

Agriculture Operations Class Trip to Central Valley California

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Abstract: This presentation will summarize the 2023 Agriculture Operations (AGRI 2400) class trip to Sacramento, California and the surrounding area. The trip was a great opportunity for students to see a new area with diverse agricultural cropping systems. It also exposed students to new paradigms including agricultural production in the face of large population growth and even on the margins metropolitan areas. Some examples of the operations toured include: peach orchard, underground orange farm, tomato processing facility, hydroponics greenhouse, and a Scottish highland ranch. These experiences were solidified into lifelong memories when students saw the ocean for the first time, when they strolled on the beach next to San Francisco, when they drove across the Golden Gate Bridge, or when they swam in the American River near Sacramento...These are the flagstone experiences that lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning.