



83rd Annual Nebraska FFA Convention

Theme: Infinite Potential

April 6-8, 2011

Lincoln, Nebraska

2011 Nebraska FFA Convention Results

Attendance: 3544 members registered

Agricultural Issues Academy

The Agricultural Issues Academy (AIA) was organized by the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (A-FAN), along with Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Corn Growers Association and the Nebraska Pork Producers Association. It is a new opportunity for Nebraska FFA members to learn about the issues involving Nebraska Agriculture. Thirty-six students were selected for the AIA to learn about issues in agriculture that most interest them. Prior to convention, the AIA participants reviewed materials and researched topics. Students took part in round-robin sessions and learned how to speak to lawmakers, share a positive message in TV and radio interviews and learned about written and online communications. Students also visited the State Capitol and interacted with State Senators.

Jamie Bialas, Holdrege
Kaydee Caldwell, Sandy Creek
Makenzie Cockerill, Greeley-Wolbach
Alyssa Dye, Alliance
Jessy Eggerling, Milford
Ian Fallon, Randolph
Amy Fleer, Pierce
Jamie Frenzen, Fullerton
Lukas Fricke, David City
Katelyn Fritsche, McCook
Kelcey Garey, Medicine Valley
Sydney Gehl, Wheeler Central
Katie Gubbels, Laurel-Concord
Leanna Gubbels, Laurel-Concord
Hilary Kasperbauer, Wheeler Central
Jewel Krieger, O'Neill
Elizabeth Kube, Crofton
Katie Lesiak, Fullerton

Alix Mashino, West Boyd
James McCabe, O'Neill
Will Miller, McCook
Aaron Neujahr, Osceola
Moriah Nygren, Mead
Haley Oestreich, Pierce
Jordan Paine, Southern Valley
Travis Poppe, Crofton
Kristen Reiman, West Boyd
Jeana Rezac, Crete
Matthew Rozic, Mead
Shawnee Schoenrock, Superior
Lindsay Schwartz, McCool Junction
Rick Siebert, Heartland
Logan Sieck, Crete
Chelsea Sonderup, Fullerton
Don Treptow, Mead
Curtis Wetovick, Fullerton

National Chapter Awards

Nebraska FFA chapters devote time and energy serving their members, chapters, and communities. These chapters excel in conducting activities and events.

The National Chapter Awards are sponsored by John Deere.

Receiving a certificate of recognition for being a superior chapter:

- Central City
- Creighton
- Diller-Odell
- Nebraska City
- North Bend
- Osceola
- Palmyra

Receiving superior chapter certificates and a bronze emblem recognition:

- Ainsworth
- Conestoga
- David City
- Elgin

Receiving superior chapter certificates and silver emblem recognition:

- Fullerton
- Heartland
- Holdrege
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- McCool Junction
- Mead
- Plainview
- Rock County
- Twin River

Receiving a superior certificate and gold emblem recognition in the National Chapter Program:

- Broken Bow
- Centennial
- Central
- Fairbury
- Franklin
- Hartington
- Humphrey
- Imperial
- Leigh-Clarkson
- Norris
- Pender
- Pierce
- Red Cloud
- Schuyler
- Seward
- Shickley
- Stuart
- Superior
- Sutton
- Verdigre
- York

2011 State AgriEntrepreneurship Awards

These members have taken on responsibilities of developing their own business and using their hard work and dedication to manage that business. They have developed these businesses through their supervised agricultural experience programs and have gone above and beyond expectations.

Silver:

Jami Johnson, Conestoga

State Runner-up:

Mark Keck, Plainview

2011 State AgriEntrepreneurship State Winner:

Dillon Ochsner, Sutton

Dillon owns and operates Bass 4-U Fish Farm. He raises largemouth bass in a pond four miles from his home. Dillon markets his bass for profit to fish farm clientele in Nebraska and Kansas for stocking sport fish. He plans to expand and add more clientele and increase bass production.

2011 Agriscience Student of the Year

The Agriscience Student of the Year Award recognizes FFA members who conduct scientific research and projects in the agricultural industry.

2011 Agriscience Student of the Year:

Patrick Arkfeld, Lourdes Central

Patrick's research is based on his SAE of swine production. His ultimate goal was to build a proper testing mechanism to test needle strength for swine injections. He discovered using an aluminum hub disposable needle reduces occurrence of bending which can cause tissue damage.

Chapter Safety Awards

The state awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

This award recognizes those chapters that have taken the initiative to educate people in their schools and communities about safety.

Bronze Merit Awards:

Central
Gothenburg
Humphrey
North Bend

Silver Merit Awards:

- Creighton
- Fairbury
- Holdrege
- O'Neill
- Pender
- Red Cloud
- Twin River
- Shickley

Receiving a Gold merit certificate and a plaque for being one of the top ten chapters in safety are:

- Broken Bow
- Centennial
- Franklin
- Hartington
- Leigh
- Ravenna
- Stuart
- Superior
- Verdigre
- York

Governor's Award of Excellence

Sponsored by Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)

The Governor's Award of Excellence rewards FFA chapters who are committed to bettering their communities and improving opportunities for members in their chapter. Grants of \$1,000 and \$2,500 are available to FFA chapters across the state. Chapters use grants to increase technology use, community development projects, and agricultural knowledge for students, schools, and communities. The grants are sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority.

- Amherst
- Centennial
- Cody-Kilgore
- Conestoga
- Franklin
- Freeman
- Garden County
- Holdrege
- Lawrence-Nelson
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- McCool Junction
- Mead
- Norris
- Sandy Creek
- Schuyler
- Scottsbluff
- Stuart
- Superior
- West Point

New Nebraska FFA Chapter Charters:

Chapter Officer Symbols sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

Banner County
Friend
Garden County
McPherson County
Morrill

Nebraska FFA Advisors of the Year:

Sponsored by Nebraska Farm Bureau

Dave Barnard, Superior
Greg Nollette, Valentine

Gary Scharf Helping Hand Award:

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

Wade Hilker, Columbus Lakeview

Premier Chapter Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Alumni

The awards honor chapters whose applications will go on to compete at the National level. These chapters are being recognized for their outstanding program of activities and development of their students, chapter and community.

