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SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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An introduction to Righetti High School agriculture came with a free plant this week.

More than 200 freshmen picked up a variety of succulents, rose plants, small house plants and lavender. Ag teachers and FFA officers handed out the plants.

The Greenhand Plant Distribution is the first step for the Ag students Supervised Ag Experience project (SAE). The students are tasked with doing research on their plant in order to successfully care for it. All Ag students are required to have an SAE project as part of the Ag education curriculum.

“The freshman students are always excited about their plant and caring for it as long as they can,” said agriculture teacher Amy Guerra. “Starting every freshman with a small plant allows them the opportunity to have an SAE they can handle and also introduce them to the Ag program.”

Corey Nursery in Nipomo graciously donated the plants.

There are more than 800 students in the FFA program.

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