



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.*

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2010 Iowa FFA Proficiency Awards 82nd Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

100% of all FFA members have proficiencies as part of the agricultural program and the FFA. These proficiencies range in the areas of Agricultural Communications to Aquaculture and from Dairy Production to Veterinary Medicine. Proficiency Award winners have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Programs. These awards encourage members to develop specialized skills that will apply toward a future career. State winners in national categories will advance on to the National FFA Proficiency Judging in July.

The Iowa FFA Association has 226 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business, and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

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Listed below are the results for the Proficiency Area Awards.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Communications
State Winner: Coltin Adams
School: Colo-NESCO High School at Colo
Description: Coltin Adams of the Colo-NESCO FFA Chapter has worked over 150 hours developing and updating the Colo-NESCO FFA chapter website. He gained skills in website design by working with Dreamweaver, Photoshop, and Fetch. Following high school, Coltin plans to attend a community college to major in construction technology or welding.

Runner-up: Kelsey Watts - Wapsie Valley FFA at Fairbank

The sponsor of the Agricultural Communications Proficiency Award is the Iowa Farmer Today through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Education
State Winner: Kelly Colehour
School: Anamosa High School
Description: Kelly Colehour of the Anamosa FFA Chapter has volunteered over 700 hours to learn agricultural education skills to teach. She has created lesson plans and PowerPoint presentations and learned to present to a group. Kelly plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall.

Runner-up: Dalton Frana - Decorah FFA

The sponsor of the Agricultural Education Proficiency Award is Craig and Lisa McEnany Family through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication
State Winner: Grant Hibbing
School: South O'Brien High School at Paullina
Description: Grant Hibbing of the South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina has worked over 2,400 hours and earned \$23,609 in the past 3 years by constructing and fabricating grain bin systems. He has gained skills in safety and learned procedures for constructing grain systems. Grant is currently attending Western Iowa Community College and plans to transfer to South Dakota State University to major in Ag Business.

Runner-Up: Dan Bahe - Oelwein FFA

The sponsor of the Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication is Minn-Tex Citrus - Minnesota through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance Entrepreneurship
State Winner: Ryan Franzen
School: Nashua-Plainfield High School at Nashua
Description: Ryan Franzen of the Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter has restored over five different tractors while being involved in his tractor restoration Supervised Agricultural Experience. His most recent restoration was his grandfather's 1938 Farmall F-14. He gained skills in sandblasting and painting as well as fabrication and welding. After high school Ryan plans on attending Hawkeye Community College and receiving a degree in Ag Power Technology.

Runner-up: Will Schott - Valley FFA Chapter at Elgin

The sponsor of the Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance Entrepreneurship is T and K Tractor Repair through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance Placement
State Winner: Patrick Diedrich
School: Central Clinton High School at DeWitt
Description: Patrick Diedrich of the Dewitt Central FFA Chapter has worked over 2,500 hours earning \$8,700 throughout the last three years. He has developed a variety of skills working alongside his father repairing equipment. Following high school Patrick plans to attend Iowa State University to major in agricultural engineering.

Runner-up: Ethan Zucrehor - Tri-Star FFA Chapter

The sponsor of the Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement is Gwen and Jerry Johnson through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Processing
State Winner: Whitney Lundberg
School: Southeast Webster High School at Burnside
Description: Whitney Lundberg of the Prairie Valley FFA Chapter harvests and processes deer for her Agricultural Processing SAE. She has learned how to skin, package, and freeze deer and their meats. Whitney plans to attend community college, and transfer to a 4 year college, majoring in biology.

Runner-up: Brady Eischeid - Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA Chapter at Coon Rapids

The sponsor of the Agricultural Processing Proficiency Award is Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship
State Winner: Holden Nyhus
School: Forest City
Description: Holden Nyhus of the Forest City FFA Chapter has earned over \$14,000 by selling beef, chickens and pork products over the past four years to local customers. He gained skills in communication and marketing, which leads to customer satisfaction. Holden is currently at Iowa State University studying Agricultural Education with plans of becoming an agricultural education instructor.