Thirteen Premier Nebraska Chapters:

- Broken Bow
- Central
- Fairbury
- Hartington
- Humphrey
- Imperial
- Norris
- Pender
- Schuyler
- Seward
- Stuart
- Superior
- York

2011 VIP Award

Tammy Meyer, Nebraska FFA Foundation

2011 Distinguished Service Award

Nebraska Rural Radio Network

Honorary State FFA Degrees

2011 Nebraska Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients:
(Advisors)

Joel Miller, Hampton
Philip Simpson, Burwell
Katy Snyder, West Central
Amy Tomlinson, Lawrence-Nelson and Sandy Creek

(Friends and Supporters)

Doug Dolezal, Crete
Mark Hastreiter, Member of the Nebraska FFA Foundation Board of Directors, Kearney
Chris Kalkowski, Member of the Nebraska FFA Foundation Board of Directors, Omaha
Scott and Tracey Kaup, Stuart
Mark Knobel, Member of the Nebraska FFA Foundation Board of Directors, Fairbury

Cory Kopsa, Superior
Rhonda Lechtenberg, Ainsworth
Leland Novacek, Valparaiso
Keith Olsen, Member and President of Nebraska FFA Foundation Board of Directors,
Royce Schaneman, Past Member of the Nebraska Foundation Board of Directors, Lincoln
Mike and Lori Sheehan, Seward
Paul Sheffield, Exeter
Tim Sherbeck, Davenport
Jenise Straight, Shickley

Natural Resources Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Every year, FFA chapters and members give their time and effort to preserve our natural resources. Chapters participate in conservation activities and events to improve their knowledge of how to preserve our environment. Activities include natural resources awareness, community water tests to check for contamination to soil quality experiments.

Silver emblem certificates:

Gothenburg
Greeley-Wolbach
Ord
Red Cloud

The top ten chapters in the state in natural resources educational activities:

- Broken Bow
- Central
- Conestoga
- Fairbury
- Norris
- Ravenna
- Schuyler
- Superior
- Verdigre
- York

Community Development Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

These chapters definitely know what it means to serve and develop their communities. They spent long hours planning ways to improve their communities and become involved in a wide array of activities to promote a sense of community pride.

Bronze emblem recognition:

- Gothenburg
- Humphrey
- North Bend
- Shickley

Silver emblem recognition:

- Broken Bow
- Creighton
- Fairbury
- Leigh
- Norris
- O'Neill
- Plainview
- Twin River
- Verdigre

Gold emblem recognition:

- Central
- Hartington
- McCool Junction
- Holdrege

Gold Certificate and plaque as one of the top ten chapters in Community Development:

- Franklin
- Mead
- Pender
- Ravenna
- Red cloud
- Schuyler
- Seward
- Stuart
- Superior
- York

Ag Technology Participants

The state awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Bronze:

Haley Knobel, Fairbury

State Runner-up:

Brian Simonsen, Superior

First Place:

Katie Umland, Fairbury

Go Green Challenge

This year, Nebraska FFA, as a part of Nebraska Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning, connected with other Career Student Organizations in a collaborative effort to protect the environment and Go Green. Chapters completed at least two green projects such as starting recycling drives and hosting guest speakers.

- Broken Bow
- Crete
- Gothenburg
- McCook
- Newman Grove
- Southern Valley

Cornerstone Awards

Awards sponsored by Cornerstone Bank

Our school administrators are people that share insight, wisdom, and guidance with FFA members, chapters, and communities. For the past seven years, an award has been provided to a very elite group of people. The Nebraska FFA Cornerstone Award is presented to school administrators who support their local agricultural education programs and FFA chapters. The strength and growth of our organization would not be possible without the hard work and dedication that these administrators give to their communities and schools.

- Dr. Curtis Cogswell, Superintendent, McCool Junction Public Schools
- Mr. Robert Drews, Principal, Holdrege High School
- Mr. Doug Kittle, Principal, Aurora High School
- Dr. Amy Shane, Superintendent, O'Neill High School

UNL FFA Alumni Awards Scholarships

An active campus organization, the UNL FFA Alumni provides opportunities for past FFA members to stay involved and give back through selfless service. Each year, the UNL FFA Alumni awards scholarships to assist FFA chapters in taking their officer teams to COLT conference.

Scholarship recipients:

- Amherst
- David City
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- Superior

State Stars

The state awards are sponsored by Syngenta Seeds—NK, Garst and Golden Harvest.

2011 Nebraska Star in Agribusiness:

Justin Imm, Ainsworth

Justin Imm is the son of Rod and Susan Imm. His FFA Advisor is Roger Lechtenberg. Justin's SAE included a lawn care business with 25 yards and a sheep operation with 40 ewes. Justin developed skills in lawn and turf care management along with raising, feeding, and marketing his livestock. He has enlisted in the United States Navy and will be going to basic training this summer.

2011 Nebraska Star in Placement:

Emily Osborne, Central

Emily Osborne is the daughter of Jesse Osborne. Her FFA Advisors have been Mark Bloss and Jeff Schellpeper. Emily's SAE included working at an ag law office, beef feedlot, pool, and restaurant. She developed skills in recordkeeping, customer relations, legal correspondence, and sales. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Chemistry.

2011 Nebraska Star in Agriscience

Don Treptow

Don Treptow is the son of Glen and JoAnn Treptow. His FFA Advisor is Kori Jensen. Don's SAE includes conducting agronomic pest research as an employee of the University of Nebraska Agricultural Research and Development Center Entomology Department. Don's skills include collecting, preparing, and identifying insects; grading and evaluating root and stalk damage in corn plants. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Agronomy.

2011 Nebraska Star in Production:

Tyler Bankson, Hampton

Tyler Bankson is the son of Brian and Nadine Bankson. His FFA advisor is Joel Miller. Tyler owns 30 head of feeder cattle and rents 40 acres of cropland. He has acquired skills to market grain and livestock, balance feed rations, and perform soil analysis tests. Tyler plans to attend Southeast Community College in Beatrice and major in Agronomy.

Leadership Skills Events

Creed Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Ashlyn Johnson	Blair	Bronze
Brittany Jefferson	Central City	Bronze
Amy Mueller	Crofton	Gold
Brett Kinney	Elgin	Bronze
Adam Umland	Fairbury	Silver
Alyssa Hambleton	Fullerton	Gold
Courtney Hunsakler	Kimball	Silver
Samuel Morse	Lakeview	Gold
Elisabeth Loseke	Lakeview	Silver
Haleigh Pike	Morrill	Silver
Ashley Anderson	Norris	Bronze
Hannah Ronnau	Norris	Gold
Jacob Goldfuss	O'Neill	Bronze
Jacob Sebade	Pender	First
MacKenzie Lemmons	Randolph	Second
Megan Ockinga	Red Cloud	Silver
Ryan Pavelka	Sandy Creek	Silver
Madison Kozeal	Sargent	Bronze
Kasey Heath	Seward	Bronze
Abbie Applebee	Waverly	Silver
Bailey Schow	West Central	Silver
Karley Osborne	West Central	Third
Hope Walker	West Point	Gold
Andrea Pelster	Wheeler Central	Bronze

Third Place: Karley Osborne, West Central

Second Place: MacKenzie Lemmons, Randolph

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Creed Speaking Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October:

First Place: Jacob Sebade, Pender

Junior Public Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Conner Kozisek	Ainsworth	Silver
Jeffrey Hornung	Central	Third
Andrea Tesarek	Conestoga	Silver
Logan Sieck	Crete	Silver
Amanda Clymer	David City	Bronze
Juliana Dunn	Elgin	Gold
Paige Husa	Fairbury	Bronze
Bailey McKay	Franklin	Bronze
Jeffrey Wallman	Freeman	First
Madison Costello	Gothenburg	Second
Haley Kampschnieder	Howells-Clarkson	Bronze
Morgan Shilling	McCook	Bronze
Taylor Hornickel	Ord	Gold
Rachel Sorensen	Plainview	Bronze
Morgan Hall	Plainview	Gold
Curtis Welsh	Scottsbluff	Silver
Terra Lane	Sioux County	Bronze
Lauren Rempe	Superior	Silver
Carter Cuba	Twin River	Bronze
Nichole Andreasen	Twin River	Silver
Shaylee Truax	Waverly	Silver
Jon Jahnke	West Point	Silver
Morgan Pelster	Wheeler Central	Gold
Callie Albers	Wisner-Pilger	Gold

Third Place: Jeffrey Hornung, Central

Second Place: Madison Costello, Gothenburg

First Place: Jeffrey Wallman, Freeman

Cooperative Speaking Awards

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska Cooperative Council

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Jessica Bartak	Ainsworth	Silver
Natasha Hongsermeier	Aurora	Silver
Haley Gunnink	Cody-Kilgore	Silver
McKehna Thiem	Crete	Bronze
Chelsea Nealon	Elba	Bronze
Marissa Christiancy	Franklin	Bronze
Jourdan Matthies	Gothenburg	Bronze
Megan Portiner	Gothenburg	Bronze
AnnaLisa Glenn	Greeley-Wolbach	Silver
Amber Burenheide	Howells-Clarkson	Second
Brandy Reichmuth	Humphrey	First
Devynn Patocka	Mead	Bronze
Melissa Woepfel	Norris	Silver
Jayde Bensen	Pender	Silver
Lexy Nuesch	Pierce	Silver
Charity Burkey	Scottsbluff	Gold
Andrew Brittenham	Superior	Third
Turner Moore	Syracuse	Gold
Brooke Cuba	Twin River	Gold
Caroline Cooke	Verdigre	Bronze
Alix Mashino	West Boyd	Gold
Faith Huneke	Wilber-Clatonia	Silver
MaKenzie Kalkowski	Wisner-Pilger	Gold

Third: Andrew Brittenham, Superior

Second: Amber Burenheide, Howells-Clarkson

First: Brandy Reichmuth, Humphrey

Natural Resources Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Don Maxson and Farmers Ranchers Cooperative

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Kylie Schwindt	Ainsworth	Bronze
Jennifer Jensen	Central City	Bronze
Sarah Vanek	East Butler	Second
Michelle Dvoracek	Elba	Third
Chelsea Sonderup	Fullerton	Bronze
Lauren Deisley	Greeley-Wolbach	Silver
Seth Hald	Holdrege	Silver
Michkayla Dloughy	Howells-Clarkson	Bronze
Kasee Copeland	Kimball	Bronze
Thomas Urban	Leigh	Silver
Jamie Larsen	Mead	Bronze
Kelcey Garey	Medicine Valley	Gold
Jessica Stephenson	Norris	Gold
Dylan Kent	Pender	Silver
Nathan Tunink	Randolph	Bronze
Brinson Chapp	Seward	Silver
Bethany Brittenham	Superior	Gold
Emma Likens	Tri County	Silver
Kayla Grim	Verdigre	Silver
Kristen Reiman	West Boyd	Gold
David Kennedy	West Central	Bronze
Morgan Tranmer	Wilber-Clatonia	First
Taylor Horst	Wisner-Pilger	Gold

Third: Michelle Dvoracek, Elba

Second: Sarah Vanek, East Butler

First: Morgan Tranmer, Wilber-Clatonia

Extemporaneous Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Vance Heyer	Ainsworth	Gold
Brittany Anderson	Alliance	Gold
Shelby Anderson	Alliance	Silver
Elizabeth McDonald	Aurora	Silver
Austin Hamm	Bloomfield	Bronze
Morgan Rezac	Central	First
Caty Zenter	Centura	Gold
Matt Scholz	Crete	Silver
Ashley Spilinek	Elba	Bronze
Jacob Siel	Franklin	Silver Silver
Jonathan Neil	Freeman	Bronze
Chase Reiken	Fullerton	Bronze
Chris Block	Gothenburg	Bronze
Cale Moore	Gothenburg	Gold
David Burbach	Hartington	Silver
Sam Herink	Leigh	Silver
Harley Hamemik	Leigh	Second
Meradith Ganow	Norris	Third
Chrisinda Scheideler	North Loup-Scotia	Bronze
Logan Peters	Pender	Gold
Shanon Pestel	Stanton	Bronze
Zach Kunz	Stuart	Silver
Trent Ronhovde	Waverly	Silver
Rebekah Spader	York	Bronze

Third: Meradith Ganow, Norris

Second: Harley Hamernik, Leigh

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Extemporaneous Speaking Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October:

First Place: Megan Rezac, Central

Job Interview Event

State awards are sponsored by Central Valley Ag

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Ben Frene	Ashland-Greenwood	Bronze
Anna Fox	Aurora	Bronze
Emily Osborne	Central	Bronze
Austin Baldwin	Creighton	Second
Brooke Nerud	Crete	Silver
Justine Sebade	Emerson-Hubbard	Silver
Alec Sindt	Franklin	Silver
Katie Lesiak	Fullerton	Silver
Aubriel Jones	Garden County	Gold
Andrea Boardman	Heartland	Gold
Leanna Gubbels	Laurel-Concord	Bronze
Hailey Esch	McCook	Gold
Jessica Madron	Medicine Valley	Bronze
Gretchen Kroese	Norris	First
Samantha Rice	Norris	Gold
Hollie Maca	North Bend	Bronze
Rachel Neisius	North Bend	Bronze
Johnny Ference	Ord	Bronze
Marivel Paredes	Pender	Silver
Kaitlin Lang	Sandy Creek	Third
Pamela Radke	South Platte	Silver
Ben Kaup	Stuart	Silver
Lance English	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Gold
Brandon Trampe	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Gold
Lynnsey Riha	West Boyd	Silver

Third Place: Kaitlin Lang, Sandy Creek

Second Place: Austin Baldwin, Superior

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Job Interview Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October:

First Place: Gretchen Kroese, Norris

Senior Public Speaking Event
State awards are sponsored by Monsanto

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Katie Mayes	Aurora	Bronze
Caitlin Ohnoutka	Central	Bronze
Jais Ford	Cody-Kilgore	Gold
Shelby Rohlff	Conestoga	Third
Laura Gorecki	Elba	Gold
Shelby Wetovick	Fullerton	Bronze
Jera Fitzgerald	Gordon-Rushville	Bronze
Brennan Costello	Gothenburg	Gold
Kate Victor	Laurel-Concord	Silver
Brooke Jindra	Leigh	Silver
Hope Hemme	Logan View	Second
Lindsey Pearson	Mead	Bronze
Jessy Eggerling	Milford	Silver
Sage Robak	Newman Grove	Bronze
Dusty Staab	Ord	Silver
Amy Fleer	Pierce	Silver
Shelby Behrendt	Ravenna	Silver
Torri Dethlefs	Ravenna	Bronze
Lea Kayton	Seward	Silver
Kyle Riesen	Tri County	Bronze
Lane Swedberg	Wallace	First
Angela Haun	West Boyd	Gold
Abigael Olson	West Holt	Gold
Andrew Ambriz	West Point	Silver

