ASHFORD VALLEY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026: HARVEST PRODUCTION, WATER RESEARCH & FINANCIAL AUDIT

1. Executive Message from President Raymond Ashford-Vance

The 2025-2026 academic year underscored our institution's vital mission in the Central Valley. Across our 420-acre teaching farm, student-driven precision irrigation trials demonstrated a 28% reduction in groundwater extraction while our research herd achieved record milk quality. Today, our 860 scholars are proving that California's agricultural future is defined by empirical science and water stewardship.

2. Key Operational & Academic Metrics

Indicator / Milestone	2024-2025	2025-2026	Year-Over-Year Change
Total Enrolled Students	812 scholars	862 scholars	+6.2% Enrollment Growth
Total Farm Acreage in Trials	380 acres	420 contiguous acres	+40 acres (Full Utilization)
Groundwater Reduction Achieved	19.4% saved	28.1% saved vs baseline	+8.7% Water Conservation
Research Farm Crop Revenue	$1,420,000	$1,685,000	+18.6% Net Farm Earnings
Graduate Career Placement Rate	94.2%	96.5% within 90 days	+2.3% Professional Hiring
External Research Grants Awarded	$1,850,000	$3,620,000	+95.7% State & USDA Grants

3. Financial Position & Endowment (in Thousands of Dollars)

Revenues: Tuition & Fees ($8,840K), Commercial Farm Crop Sales ($1,685K), Research Grants & Endowments ($4,120K), Alumni & Corporate Gifts ($1,250K). Total Operating Budget: $15,895K. Net operating reserves maintained at 18.4 months of instructional expense.