clamps, and hitch locks.
- Utilize barriers. Install and maintain sturdy fencing, place equipment strategically to make difficult to remove.
- Inventory assets. Record VINs, serial numbers and take photos of assets and maintain a log.
- Use Operator Applied Numbers (OAN). Apply your own unique owner identification marking. (Consult your county sheriff's office for details).
- Lights, camera, action. Install dusk-to-dawn lights, position cameras to cover key areas, and utilize GPS tracking devices on valuable equipment.

And finally, report suspicious activity to law enforcement. For more information, check out the California Farm Bureau rural crime prevention resources online at <https://www.cfbf.com/ag-programs/rural-crime-prevention>. 📧



YSFB Member Lillian Smith welcomes attendees to Tailgate Talk

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Ledbetter Electric

By Leslie Williams, YSFB Program Coordinator

This month's producer focus is on Ledbetter Electric, a company that had its humble beginning in 2014 out of a young couple's Marysville home; as apprentice electrician-turned-journeyman turned business-owner Shaune Ledbetter and his wife Tiffany

started on their path to what would later become a very recognizable local electrical business that now serves clients throughout the state. A true family business, Shaune and Tiffany work alongside their children; two adult sons, two daughters-in-law, two teenage daughters, and extended family by employment, because employees are considered family too at Ledbetter.

As you walk into Ledbetter Electric's newly constructed headquarters on Yuba Street in Marysville, the beautifully built office building that sits adjacent to the business's longtime shop is bustling with energy that presents a professional yet warm and inviting vibe as you are greeted by the family's "5th child" Lola, a French Bulldog that goes everywhere with the company's founder. The office sits in a reinvigorated area of Marysville amid neighboring vocational businesses, which as locals raised in Marysville, Shaune and Tiffany are immensely proud of. The attached workshop, immaculately organized and well equipped, reflects their work ethic and how they manage their day-to-day operations and projects in the field. The family atmosphere does not end at the office either, because it is a core belief of the owners that they treat every customer like family.

As for their customer base, Ledbetter Electric provides a gamut of electrical construction services to clients ranging from local homeowners and commercial construction to agriculture businesses. The variety of work they perform includes both commercial



Ledbetter Electric Family – L to R: Zachary, Cheyanne, Samantha, Tiffany, Shaune, Savannah, Madisyn, Jonathan, and dog "Lola", Photo Credit: YSFB

and residential solar design, installation and maintenance, design-build services, new builds and remodels such as restaurants, ag production facilities such as dryers, ag electrical repairs and services, such as motors, pumps, variable frequency drives (VFD), and

general electrical service calls for both commercial and residential customers.

Ledbetter Electric employs an average of approximately 45 people, with low turnover and several longtime employees, some of whom have been with them since the inception of the company. In an age where consistent staffing is often cited as a business challenge, the stability of their workforce speaks volumes about how they treat their staff. Providing a healthy work culture along with good wages and benefits is particularly important to the Ledbetter family and foundational to their business practices. They especially enjoy watching young adults get their start in the trade, and both Shaune and Tiffany shared that seeing those young employees bloom into adulthood and start their own families has been extremely rewarding for the couple.

Some of their most recent projects have included the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Career Training Center on Harter Parkway in Yuba City, several local restaurants, and some large agriculture producers

and processors solar projects. In addition to local projects, they have crews throughout California, many of which are for large solar design and installations; but the heart of their operation and office hub is in Marysville. Shaune remarked that while business in California can be challenging in terms of regulations and bureaucratic roadblocks, he believes their northern California location is ideal for his company due to the great weather, year-around work, and proximity to such a wide demographic of customers from rural agriculture to urban industries, and the state's diverse terrain

from the Sierras, to the desert and the coast.

Shaune said "Ledbetter Electric became a Farm Bureau Business Support Member in 2026 because we are confident that we can provide a service to the Yuba-Sutter agriculture community that stands out from the rest, because we have a great team with vast electrical knowledge and experience within

the agriculture industry." Ledbetter expressed that one of his primary goals for the company is to be a household trusted name in our community, a name that is associated with respect and quality, and one that customers can share with family and friends with confidence. And with such an emphasis on family and community, the Ledbetter Electric team considers such referrals the highest compliment they could receive.