Third: Shelby Rohlff, Conestoga

Second: Hope Hemme, Logan View

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Senior Public Speaking Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October:

First Place: Lane Swedberg, Wallace

Junior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska FFA Alumni Association

Chapter	Placing
Ainsworth	Bronze
Bloomfield	Bronze
Centennial	Bronze
Central	Silver
Central City	Silver
Franklin	Bronze
Fullerton	Silver
Gothenburg	Gold
Heartland	Gold
Howells-Clarkson	Silver
Imperial	First
Kimball	Gold
Leigh	Bronze
Norris	Gold
Ord	Silver
Pender 1	Gold
Pender 2	Silver
Scottsbluff	Silver
Stuart	Gold
Superior	Bronze
Tri County	Bronze
Veridgre	Bronze
Waverly	Second
Wheeler Central	Silver

Second (state runner up): Waverly

First (state winning gold emblem): Imperial

Senior Parliamentary Procedure
 State awards are sponsored by Jack Nemeč

Chapter	Placing
Bloomfield	Gold
Blue Hill	Silver
Central	Gold
Central City	Bronze
Crofton	Silver
Diller-Odell	Bronze
Fairbury	Bronze
Franklin	Gold
Gothenburg	Gold
Humphrey	Bronze
Imperial	First
Kimball	Second
Leigh	Silver
Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Bronze
Norris	Gold
Pender	Gold
Sargent	Bronze
Scottsbluff	Silver
St. Edward	Silver
Stuart	Silver
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Bronze
Tri County	Silver
Waverly	Silver
West Boyd	Bronze

Second (state runner up): Kimball

First (first place will represent Nebraska in the National Career Development Event): Imperial

Ag Demonstration

State awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Chapter	Placing
Ashland-Greenwood	Silver
Aurora	Bronze
Blair	Gold
Burwell	Bronze
Creighton	Silver
Fairbury	Bronze
Franklin	Gold
Freeman	Silver
Friend	Bronze
Hampton	Gold
Howells-Clarkson 1	Gold
Howells-Clarkson 2	Gold
McCook	Bronze
Sargent	Silver
Scottsbluff	Gold
Sioux County	Silver
Stuart	Bronze
Superior	First
Lourdes Central	Silver
Verdigre	Bronze
Wallace	Silver
West Boyd	Bronze
West Point	Silver
Wisner-Pilger	Second

Second (state runner up): Wisner-Pilger

First: Superior

State FFA Degree

Awards are sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the State Association can bestow. There were 414 candidates selected by the State Degree Selection Committee to receive the State FFA Degree. (See listing at end of this results document.)

2011-2012 Nebraska FFA Officers

Selection Process sponsored by Consolidated Telephone Company

Vice Presidents:

McKehna Thiem, Crete FFA Chapter
Emilia Woeppel, Norris FFA Chapter
Cory Johnson, Burwell FFA Chapter
Shelby Peters, Red Cloud FFA Chapter
Bethany Blackburn, Rock County FFA Chapter

Secretary: Vance Heyer, Ainsworth FFA Chapter
President: Brennan Costello, Gothenburg FFA Chapter

Special Guests and/or Speakers:

Governor Dave Heineman, State of Nebraska

Greg Ibach, Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Bob Christensen, Cargill

Kent Thompson, President-Elect, Nebraska FFA Foundation

Keith Olson, President, Nebraska Farm Bureau

Rob Robertson, Chief Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer, Nebraska Farm Bureau

Riley Pagett, National FFA President, Oklahoma

Keynote Speaker: Josh Shipp—Sponsored by Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau

Dr. Scott Swisher, Nebraska Department of Education Deputy Commissioner

Washington State Officers: Danyelle Cavadini and Paige Druffel

Kansas State Officer: Andrew Strasburg

Minnesota State Officer: Jason Troendle

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council: Skip Hecox

Curt Tomasevich, Olympic Gold Medalist—U.S.A. Bobsled Team. Appearance sponsored by Nebraska Corn Board

President-Elect of the Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association: Kurt VanDeWalle, Fillmore Central

Larry Pollart, former FFA advisor in Harrison and Holdrege and currently serves as Associate Professor of Animal Science at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado

Convention Entertainment: Steve Meade, Hypnotist

Convention Organist: Gene Englerth

Chorus Director: Jill Goedeken, Music Director, Lakeview High School, Columbus

Featured Retiring FFA Advisors:

Dave Barnard, Superior

Fritz Steinhoff, Hartington

Ron Tinkham, North Loup-Scotia

Nebraska National Stars:

Adam Venteicher, Pierce, 2010 American Star Farmer

Emily Arkfeld, Lourdes Central, 2010 American Star in Agriscience

Kurt Frauen, Nebraska FFA Alumni Council President

Proficiency Award Winners

First Name	Last Name	Area	Chapter	Bio	Sponsor
Shelby	Rohlf	Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Conestoga	Shelby Rohlf, a member of the Conestoga FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Donna and Tom Rohlf. Shelby's skills include creating a monthly newsletter and iMovies for the FFA and other student school events. Shelby's ag ed instructor is Jon Anderson.	Nebraska AgRelations Council
Lukas	Fricke	Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement	David City	Lukas Fricke, a member of the David City FFA Chapter, is the son of Jan and Lori Fricke. Lukas' skills include chapter newsletter design and production, website and Facebook page updating, and creating educational materials. Lukas' ag ed instructor is Jenny Kocian.	Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication – University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Marissa	Grooms	Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Valentine	Marissa Grooms, a member of the Valentine FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kort and Tracy Grooms. Marissa's skills include assembly and packaging of cove heaters along with operating metal shears and other equipment. Marissa's ag ed instructor is Greg Nollette.	Kruger Seeds, Inc.

