

## **Discussion question:**

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| Activity                                | Basis for charge   | Colorado   | Northern<br>Region       | Southern<br>Region        | Western<br>Region         |
|---|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hand labors                             | \$/hour            |            | 9.00-14.00               | 9.00-20.00                | 8.00-20.00                |
| Tractor drivers                         | \$/hour            |            | 12.00-15.00              | 10.00-15.00               | 8.00-15.00                |
| Irrigation Experienced Less experienced | \$/hour<br>\$/hour |            | 8.00-16.00<br>8.00-10.00 | 14.00-15.00<br>8.00-10.00 | 12.50-20.00<br>8.00-10.00 |
| Full time employees                     | \$/month           |            | 2,500-3,200              | 3,000-5,200               | 3,000-4,000               |
| Foreman                                 | \$/month           |            | 2,500-3,500              | 1,700-3,00                | 3,000-5,000               |
| Mangers                                 | \$/month           |            | 2,500-4,500              | 4,000-5,00                | 3,000-5,000               |
| Food service manager                    | \$/hour            | 29.98      |                          |                           |                           |
| Cooks                                   | \$/hour            | 9.95-17.39 |                          |                           |                           |
| Food scientists and technologist        | \$/hour            | 36.61      |                          |                           |                           |

Source: Russell et al., 2015, Custom rates for Colorado farms and ranches in 2015 and Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2015 State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates

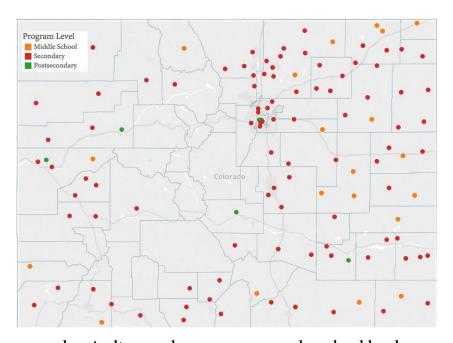


Source: Colorado Community College System, 2016, Fact Sheet

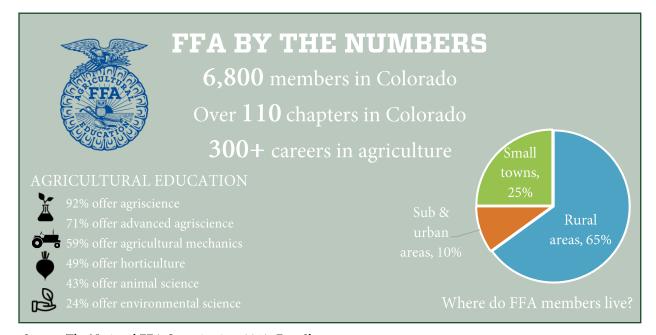


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All CTE approved agriculture and energy programs by school level
Source: Career and Technical Education for Colorado, 2017, All Active Agriculture and Energy Programs



Source: The National FFA Organization, 2013, Fact Sheet