

# Agricultural Processing

**Sponsored By: Sara Lee Foods**



**Purpose:** Members who are involved in working in assembling, transporting, processing, fabricating, mixing, packaging, and storing food and nonfood agricultural products. Programs may include processing meat, milk, honey, cheese, raisins and other dried fruits, maple syrup and/or other food processing. Students with placement or entrepreneurship programs may enter in this area.

**Background:** The processing of Agricultural products has become one of the most important aspects of the agricultural industry. Almost without exception, the cost of processing an

agricultural product is greater than the production cost.

**Visibility:** The sponsor of this award will be recognized in the following ways:

- ✓ Immediate press release recognizing the new partnership.
- ✓ Statewide recognition at the state FFA Convention in front of 2500 FFA members.
- ✓ Statewide media recognition through press releases in agricultural publications.
- ✓ Name of sponsors on plaques received by FFA members.
- ✓ Up to thirty applicants statewide annually.

**Budget:** The annual cost of this three-year commitment is \$500.00. This amount of support each year will provide for cost of award plaques with sponsor's name on each of three regional levels and on the statewide level and cash awards.

**Expected Results:** This partnership will generate added interest and excitement in this award area. Through this increased interest more students will focus their skill development in the area of Agricultural Processing.