Ethan	Petersen	Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Tekamah-Herman	Ethan Petersen, a member of the Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, is the son of Lynn and Kathy Petersen. Ethan’s SAE involves the troubleshooting and repair of lawn mower, chainsaw, and tractor engines. Ethan’s ag ed instructor is Don Wallace.	Frank J. Fleecs
Andrew	Largen	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement	Creighton	Andrew Largen, a member of the Creighton FFA Chapter, is the son of Dan and Susan Largen. Andrew’s equipment repair work includes milling, lathe operation, and welding. Andrew’s ag ed instructors are Ron Sukup and Debi Doerr.	Plains Equipment Group
Haylie	Lechtenberg	Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Boyd	Haylie M. Lechtenberg, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Russ and Sue Lechtenberg. Haylie’s skills include kitchen sanitation, baking, fruit and vegetable processing, meat preparation and meal planning. Haylie’s ag ed instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.	Nebraska FFA Alumni
Kristen	Reiman	Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship	West Boyd	Kristen D. Reiman, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Neil and Cathy Reiman. Kristen’s skills include culinary techniques, kitchen sanitation, customer communication, time management, advertising, and product presentation. Kristen’s ag ed instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.	Monsanto
Anders	Olson	Agricultural Sales – Placement	Tekamah-Herman	Anders Olson, a member of the Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, is the son of Randy and Patty Olson. Anders publishes the sale bills and pictures of machinery onto an auction company’s website. Anders’ ag ed instructor is Don Wallace.	Monsanto
Andrea	Boardman	Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Heartland	Andrea Boardman, a member of the Heartland FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Rick and Mary Boardman. Andrea	Maxwell Agri Service LLC

				has skills in record keeping, customer relations, and aircraft maintenance. Andrea's aged instructor is Cole Blomendahl.	
Kolin	Scheele	Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	Diller-Odell	Kolin Scheele, a member of the Diller-Odell FFA Chapter, is the son of Sam and Joann Scheele. Kolin obtained skills in record keeping, animal health, feeding practices, and selection using pedigrees and EPDs. Kolin's aged instructor is Ron Rickstrew.	Nebraska Cattlemen
Garrett	Kahrs	Beef Production – Placement	Franklin	Garrett Kahrs, a member of the Franklin FFA Chapter, is the son of Tim and Shannette Kahrs. Garrett's skills include artificial insemination, ultrasounding, as well as feeding and proper health practices. Garrett's aged instructor is Dave Rocker.	Nebraska Cattlemen
Luke	Zeisler	Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	West Boyd	Luke Zeisler, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the son of Richard and Sheryl Zeisler. Luke's skills include proper milking techniques, caring for newborn calves, balancing feed rations, and monitoring health. Luke's aged instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.	Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI)
Aaron	Steffen	Dairy Production – Placement	Hartington	Aaron Steffen, a member of the Hartington FFA, is the son of Jeff Steffen and Kathy Dresden. Aaron's skills include feed mixing, milking, forage work, vaccination, and operating machinery. Aaron's aged instructor is Fritz Steinhoff.	Midwest Dairy Association
Austin	Mann	Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Crofton	Austin Mann, a member of the Crofton FFA chapter, is the son of Scott and Stephanie Mann. Austin's skills include operating all feedlot equipment, cement work, identifying and treating cattle, planting corn, and irrigation maintenance. Austin's aged instructor	Nebraska Corn Board

				is Stephanie Mann.	
Ethan	Weers	Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	Diller-Odell	Ethan Weers, a member of the Diller-Odell FFA Chapter, is the son of Mark and Rachele Weers. Ethan’s skills include recordkeeping, marketing practices and strategies, precision agriculture, irrigation, machinery maintenance, and management. Ethan’s ag ed instructor is Ron Rickstrew.	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association
Matthew	Marcellus	Diversified Crop Production – Placement	West Holt	Matt Marcellus, a member of the West Holt FFA Chapter, is the son of Dwain and Nadine Marcellus. Matt’s SAE includes planting, soil and weed management, harvesting, and marketing of soybeans, field corn, popcorn, dry edible beans, and forage crops. Matt’s ag ed instructor is David Gibbens.	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association
Ben	Kaup	Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	Ben Kaup, a member of the Stuart FFA chapter, is the son of Scott and Tracey Kaup. Ben’s skills include laying rock beds, installing underground sprinklers, building retaining walls, and providing lawn care. Ben’s ag ed instructors are Patty Hanzlik and Monty Larsen.	CF Industries, Inc.
Paul	Johnson	Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship	Stuart	Paul Johnson, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter is the son of Kurt Johnson and Georgia Sylvester. Paul’s skills include maintaining cattle health and grazing conditions along with swine and sheep production. Paul’s ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.	Nebraska Corn Board
Doug	Larsen	Diversified Livestock Production – Placement	Stuart	Doug Larsen, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the son of Monty and Deb Larsen. Doug’s skills include branding, vaccinating, horsemanship, milking, and genetic advancement. Doug’s ag	Nebraska Corn Board

				ed instructors are Patty Hanzlik and Monty Larsen.	
Benjamin	Trampe	Emerging Agricultural Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Benjamin Trampe, a member of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller FFA Chapter, is the son of Tom and Jackie Trampe. Ben’s skills include shoot identification, tagging, and cutting tassles. Ben’s ag ed instructor is Boyd Bowder.	Nebraska Farmer
Nathan	Kackmeister	Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Ainsworth	Nathan Kackmeister, a member of the Ainsworth FFA Chapter, is the son of David and Karen Kackmeister. Nathan’s SAE consisted of planting wildlife food plots and establishing habitat by planting and improving shelterbelts. Nathan’s ag ed instructor is Roger Lechtenberg.	CHS Foundation
Jentry	Qualm	Equine Science – Entrepreneurship	Wheeler Central	Jentry Qualm, a member of the Wheeler Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Joel and Jane Qualm. Her skills include pregnancy checking, giving vaccinations, and assisting during the breeding season. Jentry’s ag ed instructor is Kelly Guggemos.	First National Bank–Lincoln
Joni	Qualm	Equine Science – Placement	Wheeler Central	Joni Qualm, a member of the Wheeler Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Joel and Jane Qualm. Her skills include embryo transfer, artificial insemination, and training. Joni’s ag ed instructor is Kelly Guggemos.	Behlen Country
Travis	Wallinger	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	Travis Wallinger, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the son of Jeff and Kim Wallinger. Travis’ skills include tillage, planting, harvesting along with irrigation management and maintenance. Travis’s ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.	Nebraska Soybean Board—creating and enhancing profitable opportunities for Nebraska soybean producers—and Nebraska Soybean Association
Bethany	Brittenham	Floriculture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Superior	Bethany Brittenham, a member of the Superior FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Larry and	Nebraska FFA Alumni

				Margaret Brittenham. Bethany's skills include plant care, disease and pest identification, and customer service. Bethany's ag ed instructor is Dave Barnard.	
Elizabeth	Marquardt	Food Science and Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Tekamah-Herman	Elizabeth Marquardt, a member of the Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Andrew Marquardt and Jane Gorman. Through her employment, Elizabeth has been involved in producing many agricultural products. Elizabeth's ag ed instructor is Don Wallace.	ConAgra Foods
Jared	Krause	Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Tekamah-Herman	Jared Krause, a member of the Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, is the son of Mike and Mary Krause. Jared has learned to efficiently manage and bale alfalfa and other legumes. Jared's ag ed instructor is Don Wallace.	Bayer CropScience
Kendra	Bretschneider	Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Rock County	Kendra Bretschneider, a member of the Rock County FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dean and Jane Bretschneider. Kendra's skills include building a shelter belt, planting rows, and tree care. Kendra's ag ed instructor is Ann Dvorak.	Central Nebraska Wood Preservers, Inc.
Angela	Haun	Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Boyd	Angela Haun, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Roger and Mary Haun. Angela's skills include fertilizer application, plant propagation, managing a seedbed, and hybrid selection. Angela's ag ed instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.	James Arthur Vineyards and Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association
Eric	Miller	Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Eric Miller, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of Roy and Sarah Miller. Eric's skills focus on production efficiencies, profitability and marketing strategies for corn. Eric's ag ed instructor is Kevin Anderson.	Nebraska Wheat Board