The sponsor of the Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Elanco Animal Health through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Sales Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Adriana Dubbelde
School: West Lyon High School at Inwood
Description: Adriana Dubbelde of the West Lyon FFA Chapter has worked over 1,500 hours at Larchwood Quickstop running the till, and making food products. She gained skills in customer relations and time management. Adriana plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Agriculture Business.

Runner-up: Sarah Doese - Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

The sponsor of the Agricultural Sales Placement Proficiency Award is Kent Feeds, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Services Proficiency Award
State Winner: Jamie Kane
School: North Linn High School at Troy Mills
Description: Jamie Kane of the North Linn FFA Chapter has worked over 900 hours and earned almost \$9000 over the past two years through his auctioneering SAE project. To broaden the marketability of his livestock auctioneering business, Jamie became certified as a bilingual auctioneer. In the future, Jamie plans to build a reputable auctioneering business to sell high-end livestock.

Runner-Up: Joseph Cobb - Marengo FFA Chapter at Marengo

The sponsor of the Agricultural Services Proficiency Award is Heartland Co-op through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Aquaculture Proficiency Award
State Winner: Jaye Nauman
School: North Linn High School at Troy Mills
Description: Jaye Nauman of the North Linn FFA Chapter has logged 269 hours as the Aquaculture manager at his chapter's Aquaculture lab this past year. Jaye developed many skills from this experience, including regulation of water temperatures and disease prevention. Jaye plans to attend the University of Iowa to major in Business and then return to his community to be a loan officer.

The sponsor of the Aquaculture Proficiency Award is Sonny Deke through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Beef Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Erika Lundy
School: Adair-Casey High School at Adair
Description: Erika Lundy from the Adair-Casey FFA Chapter owns ten cows, eleven calves and five heifers in her beef production SAE. She has gained skills in artificial insemination and embryo transfer to utilize eggs from outstanding parents. Upon graduation, Erika plans to major in Animal Science at Iowa State University.

Runner-Up: Clayton Hester - North Mahaska FFA at New Sharon

The sponsor of the Beef Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Kent Feeds, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Beef Production Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Tyler Faber
School: Sioux Center High School
Description: Tyler Faber from the Sioux Center FFA Chapter has worked over 1700 hours for Faber show cattle helping maintain a herd of over 140 cows. He gained skills in artificial insemination including heat detection and timing. Tyler plans on attending Iowa State University to major in biology and continue to medical school.

Runner-Up: Jordan Van Beek - Rock Valley FFA Chapter

The sponsor of the Beef Production Placement Proficiency Award is Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Dairy Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award

State Winner: Amanda Franck

School: Central Clinton High School at DeWitt

Description: Amanda Franck of the Dewitt Central FFA Chapter currently owns 13 head of purebred Brown Swiss cattle. Her 6 young cows produce an average of 16,000 pounds of milk per 305 day production cycle. Through her SAE project, she has gained experience in herd health with disease prevention and controlling mastitis. Following high school, Amanda plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Dairy Science.

Runner-Up: Chelsey Fagle - North Fayette FFA Chapter at West Union

The sponsor of the Dairy Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Accelerated Genetics through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Dairy Production Placement Proficiency Award

State Winner: Jessica Hammerand

School: West Dubuque High School at Epworth

Description: Jessica Hammerand of the West Dubuque FFA Chapter has worked 3,204 hours on the Heavenlee Holsteins family farm operations. She has gained experiences in nutrition and forage selection through research activities. Following high school, Jessica plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in Dairy Science with an emphasis in genetics, and medical research.

Runner-Up: Steve Eskildsen – Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

The sponsor of the Dairy Production Placement Proficiency Award is Prairie Farms/Swiss Valley Division through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Agricultural Production Proficiency Award

State Winner: Tory Mogler

School: West Lyon High School at Inwood

Description: Tory Mogler of the West Lyon FFA Chapter has been employed on a multi-family farm working in the areas of crop, swine, and beef production. Through her SAE project, she logged 1,875 hours over a 3-year period. Tory has gained many useful skills, including animal health care, grain handling, and feed mill operation. After graduation, she plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Business and Economics, and then return to the family farm to contribute to the operation.

