ENDOWMENT PURPOSE
The Buck family has been involved in agricultural production in California for more than 100 years. To pay tribute to her family’s long heritage in agriculture and to honor her late husband, Congressman Frank H. Buck, Jr., Eva Benson Buck endowed a chair in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. The purpose of the chair is to conduct applied agricultural economics research to benefit production agriculture in California.

RESEARCH
My research deals with the economics of agriculture, especially how farms and other agricultural businesses respond to policy and other economic forces.

The endowment has allowed me independence to pursue research that does not have outside funding from grants.

TEACHING
I teach courses in microeconomics and the economics of agricultural sustainability.

I work with and supervise four or five graduate students and serve on their dissertation committees. I have involved about six undergraduate assistants in my research program this year. I employ them as junior assistants.

STUDENTS
John Bovay completed his Ph.D. on the economics of food safety and similar regulations and moved to the USDA.

Wei Zhang finished her PhD on milk market and policy issues and moved to
Connecticut College.

Eric Coughlin completed his BS and his employment as a Junior Research Specialist and moved to a business Career.

Adrienne Bradley completed her BS and her work as a research assistant on almond industry issues and moved to a career in business and policy.

**OUTREACH**

The endowment funds outreach travel and applied research for which specific grants are unavailable.

I presented talks to the almond, dairy and wine industries and worked closely with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

I have also provided economic research perspectives to the press on many agricultural topics.

All of my outreach flows from research that the endowment helps support.

**NEW AND UNIQUE ENDOWMENT USE**

Our work on the economics of the drought in California has resulted in Op-ed articles in the LA Times and the Wall Street Journal. The Foundation funding has allowed time and assistance needed to do my work on the economics of the drought.

**LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

Yes. Most of my work is funded by outside grants of several hundred thousand dollars per year. The endowment provides seed money to begin new areas and bridge funding to continue between grants.

**THANKS**

The Frank H. Buck Jr. Endowment allows me to pursue research that would not otherwise be possible. It allows me to offer research experience and business connections to more students than would otherwise be feasible.

Thank you for substantially enhancing the research, teaching and outreach on the economics of agriculture at UC Davis.