



# Idaho Agricultural Education Initiative

2014



# The Three Circle Model



## Classroom Instruction



### Educational Benefits

- Common Core alignment
- Dual Credit
- Academic content standards

### Career Pathways

- Agribusiness
- Animal Science
- Plant Science
- Agricultural Mechanics

### Demographics

- Almost 12,000 students
- Over 120 teachers
- 63% "Go On"
- 100% workforce training

## **SAE Categories**

- Entrepreneurship
- Agricultural Placement
- Agribusiness
- Agriscience



## **Supervised Agricultural Experiences**

## **Educational Benefits**

- Contextualized education
- Application of curriculum
- Tie in with academic and common core
- Senior project ideas
- All students can have this
- Workforce readiness

## FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success.***



FFA



**Total Program**



**Classroom  
Instruction**



**Develops the  
Total Student**



**FFA**



**Supervised  
Agricultural  
Experiences**



## ***What If We Could...?***



## **Opportunities and Needs**

- Ensure adequate funding from State and increase from all sources
- Work placement and internship opportunities
- Increase awareness and support of counselors and administrators

## **Strengths**

- Leadership skills
- Hands on experience
- Diversity of subjects and students involved
- Community involvement and support
- Aged complements other required curriculum and enhances common core standards
- Dual credit opportunities
- “Go On” rates
- Employable, career ready graduates

## *Rationale*



## The 2014 Idaho Ag Ed Initiative is important because –

- Idaho agriculture and ag business accounts for 1 in 8 jobs
- Crisis level shortages of available qualified people to fill agriculture industry exist statewide
- Turnover in ag ed teaching positions has been 36% in the last two years alone
- ‘Go On’ rates
- Agricultural education is proven and effective

## **Initiative Components**

- Implement the Idaho Quality Program Standards Incentive Grants
- Adjust and Fully Fund Added Cost Allocations
- Offer Agricultural Education Program Start Up Grants
- Establish Statewide Professional Development & Mentoring Program
- Establish Full Time Idaho FFA Association Executive Director Position

## **2014 Initiative**





# Idaho Agricultural Education Initiative Supporters:

Ada County Farm Bureau

Crookham Company

Idaho Agricultural Credit Association

Idaho FFA Alumni Association

Idaho FFA Association

Idaho FFA Foundation

Idaho State Grange

Idaho Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association

The McGregor Company