You can reach Ledbetter Electric for all your electrical needs at 530-237-3288 or office@ledbetterelectric.com – or come by the office to meet the family (including Lola!) in person at 1004 Yuba St. in Marysville. 🐕



Ledbetter Staff, Photo Credit: YSFB



Ledbetter Ag Solar Project, Photo Credit: Ledbetter Electric

Young Farmers and Ranchers Summer Highlights

by YF&R Chair Hannah Taylor

July was busy for the Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Committee with not just one but two events!

On July 7, we had the opportunity to join Yolo County's YF&R on a tour at Anderson's Flying Service located in Robbins. The event kicked off with a unique icebreaker where the eight members from Yuba-Sutter were able to meet and interact with 20 members from Yolo County. The tour was led by manager A.J. Anderson, who is also a Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau (YSFB) member. He was joined by two members from his team, a pilot and loader, who were able to answer questions from the tour while we viewed crop duster planes and loader trucks used in the field. We learned about crop dusting operations before ending the evening with a dinner provided by Yolo County YF&R. We would like to thank Anderson's Flying Service, A.J., his team, and Yolo County YF&R for making this event possible and allowing our members to gain insight into this crucial aspect of agriculture.

Our next event was a mixer with the YSFB held July 10th at Madsen Ranch in Live Oak. This annual mixer was started to encourage people to participate in the Toys for Tots Toy Drive. For the past two years, our YF&R and YSFB members have had a friendly competition to see who can collect the most toys. The YSFB won in 2025, so YF&R had the privilege of hosting the mixer this year. This event is a



YF&R at Anderson's Flying Service, Photo Credit: YS YF&R

fun opportunity for YF&R members to meet YSFB members and network with each other. This year there was an amazing tri-tip dinner prepared by YSFB board member Frank Hall. This event exemplifies the true purpose of supporting youth in agriculture. With a history of over 30 years of scholarship recipients, many have pursued impressive careers while also making our communities safer, stronger, and more educated to take on any challenge the future holds. In addition to the great food and valuable networking, there were also fun games and giveaways. If you were unable to make this year's mixer, we hope you will join us at another event soon.

Looking forward, we have two events coming up in August.

August 1st will be our annual River Float, and August 26th we will have a tour with Johl Family Orchards learning more about the prune industry.

Don't forget to RSVP and attend our events to qualify for our end-of-the-year raffle. Everyone who RSVPs for an event and attends will be given an entry into a raffle with a grand prize at the end of the year. Participants can get additional entries by bringing two friends with them to any event.

Remember to follow us on Instagram to stay up to date on what is going on with YF&R and YSFB. We would love to see you! 🌻

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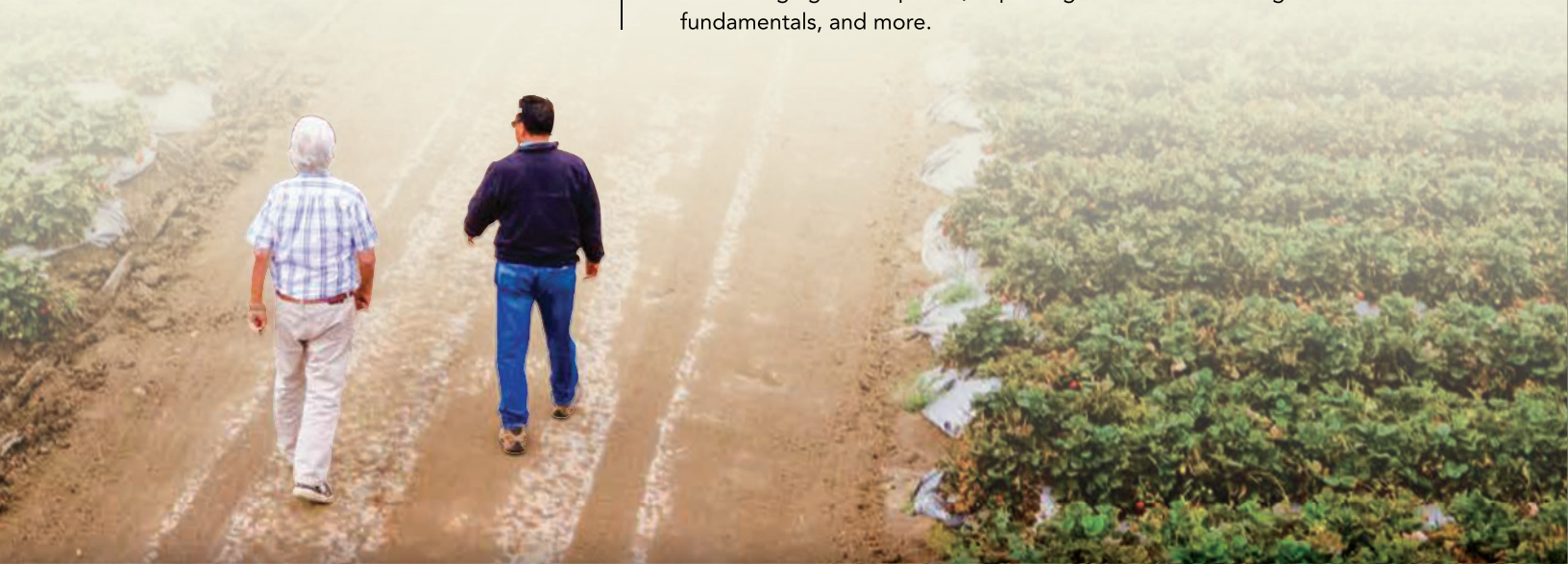
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Farmers (including specialty crop growers) and ranchers with one to 10 years of experience operating a production agriculture business in California can become mentees.

Benefits of becoming a mentee:

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Yuba-Sutter Farmers' Market Roundup

By Leslie Williams, YSFB Program Coordinator

Looking for some healthy family fun this summer that won't break the bank? Consider a visit to one of several local farmers' markets and stock up on fresh produce and unique Yuba-Sutter products, from picture-perfect peaches and fragrant basil to handmade candles and locally sourced honey. In one trip, you can buy freshly picked ingredients for that Pico de Gallo you've been craving, some homemade sourdough for the upcoming week's lunches, or those cucumbers you've been meaning to pickle for holiday gifts this year.

Unlike a trip to the store, at a farmers' market you can meet the grower and learn about their crops and farming practices. Farmers' markets are more than just a grocery stop; they are an experience for the senses. As you meander from booth to booth taking in the sights and smells of colorful fruits and vegetables, you'll likely be offered tastings as well. Add to that the sounds of children playing, neighbors visiting, and maybe even live music, and you could leave with not only food that feeds your body, but memories that nourish your soul too.

There are two primary distinctions that consumers should be aware of when it comes to farmers' markets – certified vs. non-certified. Essentially, Certified Farmers' Markets (CFMs) are regulated by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and County Agriculture Commissioners. CFMs are designed to allow certified



Sweet Memories Farm, Brownsville Farmers Market,
Photo Credit: YSFB



My Little Green Ranch, Brownsville Farmers Market,
Photo Credit: YSFB

California producers to sell their own fresh, local agricultural products directly to consumers without the usual commercial packaging and labeling requirements. Non-certified farmers' markets are not certified under the CDFA, and vendors can sell a wide range of products, including pre-packaged goods from out of state and not necessarily grown by the vendor. Both kinds of markets are offered in our area. Whether certified or not, each individual market in our region is unique; and with a variety of days, times, and scenery to choose from, you're sure to find one or more that works for your schedule and shopping style.

The USDA lists the following Certified Farmers' Markets in Sutter and Yuba Counties as of July 1, 2026:

There are also many non-certified markets worth visiting throughout the area too; however, due to their informal nature, a directory is challenging to compile. You can often learn about these alternative market locations, schedules and offerings, by finding them posted on local social media pages for your community and by word-of-mouth. Regardless of certification, local farmers' markets are an enjoyable and economical way to spend a few hours of your day.

To learn more about farmers' markets, visit your local county Agriculture Department website or the California Department of Food and Agriculture https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i_and_c/cfm.html



Yuba City Certified Farmers' Market
Town Square, Plumas St & C St, Yuba City
May-October, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Downtown Night Market – Center St, Yuba City
Year-round, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Brownsville Farmers' Market
16900 Willow Glen Rd, Brownsville
May-October, Fridays, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dobbins Grange Farmers' Market
9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins
Year-round, Saturdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Gilbert Orchards, 4352 Wheatland Rd. Wheatland
May-October, Saturdays, 6:00 am – 1:00 pm

Yuba Health and Human Services
5730 Packard Ave, Marysville
Year-round, Wednesdays, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Wheatland Farmers' Market
1912 Hwy 65, Wheatland
June-November, Saturdays, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Awards \$90,000 in Scholarships to Local Youth

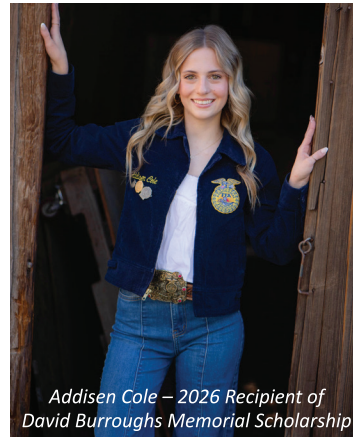
By Leslie Williams, YSFB Program Coordinator

Each year, the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau (YSFB) Fund for Ag Education (FAE) Scholarship Program recognizes graduating high school seniors who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and a strong commitment to pursuing higher education. For the 2025/2026 school year, the YSFB selected 28 students from local high schools for a range of awards totaling **\$90,000.00** in scholarship funds. Additionally, our Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Committee also awarded \$2,100 in scholarships to three graduating seniors that plan to pursue a career in agriculture and that have strived to make a difference in their community.

This past spring, the scholarship committee comprised of YSFB board members, community members and staff interviewed dozens of applicants over the course of four days. Every candidate from each of the eight schools that interviewed with the committee earned an award ranging from \$500 to the top award of \$20,000! While 17 of the applicants are pursuing agriculture related majors, the scholarships are not exclusive to such, nor are they solely awarded to students attending traditional higher education

institutions and can be used by students for vocational training as well. Sixty-one percent of this year's scholarship candidates are pursuing an agricultural education, while 39% had their sights set on other industries or professions. Fields of study ranged from Ag Business, Education and Animal Science, to Pre-med, and both Civil and Bio Engineering, with one student even heading to aviation school! Of the eight high schools represented, East Nicolaus led the count of applicants at seven students, followed by Lindhurst and Sutter High Schools with five students each.

One exceptional candidate, Addisen Cole of East Nicolaus, was selected by the committee for the \$20,000 David Burroughs Memorial Scholarship. "This year's scholarship recipients represent the very best of our local agricultural community," said Sy Honig YSFB Board Member and Chair of the Scholarship Committee. "We are especially proud to continue honoring Dave Burroughs'



Addisen Cole – 2026 Recipient of David Burroughs Memorial Scholarship

legacy through this perpetual scholarship, which supports students who embody his passion, leadership, and commitment to agriculture."

This prestigious scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior who plans to pursue a degree and career in agriculture, supporting the next generation

of agricultural leaders who embody David's commitment to serving their communities. Cole is slated to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a major in Animal Science.

Scholarships were recently presented by YSFB board members at each school senior awards ceremonies where recipients learned of their financial award amounts. "The investment we make in these students today strengthens agriculture tomorrow," said Brian Greathouse YSFB Board President. "We are grateful to the donors and community members who make these scholarships possible and who share our belief in the importance of agricultural education." 🌾

2026 YSFB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE ATTENDING	MAJOR
Taylorlyn Anderson	Yuba City High School	Butte College	Ag Business
Colby Borges	East Nicolaus High School	Lassen Community College	Ag Bus. & Wildlife Management
Annalia Brown	East Nicolaus High School	Sierra College	Animal Science
Preslee Cervantes	River Valley High School	CSU, Chico	Ag Education
Betty Chagolla	Sutter Union High School	Yuba Community College	Nursing
Parker Cole	East Nicolaus High School	West Texas A&M	Education
Addisen Cole	East Nicolaus High School	Oklahoma State	Animal Science
Carson Croxall	East Nicolaus High School	Cal Poly, SLO	Ag Business
Marian Gallagher	East Nicolaus High School	CSU, Chico	Ag Business
Angelo Gonzales	River Valley High School	CSU, Chico	Vet Medicine
Abigail Goodman	Live Oak High School	Ensign College	Digital Marketing
Alexandra Her	Marysville Charter Academy	Yuba Community College	Animal Science
Ociel Hernandez-Ramirez	Lindhurst High School	UC San Diego	Biology
Katelyn Hodge	Sutter Union High School	Oklahoma State University	Ag Business
Galilea Jimenez	Lindhurst High School	CSU, Chico	Animal Science
Brysen Kinerson	River Valley High School	CSU, Long Beach	Ag Science
Matthew Knox	Sutter Union High School	Mt. Mercy University	Undecided
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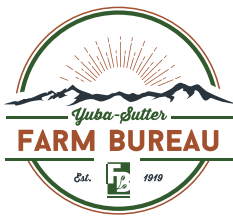
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