We are a student-centered program and we consistently reflect on our successes and challenges, using these reflections to create future goals.

Overview
- Staples Motley’s Agriculture education program consists of 3 full-time instructors offering nearly 30 courses to grades 5-12 with 7 of them meeting graduation requirements (24 additional sections gained over 2 years)
- Courses are aligned to meet MN Chemistry Standards, Economic Standards, Graduation Standards and articulation through Central Lakes College
- Impacted over 300 K-12 students through their AFNR Summer Programming
- New courses such as TACO 101, Farm to Fork and the CLC Meats Technology course engage students in a tangible and applicable way
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FFA Highlights
- Maintains an active and engaged membership of over 60 students
- Over 40 State qualifying and 3 National qualifying CDE teams since 2019
- 2nd Place National Ag Communications Team
- 3 Star NationalChapter Award Recipient in Minnesota
- Home of the 2020-2021 State FFA President
- Have assisted in many community events such as the Farm Bureau Livestock Safety Training Day, Installing landscape around the community and hosting a successful plant sale

Partnerships
- Strong partnerships are created and sustained as well as recognized at the annual banquet and the FFA Week Stakeholder Appreciation Breakfast
- A successful FFA Alumni and Supporters Group as well as the Local CTE Advisory Boards are tremendous partners of the program
- Many partnerships such as local colleges, AgRiver, Minnesota State Energy Center of Excellence, Farm Bureau Sourcewell and the U.S. Army have provided many opportunities and guest speakers for classes

Professional Growth
- All have been members of MAAE, NAAE, NrACTE and ACTE and have a combined total of over 1300 hours of rigorous professional development
- Have participated in the TIP and RPL program, presented workshops, served as a regional TIP mentor, Region III Ideas Unlimited Winner and NAAE XLR8
- Continued education through the MAAE summer professional development workshops and the NAAE Virtual book club

“Our instructors have a knack for engaging a variety of students in the Ag and FFA programs, which promotes excitement and involvement.”
– Debbie Ferdon, Staples Motley Interim Principal

2022 MAAE Award Winner

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