Runner-Up: Matt Ollendieck - LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

The sponsor of the Diversified Agricultural Production Proficiency Award is Hertz Farm Management through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Brent Sexton
School: Rockwell City – Lytton High School at Rockwell City
Description: In the summer of 2009, Brent Sexton of the Rockwell City - Lytton FFA Chapter harvested 400 dozen ears of sweet corn, 3540 pounds of asparagus, and over 570 pounds of sorghum. He also raises pumpkins, gourds, and squash. In response to customer requests, he added new varieties and crops to his production, increasing his sales by 150%. Brent plans to attend a four-year college and then a veterinary medicine school to become a food production veterinarian.

Runner-Up: David Anderegg – Tri-Star FFA Chapter

The sponsor of the Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Channel Bio LLC through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Crop Production Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Todd Raemaeker
School: Creston High School
Description: Over the past 4 years, Todd Raemaeker of the Creston FFA Chapter has worked over 1,100 hours and earned nearly \$8,000 working at Baker Farms. Through his SAE project, he has gained skills in operating and maintaining different farm machinery. Todd currently Iowa State University where he is working towards a degree in Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Studies. He looks forward to contributing to the agricultural industry.

Runner-Up: Jesse Hanson - Sioux Central FFA Chapter at Sioux Rapids

The sponsor of the Diversified Crop Production Placement Proficiency Award is Legend Seeds, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Horticulture Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Kaitlyn Friday
School: Pleasantville High School
Description: Kaitlyn Friday of the Pleasantville FFA Chapter earned over \$1,700 through her business raising over 500 pumpkins, mums, gourds, and Indian corn. She has learned many important skills including proper care for her plants to produce a quality final product, and effective marketing strategies. Kaitlyn plans to attend college and earn a degree.

The sponsor of the Diversified Horticulture Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is DMACC Horticulture through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Horticulture Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Renee Castenson
School: Prairie Valley High School at Gowrie
Description: Renee Castenson of the Prairie Valley FFA Chapter has worked 498 hours and earned nearly \$1,500 working with her SAE project. Through her project, she has learned proper care and upkeep of plants and lawns, as well as safe operation of equipment. Renee plans to attend Simpson College to major in Nutrition and Physical Therapy.

Runner-Up: Jake Manternach - Cascade FFA Chapter at Cascade

The sponsor of the Diversified Horticulture Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Country Landscapes, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Livestock Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Ayla Peppmeier
School: Creston High School
Description: This past year, Ayla Peppmeier of the Creston FFA Chapter has raised 3 sows and litters, 4 cow-calf pairs, 3 market beef, and 2 horses. Through her SAE project, she has gained skills in animal selection, breeding, and balancing rations. Ayla currently attends Southwestern Iowa Community College and plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University to pursue a degree in education.

Runner-Up: Robyn Culver - Dewitt Central FFA Chapter at Dewitt

The sponsor of the Diversified Livestock Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Iowa Livestock Auction Markets Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Livestock Production Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Ronald Rahn, Jr.
School: Prairie Valley High School at Gowrie
Description: Ronald Rahn, Jr. of Prairie Valley FFA has worked for 2 different livestock farms working with both cattle and hogs and earning over \$10,000. He has learned animal husbandry by keeping livestock in low-stress conditions, which helps with efficiency and handling. He has also learned that communication is very important in any business endeavor. Ronald plans to attend community college and earn a degree in agriculture.

Runner-Up: Cody Korthaus - Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton

The sponsor of the Diversified Livestock Production Placement Proficiency Award is Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Emerging Agricultural Technology Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Nick Kleese
School: Washington High School
Description: Four years of crop production experience, two years of research experience, and working with hundreds of plant varieties helped Nick Kleese develop a very successful SAE project. Through his work, he has proved an active understanding of the genetic improvement process and cross-pollination. Upon graduation, Nick plans to attend college for marketing communications.

Runner-Up: Griffin Humphreys - North Linn FFA, Troy Mills

The sponsor of the Emerging Agricultural Technology Placement Proficiency Award is Farmer's Cooperative Co. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Environmental Science Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Brittany Turnis
School: Cascade High School
Description: Brittany Turnis of the Cascade FFA has worked over 1366 hours over the past two years as a guide in training. She has learned how to communicate effectively with fellow canoeist, and the importance of leaving the environment in pristine condition for others to enjoy. Brittany plans to attend college at the University of Minnesota to obtain a degree in environmental science policy and management as well as chemistry.

Runner-up: Emma Sunderman - Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

The sponsor of the Environmental Science Placement Proficiency Award is Agri-Drain Corporation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Equine Science Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Crystal McGarry
School: Northeast High School at Goose Lake
Description: Training and breaking horses for clients, Crystal McGarry of the Goose Lake FFA Chapter has trained 2 horses for different clients and has earned over \$1000 over the past year. She has gained skills in time management and training and taking care of horses. Upon graduation Crystal plans to attend Iowa State University or Kirkwood Community College for an education in the equine industry.

Runner-up: Bailie Walters - Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

The sponsor of the Equine Science Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Ellsworth Community College through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Equine Science Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Coltin Barnes
School: South O'Brien High School at Paullina
Description: Colton Barnes of the South O'Brien FFA Chapter has accumulated 1267 hours of experience in his equine SAE. He has learned skills such as safe handling of non domesticated horses. Colton plans to attend Mitchell Technical Institute majoring in agriculture technology and to later return to the Barnes Rodeo Company

Runner-up: Taylor Perkins - Oelwein FFA

The sponsor of the Equine Science Placement Proficiency Award is Iowa Horse Council through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production Proficiency Award
State Winner: Zach Boss
School: West Delaware High School at Manchester
Description: For the past 4 years, Zach Boss of the West Delaware FFA Chapter has had over \$50,000 of return to capital through his SAE project. Zach has gained many skills in scouting soybean fields and marketing his certified organic soybean crop. Zach is currently attending Iowa State University working towards a degree in agronomy and marketing.

Runner-Up: Thomas McConohy - Dewitt-Central FFA, Dewitt

The sponsor of the Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production Proficiency Award is Iowa Soybean Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Floriculture Proficiency Award
State Winner: Kellie Walters
School: Clayton Ridge High School at Guttenberg
Description: Kellie Walters of the Tri-Star FFA Chapter has worked nearly 1795 hours and earned \$10,665 working at a floral shop, which developed her interests and skills enough to start her own business. Through her experiences with her SAE, she has developed useful skills in customer service, floral design and handling, and record keeping. Kellie plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Education and Horticulture. She hopes to become an agriculture education teacher and own a floral business in her free time.

Runner-Up: Stephanie Koch - North Fayette FFA, West Union

The sponsor of the Floriculture Proficiency Award is Minn Tex Citrus-Iowa through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Food Science and Technology Proficiency Award

State Winner: Abby Alberts

School: Oelwein High School

Description: Abby Alberts from the Oelwein FFA Chapter has worked 2315 hours and earned \$9664 through her employment at Ice Cream Junction. She has obtained skills in communication, food safety and sanitation. Upon graduation, Abby plans to attend Hawkeye Community College and to have a career in Agriculture or food science.

Runner-Up: Melissa Gehl - Cascade FFA Chapter, Cascade

The sponsor of the Food Science and Technology Proficiency Award is Mrs. Clark's Food, Inc./AGRI Industries through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Forage Production Proficiency Award

State Winner: Sam McConnell

School: Atlantic High School

Description: Over the past year and a half, Sam McConnell of the Atlantic FFA Chapter has worked over 75 hours and earned over \$750 in forage production. Through her involvement with this SAE project, she has gained many skills in maintenance of forage equipment and marketing a forage crop. Following high school, Sam plans to attend Iowa State University for Veterinary Medicine.

Runner-Up: Jacob Sargent - Cascade FFA, Cascade

The sponsor of the Forage Production Proficiency Award is Koopman Hay and Forage through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Forest Management & Products Placement Proficiency Award

State Winner: Andrew Pesek

School: West Delaware High School at Manchester

Description: Andrew Pesek of the West Delaware FFA chapter has worked 758 hours and has accumulated a net worth of \$5300. He has learned forestry management skills and has a plan for every step of his future career. Andrew plans to attend college and then take over management of the family farm.

Runner-up: Hannah Wiersma - Wapsie Valley High School at Fairbank

The sponsor of the Forest Management & Products Placement Proficiency Award is Iowa Tree Farm Committee through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Fruit Production Proficiency Award
State Winner: Anna Buenneke
School: Oelwein High School
Description: Over the past 3 years, Anna Buenneke of the Oelwein FFA Chapter has worked over 530 hours at Bagge's Strawberry Farm earning almost \$4000. Through her SAE project, she gained skills in communication and problem solving, as well as organization and management. Anna plans to attend college to earn a degree in Business before working in the business industry.

The sponsor of the Fruit Production Proficiency Award is 4 Seasons Fundraising through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Grain Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Dustin Bigler
School: Decorah High School
Description: Dustin Bigler of the Decorah FFA chapter rented 15 acres of land from his neighbor and harvested over 2000 bushels of corn from that land. He has learned skills related to planting and marketing his crops, as well as marketing his product. After high school Dustin plans to work for John Deere as a mechanic and farm on the side.

The sponsor of the Grain Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Iowa Crop Improvement Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Grain Production Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Jacob D. Seil
School: Prairie Valley High School at Gowrie
Description: Over the past four years Jacob Seil of the Prairie Valley FFA Chapter has worked over 1000 hours and earned over \$7500 while working for Seil Farms. He has gained many valuable skills in grain production and has become fluent in corn production terminology. Currently attending DMACC, Jacob plans to earn a degree in Farm Management or Agronomy and hopes to someday take over the family farm.

Runner-Up: Maria Elizabeth McEnany - Colo-NESCO FFA at Colo

The sponsor of the Grain Production Placement Proficiency Award is Heartland Co-op through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Home and/or Community Development Proficiency Award
State Winner: Michael Corcoran
School: Wapsie Valley High School at Fairbank
Description: Michael Walters of the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter worked over 1,000 hours and earned \$5,768 at Dalton Plumbing Heating and Cooling for his SAE Project. Among several skills gained, he learned techniques in braising, soldering, and wiring. Michael also obtained excellent communication skills. Upon graduation, Michael plans to attend a college and receive a Master's degree in plumbing.

Runner-Up: Tucker Kehoe - Prairie Valley FFA, Gowrie

The sponsor of the Home and/or Community Development Proficiency Award is Iowa Farmer Today through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Landscape Management Proficiency Award
State Winner: Shawn Ledesma
School: Oelwein High School
Description: Shawn Ledesma of the Oelwein FFA Chapter has earned over \$14,000 in the 1,961 hours he worked at Desi's landscaping and lawn care. While working Shawn was able to gain skills in landscape design, trimming and pruning installment. Upon graduation, Shawn plans to attend Hawkeye community college where he will pursue a degree in horticulture.

Runner-Up: Tanner Kehoe- Prairie Valley FFA at Gowrie

The sponsor of the Landscape Management Proficiency Award is North Linn FFA Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Nursery Operations Proficiency Award
State Winner: Clark Knobloch
School: West Lyon High School at Inwood
Description: Clark Knobloch of the West Lyon FFA Chapter logged over 913 hours working in his family's greenhouse business outside of Inwood. In the over 50,000 square foot facility, he has worked to provide care to over 1,500 plants and has also mastered the operation of a flat filler. As a junior at West Lyon High School, Clark plans to attend Iowa State University upon graduation.

Runner-Up: Matthew Johnson- Wapsie Valley FFA at Fairbank

The sponsor of the Nursery Operations Proficiency Award is Dallas Johnson Greenhouse, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Award
State Winner: Mike Meisheid
School: North Linn High School at Troy Mills
Description: Mike Meisheid of the North Linn FFA Chapter has worked 641 hours and earned \$4,361 working for the Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball team, maintaining the field. He also has a bent grass golf green he developed. Mike has learned skills in turf maintenance including mowing and fertilization. After high school he plans to attend Iowa State University and study civil engineering, eventually owning his own engineering firm.

Runner-up: Levi Hughes - DeWitt Central FFA at DeWitt

The sponsor of the Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Award is the Iowa Trappers Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Poultry Production Proficiency Award
State Winner: Easton Lovelace
School: Central Clinton High School at DeWitt
Description: Easton Lovelace of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter has raised over 150 Cornish Rock broiler chickens and earned \$5,787 through his poultry production SAE. He has learned fund management skills and has made financial plans to determine potential income and expenses. Easton plans to attend Iowa State University possibly majoring in Agricultural Engineering.

Runner-up: Isaiah Gray - Lakeside FFA at Ventura

The sponsor of the Poultry Production Proficiency Award is the Iowa Poultry Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Sheep Production Proficiency Award
State Winner: Jacob Fox
School: Sibley-Ocheyedan High School at Sibley
Description: Over the past several years, Jacob Fox of the Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA Chapter has steadily increased the size of his flock for his sheep production SAE. By constantly working to improve his herd, he has increased efficiency in the number of lambs raised and the rate of gain for his market lambs. Jacob Fox currently attends Iowa State University where he is majoring in Agricultural Education.

Runner-Up: Kaci Keitzer - Mediapolis FFA Chapter at Mediapolis

The sponsor of the Sheep Production Proficiency Award is Doug Mounce through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Small Animal Production and Care Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Cally Bengston
School: Jesup High School
Description: Cally Bengston of the Jesup FFA Chapter has returned over \$8,000 to capital through her SAE project. She has gained skills in administering shots, as well as communication skills. Cally plans to attend Hawkeye Community College majoring in Animal Science or Vet Assistant. She then plans to transfer to Iowa State University.

Runner-up: Logan Kennedy - DeWitt Central FFA at DeWitt

The sponsor of the Small Animal Production and Care Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Heska through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Small Animal Production and Care Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Deanne Chapman
School: Monticello High School
Description: Deanne Chapman of the Monticello FFA Chapter has worked 3,730 hours in her family's rabbit production business. She has gained skills in preparing rabbits for shows, and selective breeding to improve the genetic make-up of her rabbits. After high school she plans to attend college and become an agriculture education instructor.

Runner-up: Liz Bealy - Creston FFA Chapter

The sponsor of the Small Animal Production and Care Placement Proficiency Award is Nestle Purina Pet Care through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Specialty Animal Production Proficiency Award
State Winner: Kyle Kleve
School: Starmont High School at Arlington
Description: Kyle Kleve of the Starmont FFA Chapter has increased his goat herd from 139 to 185 goats; and his earnings from \$10,475 to \$14,300. He has obtained skills in marketing his goat milk and maintaining business relationships. Kyle plans to attend a four year college for a Natural Resources degree.

Runner-up: Isaac Sedlmayr - Creston FFA Chapter

The sponsor of the Specialty Animal Production Proficiency Award is MinnTex Citrus-Iowa through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Specialty Crop Proficiency Award
State Winner: Trent Kischer
School: Laurens-Marathon High School at Laurens
Description: Trent Kischer of the Laurens-Marathon Tall Corn FFA Chapter planted a quarter of an acre of ornamental corn that he sold to various markets. Some of his customers include grocery stores and farmers' markets. Trent has added value to his products by incorporating creative marketing strategies. He plans to attend a four year college to obtain a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

Runner-Up: Morgan Diedrich- Dewitt Central FFA Chapter at Dewitt

The sponsor of the Specialty Crop Proficiency Award is the Iowa FFA Alumni Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Jamie Helmricks
School: West Delaware High School at Manchester
Description: Jamie Helmricks of the West Delaware FFA Chapter owns a 16 head breeding stock and operates his own club pig business. He has learned how to artificially inseminate sows and gilts and stockmanship skills in understanding feed additives and sanitation techniques. Jamie plans to pursue a two year degree in agri business and swine production at Kirkwood Community College.

Runner-up: Rex Miller - Prairie Valley FFA Chapter at Gowrie

The sponsor of the Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Iowa Pork Producers Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Swine Production Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Mitch Wulfekuhle
School: North Linn High School at Troy Mills
Description: Mitch Wulfekuhle of the North Linn FFA Chapter has earned more than \$14,000 working at Classic Pork, LLC, which finishes about 15,000 hogs on an annual basis. He has learned skills in maintaining swine herd health and how to manage the feeding program for the company. Mitch plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in management information systems.

Runner-up: Janae Mogler - West Lyon FFA

The sponsor of the Swine Production Placement Proficiency Award is Hog Slat through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Turf Grass Management Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
State Winner: Cory Van Fossen
School: Anamosa High School
Description: Cory Van Fossen from the Anamosa FFA Chapter has increase his lawn care business customer base from 4 to 14 clients and has had a return to capital labor and management in excess of \$23,000. He has gained invaluable skills in yard care and lawn maintenance while performing this SAE. After high school, Cory plans on attending Kirkwood Community College to be certified as an EMT-B and to receive a degree in automotive and diesel mechanics.

Runner-up: Spencer Bakerink - Creston FFA Chapter at Creston

The sponsor of the Turf Grass Management Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Iowa Turf Grass Institute through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Turf Grass Management Placement Proficiency Award
State Winner: Maggie Reiter
School: Cascade High School
Description: Maggie Reiter of the Cascade FFA has worked 780 hours for her local golf club, earning \$5,745. She has learned to repair winter damage caused by ice and snow, as well as operating a reel mower. Maggie plans to attend the University of Minnesota and major in physics.

Runner-Up: Nathan Elbers - Rock Valley FFA Chapter

The sponsor of the Turf Grass Management Placement Proficiency Award is Davis Equipment Corp./Turfwerks through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Vegetable Production Proficiency Award
State Winner: Jeremiah Janssen
School: Washington High School at Vinton
Description: Jeremiah Janssen of the Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter has increased his vegetable production enterprise over the last year to 1.8 acres of sweet corn, with a production of over 9,500 ears per acre. He has developed an extensive marketing system that involves a local grocery store and restaurant, as well as the local farmers' market and newspaper ads. Jeremiah plans to attend Iowa State University and major in engineering.

Runner-Up: Derek Stecklein, Oelwein FFA Chapter at Oelwein

The sponsor of the Vegetable Production Proficiency Award is 4 Seasons Fundraising through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Veterinary Medicine Proficiency Award

State Winner: Brandon DeBruin

School: Albia High School

Description: Brandon DeBruin of the Albia FFA Chapter has worked over 900 hours and earned over \$5000 in his SAE. He has learned skills in surgical preparation and sanitation. Also he has gained knowledge in maintaining quality customer service and answering customer concerns and questions. Brandon plans to attend Iowa State University and major in veterinary medicine.

Runner-Up: Emilee Boyd - Monticello FFA Chapter at Monticello

The sponsor of the Veterinary Medicine Award is the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Wildlife Production and Management Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award

State Winner: Sean Robinson

School: Sioux Center High School at Sioux Center

Description: Sean Robinson from the Sioux Center FFA Chapter has set over 126 traps and had a catch rate of 72% throughout the last year. He has gained skills in the area of wildlife habits and processes involved with trapping. After high school he would like to continue learning about wildlife and their habitats by becoming involved in wildlife management.

Runner-up: Alex Glutfelder – Atlantic High School

The sponsor of the Wildlife Production and Management Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Iowa Division Izaak Walton League through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Wildlife Production and Management Placement Proficiency Award

State Winner: Andrew Hofbauer

School: Prairie Valley High School at Gowrie

Description: Andrew Hofbauer of the Prairie Valley FFA Chapter has worked over 641 hours and earned \$950 in his wildlife production and management SAE. He has learned skills in planting trees and shrubs, as well as vegetation control measures. He plans to attend Simpson College to earn a bachelor in criminal justice.

Runner-up: Nick McClimon -Dewitt Central FFA at DeWitt

The sponsor of the Wildlife Production and Management Placement Proficiency Award is the Iowa Pheasants Forever Council through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Veterinary Medicine Proficiency Award

State Winner: Brandon DeBruin

School: Albia High School

Description: Brandon DeBruin of the Albia FFA Chapter has worked over 900 hours and earned over \$5000 in his SAE. He has learned skills in surgical preparation and sanitation. Also he has gained knowledge in maintaining quality customer service and answering customer concerns and questions. Brandon plans to attend Iowa State University and major in veterinary medicine.

Runner-Up: Emilee Boyd - Monticello FFA Chapter at Monticello

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