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## News Release

# 2022 Stars Over Iowa Winners Announced

AMES, IOWA—The 2022 Stars Over Iowa Winners were announced at the 94<sup>th</sup> Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Iowa State University on April 12, 2022. A Star Over Iowa was selected in each of the four different areas: Agricultural Placement, Agribusiness, Agriscience, and Agricultural Production.

The 2022 Star in Ag Placement Winner is Megan Clark of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Her ag placement SAE is within agricultural communications and she is a part of the CAC Media Group that specializes in print, digital, and social media. Megan has invested over 1,150 hours into her SAE since she was a freshman in high school. Her responsibilities on the team include conducting interviews with professionals in the ag industry, traveling to livestock shows and conferences throughout the country to create media content, and many others within writing articles, creating videos, and snapping photos. Clark has served as her chapter's secretary and vice president. In addition, she has served as a district officer and is the state first place Agricultural Communications Proficiency award winner. After graduation Megan plans on attending Iowa State University to receive a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications. She is the daughter of Bill and Ange Clark. Her chapter advisors are Amy Grantz and Jenna Stevens. Her high school principal is George Pickup and her Superintendent is Dr. Dan Peterson.

Drew Stock is a member of the Little Switzerland FFA Chapter. He owns and manages a Gelbvieh beef herd of 16 cows and 27 head of market calves. He got involved in the beef industry when he was gifted his first Gelbvieh balancer female from his father at age five. He has grown his herd from a 13 to a 43 head herd. He has strategically retained the best genetics, increasing the quality of his herd. His goal is to increase the size of this herd. He is currently serving as chapter sentinel and is the reserve champion beef production entrepreneurship award winner. After graduation, Drew will attend South Dakota State University to major in agricultural business and animal science production systems. He is the son of Mark and Stacy Stock. His chapter advisor is Ms. Jessica O'Connor. His high school principal is Ms. Jennifer Garin, and his Superintendent is Mr. Jay Mathis.

Davin Wickman of the Monticello FFA Chapter is the 2022 Star in Agribusiness winner. He owns and operates Wickman Lawn Care. Davin was inspired at a young age by his family, who later encouraged him to build his business. Growing his clientele from 4 to 23 properties, Davin has learned the importance of planning, organization, and communication. Davin plans to expand his services to include fertilizer and herbicide applications for the 2023 season. Wickman has served as his chapter sentinel, president, and student advisor. He also received a Gold rating on his TurfGrass Management Proficiency. After graduating high school, Davin plans to attend Kirkwood Community College to major in Golf Course and Sports Turfgrass Management. Davin is the son of Alan and Amy Wickman. His FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Schmitt, and his principals are Mr. Nick Schauf and Mrs. Joan Young. His Superintendent is Dr. Brian Jaeger.

The Star in Agriscience Winner is Tessa Tauke of the Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville. She researches various issues in agriculture and presents her findings to the State and National agriscience fairs. She became interested in agriscience through the problems that she encountered on her family farm and her passion for solving them. Through Tessa's research, she has learned how to use statistical analyses, communicates her projects, and uses new types of equipment each year. So far in her projects, Tauke has worked with adhesives, corroded trailer connectors, toxicity in black walnut plants, and her most recent project involving UV emittance from welding and plasma cutting. Tessa is a two-time national champion in the area of Power, Structural and Technical Systems Divisions 1 and 3, and she is currently serving as the Northeast Sub-District Vice President. After graduation in 2023, she plans to attend a four-year university.



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## **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 18,300 student members as part of 252 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at [IowaFFA.com](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.