Alex	Brahmer	Grain Production – Placement	Wisner-Pilger	Alex Brahmer, a member of the Wisner-Pilger FFA Chapter, is the son of Dwight and Kris Brahmer. Alex's SAE involves working on his parents' corn and soybean operation. Alex's ag ed instructor is Mark Schroeder.	Aurora Cooperative
Haley	Harthoorn	Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Ainsworth	Haley Harthoorn, a member of the Ainsworth FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Sue and Barry Harthoorn. Haley's SAE involves developing youth programs that promote the Ainsworth community. Haley's ag ed instructor is Roger Lechtenberg.	Nebraska Rural Radio Network
Jordan	Brabec	Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	Jordan Brabec, a member of the Schuyler FFA Chapter, is the son of Richard and Renee Brabec. Jordan's skills include business management, communication, project estimation, principles of design, pricing, and equipment operation. Jordan's ag ed instructors are Tom Wheeldon and Whitney Davis.	Wilber-Clatonia FFA Alumni
Jewel	Krieger	Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement	O'Neill	Jewel Krieger, a member of the O'Neill FFA Chapter, is the Daughter of Lorin and Kathy Krieger. Jewel's skills include working with a nursery's Poinsettia crop, caring for plants in the greenhouses, and learning proper pest and disease care. Jewel's ag ed instructor is Krystl Knabe.	Carhartt, Inc.
Mackenzie	Gibbens	Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Holt	Mackenzie Gibbens, a member of the West Holt FFA Chapter, is the daughter of David and Tracy Gibbens. Mackenzie's SAE included volunteer work by teaching swimming lessons, cleaning up community parks, and re-sodding a softball field. Mackenzie's ag ed instructor is David Gibbens.	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Molly	Brandt	Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Humphrey	Molly Brandt, a member of the Humphrey FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Clem and Stella Brandt. Molly's skills include candling and incubation, parasite control, and show preparation of birds. Molly's ag ed instructor is Robyn Graham.	Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Poultry and Egg Division and Smart Chicken
Lauren	Ibach	Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sumner- Eddyville- Miller	Lauren Ibach, a member of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller FFA Chapter, is the son of Todd and Barb Ibach. Lauren makes management decisions including feeding, sire selection and sale strategies of offspring along with tagging, balancing rations, vaccination and disease detection. Lauren's ag ed instructor is Boyd Bowder.	Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association and Northeast Nebraska Sheep Breeders Association
Gretchen	Kroese	Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Norris	Gretchen Kroese, a member of the Norris FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Donald and Sheryl Kroese. Along with the family kennel business where she boards and grooms dogs, Gretchen competitively raises and shows Scottish Terriers. Gretchen's ag ed instructors are Kristyn Harms and Doug Malone.	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
Dillon	Ochsner	Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sutton	Dillon Ochsner, a member of the Sutton FFA Chapter, is the son of Jeff and Shiela Ochsner. Dillon's SAE includes proper pond management to ensure quality growing conditions for raising and selling large mouth bass. Dillon's ag ed instructor is Kurt Heideman.	ORK Farms, Inc.
Emily	Ibach	Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sumner- Eddyville- Miller	Emily Ibach, a member of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Greg and Teresa Ibach. Emily's skills include production, marketing, and packaging of many varieties of herbs. Emily's ag ed instructor is Boyd Bowder.	Ward Laboratories, Inc.

Andy	Method	Swine Production – Entrepreneurship	Tekamah-Herman	Andy Method, a member of the Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, is the son of Bill and Laurel Method. Andy operates and maintains his own swine operation and developed skills and abilities in all aspects of production. Andy's aged instructor is Don Wallace.	Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Patrick	Arkfeld	Swine Production – Placement	Lourdes Central	Pat Arkfeld, a member of the Lourdes Central FFA Chapter, is the son of Tim and Lu Arkfeld. Pat's skills involve nutrition and maintenance work for successful collection, processing and shipment of fresh boar semen. Pat's aged instructor is Tim Arkfeld.	Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Logan	Peters	Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Pender	Logan Peters, a member of the Pender FFA Chapter, is the son of Matt and Pam Peters. Logan's business cares for customers' lawns by offering mowing, cleanup, and landscaping. Logan's aged instructor is Rusty Bartlett.	Bio Green
Cody	Engelman	Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Diller-Odell	Cody Engelman, a member of the Diller-Odell FFA Chapter, is the son of Eric and Kathy Engelman. Cody produces pumpkins, gourds, and squash and developed skills in applying chemicals, taking soil samples, moisture control, and recordkeeping. Cody's aged instructor is Ron Rickstrew.	Bernard, Jean and Tammy Meyer
Shalyse	Ahl	Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Fairbury	Shalyse Ahl, a member of the Fairbury FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dennis and Janet Ahl. Shalyse's skills include surgery preparation, pregnancy checking, birthing, sterilizing instruments, and administering medications. Shalyse's aged instructor is Dennis Kenning.	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
Jake	Kasselder	Wildlife Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Wheeler Central	Jake Kasselder, a member of the Wheeler Central FFA Chapter, is the son of Kevin and Kelly Kasselder.	Nebraska Pheasants Forever and Nebraska Quail Forever

				Jake helps to prepare wildlife pelts that are collected to be sold in Canada. Jake's ag ed instructor is Kelly Guggenmos.	
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Ethan Peterson, Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, Ag Mechanics Energy Systems-Entrepreneurship/Placement will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from Frank J. Fleecs.

Kolin Scheele, Diller-Odell FFA Chapter, Beef Production-Entrepreneurship and Garrett Kahrs, Franklin FFA Chapter, Beef Production-Placement, will each receive a \$500 scholarship from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation.

Dates of 2012 Nebraska FFA Convention

March 28-30, 2012

Results of FFA Alumni Silent Auction

For receiving the highest bids for their "container" contribution to the Nebraska FFA Alumni, the following three chapters will receive scholarships for one student from each chapter to attend the NPower Conference in Aurora in July.

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2011 Career Development Events Top Individuals & Teams

Ag Communications – Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Sponsor: Nebraska Rural Radio Network

Director: Jason Ellis

Team	
1	Norris
2	Arapahoe
3	Ansley

Ag Communications – News Writing

Individual		
1	Elizabeth Ehmen	Norris
2	Danielle Schutz	Arapahoe
3	Mollie Ringleman	Imperial

Ag Communications – Press Release

Individual		
1	Brookelyn Trampe	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller
2	Avery Sass	Norris
3	Delanie Bruce	West Point

Ag Communications – Broadcasting

Individual		
1	Erica Lewis	Wisner-Pilger
2	Gregory Joe	Ansley
3	Corbin Wavrunek	Crofton

Ag Communications – Graphic Design

Individual		
1	Kassidy Linabery	Valentine
2	Tazalea Scott	Ansley
3	Kate Schluntz	Franklin

Ag Issues

Sponsor: Hoegemeyer Hybrids

Director: Richard Douglass

Ag Issues Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Schuyler
2	Aurora
3	Superior

Ag Sales

Sponsor: Farmers Cooperative, Dorchester

Director: Rosalee Swartz

Ag Sales Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Imperial
2	Ainsworth
3	Gothenburg

Individual		
1	Katlin Lang	Superior
2	Steven Fish	Imperial
3	Jett Mikkelsen	Superior

AgriScience

Sponsor: GreenLeaf Genetics LLC, and Midwest Laboratories, Inc.

Director: Dann Husmann

Team	
1	Tekamah-Herman
2	Wisner-Pilger
3	Superior

Individual		
1	Erin Conley	Southern Valley
2	Ethan Kruger	Tekamah-Herman
3	Greer Potadle	Tekamah-Herman

Agronomy

Sponsor: Ward Laboratories, Inc.

Director: Tim Kettler

Agronomy Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Twin River
2	Eustis-Farnam
3	Superior

Individual		
1	Clay Easterday	Eustis-Farnam
2	Brennan Christman	Twin River
3	Alex Cornwell	Twin River

Farm Business Management

Sponsor: T-L Irrigation Company

Director: Ron Hanson

Farm Business Management Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Norris
2	Johnson County Central
3	Superior

Individual		
1	Stephanie Teten	Johnson County Central
2	Ian Schuster	Norris
3	Cory Peters	Norris

Floriculture

Sponsor: Frank J. Fleecs

Director: Stacy Adams

Floriculture Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Twin River
2	Southern Valley
3	Scottsbluff

Individual		
1	Ryan Hanousek	Centura
2	Dallas Normile	Southern Valley
3	Samantha Steward	Norris

Food Science

Sponsor: Omaha Agri-Business Club

Director: Ryan Kawata

Food Science Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Superior
2	Wauneta-Palisade
3	Johnson County Central

Individual		
1	Levi Schultz	Superior
2	Rachael Dahlman	Pender
3	Erin Patton	West Holt

Jr. Livestock Selection

Sponsor: The Beel Brothers, LLC, and Midwest Veterinary Services, Inc.

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Wisner-Pilger
2	Fullerton
3	York

Individual		
1	Carrick Perlinger	West Central
2	Ethan Lesiak	Fullerton
3	Chrisinda Scheideler	North Loup-Scotia

Sr. Livestock Selection

Sponsor: Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association

Director: Matt Ellicott

Senior Livestock Selection Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Scottsbluff
2	Sargent
3	West Point

Individual		
1	Tyler Bennett	Wisner-Pilger
2	Kenny Willman	Scottsbluff
3	Sydney Gehl	Wheeler Central

Meats Evaluation & Identification

Sponsor: Wimmer's Meat Products, Inc., Jack Nemece, and Jesske Brothers Cattle

Director: Dennis Burson

Meats Evaluation & Identification Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	West Point
2	Sargent
3	Gothenburg

Individual		
1	Andrew Ambriz	West Point
2	Cody Kuester	West Point
3	Jonathon Jahnke	West Point

Natural Resources

Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Director: Joe Skopp

Natural Resources Team (first place team will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	West Holt
2	Norris
3	Crofton

Individual		
1	Cole Gibbens	West Holt
2	Dylan Laible	West Holt
3	Hanna Flamme	Norris

Marketing Plan

Sponsor: Party Time Fundraising and Vivayic, Inc.

Director: Rosalie Swartz

Marketing Plan Team (first place team will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Alliance
2	Imperial
3	Conestoga

Nursery & Landscape Management

Sponsor: Crader Distributing Co., authorized STIHL Outdoor Power Equipment Distributor

Director: Anne Streich

Nursery & Landscape Management Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Each member of the 1st place team will be receiving a \$1,000 Scholarship from our contest sponsor

Team	
1	West Holt
2	Norris
3	Falls City

Individual		
1	Abigael Olson	West Holt
2	Elizabeth Boender	Norris
3	Sydney Todd	Conestoga

Livestock Management

(Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Equine)

Sponsor: Novartis Animal Health

Director: Bryan Reiling

Livestock Management – Beef

Sponsor: Ken and Laura Smedra

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	West Boyd
2	Scottsbluff
3	Wheeler Central

Livestock Management – Dairy

Sponsor: FC Stone

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Norris
2	Lawrence-Nelson
3	West Boyd

Livestock Management – Equine

Sponsor: Nebraska High School Rodeo Association and Clausen Acres

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Norris
2	Verdigre
3	York

Livestock Management – Sheep

Sponsor: Nebraska FFA Alumni

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Sandy Creek
2	Fillmore Central
3	Ord

Livestock Management – Poultry (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Sponsor: Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Poultry & Egg Division and Nebraska Agribusiness Club

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Laurel-Concord
2	Crofton
3	Cambridge

Livestock Management – Swine

Sponsor: Nebraska Pork Producers Association

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	St. Paul
2	Cedar Rapids
3	St. Edward

Livestock Management Team

Team	
1	Norris
2	Laurel-Concord
3	Banner County

Welding

Sponsor: Duo Lift Mfg. Co., Inc., and Linweld Matheson

Directors: Duane Parrish and Mark Hawkins

Team	
1	Gordon-Rushville
2	Aurora
3	Eustis-Farnam

Welding – MIG

Individual		
1	Troy Nelson	Gordon-Rushville
2	Colton Rupperecht	Diller-Odell
3	Kyle Meininger	Scottsbluff

Welding – ARC

Individual		
1	Ryan Maly	Central
2	Derek sherman	Ainsworth
3	Chris Conroy	Gordon-Rushville

Welding-OXY-A

Individual		
1	Samuel Sandoz	Elba
2	Nolan Rager	Gordon-Rushville
3	Jacob Gramlich	Central

CDE \$500 CASNR Scholarship Recipients:

- Katlin Lang, Superior
- Clay Easterday, Eustis Farnam
- Cole Gibbens, West Holt
- Stephanie Teten, Johnson County Central
- Ryan Hanousek, Centura
- Levi Schultz, Superior
- Tyler Bennett, Wisner-Pilger
- Andrew Ambriz, West Point
- Abigael Olson, West Holt

State Degree Recipients, sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America:

Nathaniel Allen	Ainsworth	Amanda L. Slafter	Conestoga
Haley Harthoorn	Ainsworth	Aspen Laurel Abrams	Creek Valley
Vance Heyer	Ainsworth	Trinity Kyle Abrams	Creek Valley
Justin Imm	Ainsworth	Kristine Kay Bond	Creek Valley
Nathan R. Kackmeister	Ainsworth	Aaron J. Ward	Creek Valley
Josh Swalve	Ainsworth	Alex Asher	Creighton
Brittany Jean Andersen	Alliance	Austin Baldwin	Creighton
Nicole J. Dunovsky	Alliance	Brennan Becker	Creighton
Alyssa Dye	Alliance	Andy Donald Doerr	Creighton
Bryce Dibbern	Amherst	Karlene Renae Sukup	Creighton
Rebecca Amsberry	Ansley	Derek Tyler	Creighton
Katie Nelson	Ansley	Sara Jane Wilmes	Creighton
Tazalea Scott	Ansley	McKehna Thiem	Crete
Thomas Adams	Arapahoe	Travis A. Poppe	Crofton
TJ Eichenberger	Arapahoe	Amanda Kahnk	David City
Amanda Loghry	Arapahoe	Andrew W. Adam	Diller-Odell
Nancy Stonerook	Arapahoe	Derrick W. Grabowski	Diller-Odell
Garth Walbridge	Arapahoe	Ashley M. Probst	Diller-Odell
Scott Williamson	Arapahoe	Ethan M. Weers	Diller-Odell
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Ashlee Nicole Willey	Bayard	Casey Bartek	East Butler
Jonathan Carhart	Bloomfield	Dillon Semrad	East Butler
Kevin A. Rothfuss	Bloomfield	Alan R. Vandenberg	East Butler
Tanner Vincent Schumacher	Bloomfield	Michelle Marie Dvoracek	Elba
Hannah M. Seagren	Bloomfield	Chelsea Nealon	Elba
Brenda Berns	Blue Hill	Ashley Spilinek	Elba
Amanda Rose Brader	Blue Hill	Nathan Anderson	Elgin
Markie Coffey	Blue Hill	Alexander Dierks	Elgin
Meggie Coffey	Blue Hill	Sebastian T. Janssen	Elgin
James Danehey	Blue Hill	Kyle Edward Joseph Knievel	Elgin
Erin Kinley	Blue Hill	Benjamin J. Pelster	Elgin
Carli Kohmetscher	Blue Hill	Waylan Bellamy	Eustis-Farnam
Jared Krueger	Blue Hill	Jordan R. Deterding	Eustis-Farnam
Brock Kumke	Blue Hill	Blake Douglas Gengenbach	Eustis-Farnam
Samuel Johnson	Boone Central	Braden Alan Rieker	Eustis-Farnam
Clark Noble	Boone Central	Kory Widick	Eustis-Farnam
Stephanie Olson	Boone Central	Brandon James Katz	Fairbury
Nathan Birnie	Broken Bow	James M. Clark	Falls City
Brett Franzen	Broken Bow	Tyler Way	Falls City
Cory Johnson	Burwell	Carl Jacobson	Fillmore Central
Tucker Stout	Burwell	Lydia Smith	Fillmore Central
Ashton Weber	Burwell	Josh Frerichs	Franklin
Keri Beierman	Cedar Rapids	Derek Hammer	Franklin
Delilah L. Choat	Cedar Rapids	Daniel Hill	Franklin
Caitlin Hupp	Cedar Rapids	Kersha Kahrs	Franklin
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Brittney Cihal	Central	Kate Schluntz	Franklin
Krista Gaskins	Central	Heath Shannon	Franklin
Molly Hoffbauer	Central	Jake Siel	Franklin
Molly Masek	Central	Alec Sindt	Franklin
Emily Osborne	Central	Adam Vetter	Franklin
Keith Bankson	Central City	Dustin D. Cornwell	Fullerton
Travis Maresh	Central City	Jamie Frenzen	Fullerton
Tiffany Reimers	Central City	Riley L. Lane	Fullerton
Tiffany Schultz	Centura	Katie Lesiak	Fullerton
Cathryn Zentner	Centura	Danielle Murray	Fullerton
Jais Ford	Cody-Kilgore	Franny Rieken	Fullerton
Shannon King	Conestoga	Shelby Wetovick	Fullerton

Chris Block	Gothenburg	Lisa Pohlmeier	Lawrence-Nelson
Brennan P. Costello	Gothenburg	Jared M. Reiman	Lawrence-Nelson
Kyle J. Demoret	Gothenburg	Luke Schroer	Lawrence-Nelson
Kyle D. Kleinknecht	Gothenburg	Natasha Wehrmman	Lawrence-Nelson
Aaron L. Lauer	Gothenburg	Christian Williams	Lawrence-Nelson
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Cody A. Ostergard	Gothenburg	Kenton Kabes	Leigh
Dane N. Wilson	Gothenburg	Mike S. Marty	Leigh
Andrew O'Connor	Greeley-Wolbach	Jeremy McMullin	Leigh
DJ Bamesburger	Hampton	Tyler Oeltjen	Leigh
Tyler Bankson	Hampton	Ryan Reichmuth	Leigh
Marcus Garrison	Hampton	Connie Vrbicky	Leigh
Justin Marchand	Hampton	Preston Wendt	Leigh
Allyn Nissen	Hampton	Nicole Bechtel	Logan View
Griffin J. Parsley	Hampton	Chris Dahl	Logan View
Nathan D. Stingley	Hampton	Karli Havekost	Logan View
Nick Becker	Hartington	Jud Hoffschneider	Logan View
David Burbach	Hartington	Brett Moeller	Logan View
Mason Buschelman	Hartington	Derek Taylor Mowinkel	Logan View
Rebecca Fischer	Hartington	Colten Schafersman	Logan View
Becca Heikes	Hartington	Starla McMullin	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Neil Kramer	Hartington	Abby Ueding	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Nathan McPhillips	Hartington	Amanda Shields	McCook
Aaron Steffen	Hartington	Jessica R. Cheek	McCool Junction
Melissa Thoene	Hartington	Jeremy F. Coffey	McCool Junction
Dan Trobaugh	Hartington	Jordyn Kayla Duffek	McCool Junction
Sheila Wiebelhaus	Hartington	William L. Hall	McCool Junction
Aaron Wiechelman	Hartington	Rebekah A. Jensen	McCool Junction
Brian T. Barr	Heartland	Taylor G. Norquest	McCool Junction
Andrea Beth Boardman	Heartland	Wade Connor Obermier	McCool Junction
Brandon Friesen	Heartland	Josh S. Pettygrove	McCool Junction
Seth Schaldecker	Heartland	Brandon C. Suhr	McCool Junction
Tanner Steingard	Heartland	Matthew Rozic	Mead
Carlie Weisheit	Heartland	Micheal A. Schwab	Mead
Brandon Roland	Hemingford	Don Treptow	Mead
Eric Buettner	Holdrege	Chris Farr	Medicine Valley
Ashley Frost	Holdrege	Devon Fritsche	Medicine Valley
Michaela Gray	Holdrege	Kelcey J. Garey	Medicine Valley
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