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Activity 3.1D: Writing Effective SAE Goals

In this activity, you will practice writing clear and effective goals for your Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Setting goals—especially short-term and long-term goals—is a key part of planning and success in any SAE program. You'll use the SMART goal model (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound) to guide your writing.

Understanding SAE Goals

Answer the following questions about your SAE goals.

1. Why should your SAE fit your schedule and financial situation?

Answer:

2. Why is writing down your goals helpful?

Answer:

SMART Goal Writing

Using the SMART format, write SAE SMART goals for one, two, and four years. Example prompts you may consider:

- Skills you want to learn
 - Tasks you want to master
 - Results you want to achieve in your SAE
1. Write a goal you can reasonably accomplish within 12 months.

Your One-Year SAE SMART Goal

Answer:

2. Think ahead—where do you want your SAE to be in two years? Use the SMART framework to create a clear and realistic long-term goal.

Your Two-Year SAE SMART Goal

Answer:

3. Think about the bigger picture: your career, skill development, or ownership goals.

Your Four-Year SAE SMART Goal

Answer:

Reflection Questions

Write your answers in two to three sentences each.

1. How will achieving your one-year goal help you reach your longer-term goals?

Answer:

2. What resources will you need to accomplish your goals?

Answer:

3. What challenges might prevent you from reaching your goals, and how can you overcome them?

Answer:

Instructor Review

Your instructor will review your goals to ensure they are realistic, aligned with your SAE area of interest, and measurable and appropriate for your program level.

Student Signature

Answer:

Instructor Signature

Answer: