



**TRANSFORM**  
PURPOSE TO ACTION

# **89<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska FFA Convention**

Theme: Transform

April 5-7, 2017

Lincoln, Nebraska

# 2017 Nebraska FFA Convention Results

**Attendance: 7,431 members and guests registered**

## **I Believe in the Future of Ag Chapter Recognition**

The *I Believe in the Future of Ag* Campaign is a fundraising campaign focused on building capacity for the future of FFA at both the local and state level. Local chapters received 100% of every local dollar raised as well as matching funds from corporate sponsors of the Nebraska FFA Foundation. This year, local chapters raised just over \$270,000 and \$35,000 was distributed in matching funds.

The following chapters were recognized for engaging with corporate partners and had the largest amount of contributions from local donors through the *I Believe in the Future of Ag* Campaign.

- Bloomfield
- Elgin
- Fillmore Central
- Hartington Newcastle
- Hayes Center
- Holdrege
- Lakeview
- McCool Junction
- O'Neill
- Ravenna
- Red Cloud
- Shelby-Rising City
- Southern Valley
- Stuart
- Sutton
- Thayer Central
- West Holt

Third Place: Randolph

Second Place: Oakland-Craig

First Place: Bridgeport

## **New Nebraska FFA Chapter Charters**

Chapter officer symbols sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

- Arlington
- Bishop Neumann
- Callaway
- Hitchcock County
- Kearney
- Osmond
- Plattsmouth
- Shelton

## **Gary Scharf Helping Hand Award**

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

- Robyn Graham, Humphrey

### **New Teacher/Advisor Recognition**

As Nebraska Agricultural Education continues to add programs and FFA chapters, we see the growing need for agriculture educators. Twenty new instructors and advisors have committed their time and effort to our organization in 2015-2016.

- Katie Arp, Bishop Neumann
- Seth Burge, Conestoga
- Bridger Chytka, Thedford
- Kathleen Cullinan, Kearney
- Nicole D'Angelo, Seward
- Jessy Eggerling, Madison
- Jessica Evans, Osmond
- Johnny Ference, Ord
- Abby Ford, Mullen
- Bradley Goering, Hyannis
- Billy Grannemann, Arlington
- Eric Hauge, Friend
- Hannah Horak, Shelton
- Amanda Horn, O'Neill
- Katie Husman, Diller-Odell
- Brian Johnson, Litchfield
- Dylan Kent, Emerson-Hubbard
- Halie Meints, Bridgeport
- Matt Neal, Pierce
- Wade Overturf, Wisner Pilger
- Miranda Paitz, Cambridge
- Brant Peters, Schuyler
- Lacey Peterson, Riverside
- Tim Potter, Lexington
- Kara Reimers, Elba
- Catherine Ripp, Lakeview
- Tyler Schindler, Omaha Bryan
- Paige Shuler, Chambers
- Katelyn Sughroue, Hitchcock County
- Krystal Wilke, Morrill
- Macie Wippel, Kearney

### **Next Generation Leadership Summit**

This year, the first annual Next Generation Leadership Summit was held in Lincoln. FFA members and leaders from all of Nebraska's Career and Technical Student Organizations attended the conference to learn about taking action against food insecurity. At the conference, participants discussed issues involving food insecurity and how to solve it. At the end of the conference, plans were developed to overcome this issue.

- Miranda Hornung, Central
- Hannah Moravec, David City
- Olivia Casper, Heartland
- Danie Brandl, Humphrey
- Ashley Schemek, Humphrey
- Madison Friesen, Kearney
- McKenna Holloway, Mead
- Miranda Mueller, Mead
- Madison Mills, Palmyra
- Courtney Kamler, Shickley
- Isabella Chaffin, Waverly
- Kate Cooper, Waverly
- Taylor Nielsen, Waverly
- Hannah Reiter, Waverly

### **Feed Nebraska Recognition**

Through the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning, Nebraska FFA promotes the Feed Nebraska project with other career and technical student organizations. There are a variety of activities that chapters conducted to help fight hunger in their communities.

Chapters being recognized for their contributions to their community through the Feed Nebraska Program include:

- Bloomfield FFA Chapter
- Cody-Kilgore
- Freeman FFA Chapter
- Heartland

- Lewiston FFA Chapter
- Logan View
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- Newman Grove
- Norfolk FFA
- Norris
- North Bend FFA
- Ravenna
- Scribner-Snyder
- Shelby-Rising City
- Shickley
- Valentine

### **Growing Leaders Awards**

Sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

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

Bronze Award Recognition:

- Lewiston
- McCool Junction
- Stuart

Silver Award Recognition:

- Heartland
- Humphrey
- Mead
- Norfolk
- Pender
- Verdigre

Gold Award Recognition:

- Creighton
- Franklin
- High Plains
- Holdrege
- Leigh/Clarkson
- Ravenna,
- Red Cloud
- Sandy Creek
- Scribner-Snyder

### **National Chapter Awards**

Sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

The national chapter award program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

### **Growing Leaders**

Bronze emblem certificates (no particular order):

- Gothenburg
- Red Cloud
- West Holt

Receiving silver awards are:

- Holdrege
- Humphrey
- Norris
- Rock County
- Waverly

Receiving a gold award is: Mead

In third place: Stuart

In second place: Norfolk

In first place: Blue Hill

### **Building Community Awards**

Sponsored by Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

This award recognizes those chapters that have excelled in agriculture safety education.

Receiving a bronze award (in no particular order):

- Holdrege
- Norfolk
- Red Cloud
- Rock County
- Sutton
- West Holt

Receiving silver awards:

- Gothenburg
- Humphrey
- Mead
- Norris
- Waverly

Receiving a gold award:

In second place: Stuart

In first place: Blue Hill

### **Strengthening Agriculture Awards**

Sponsored by Frank J. Fleecs

Receiving a bronze award (in no particular order):

- Gothenburg
- Humphrey
- Mead
- Norfolk
- Waverly

Receiving silver awards:

- Red Cloud
- Rock County
- Shickley
- Stuart

Receiving a gold award is: Holdrege

In third place: West Holt

In second place: Blue Hill

In first place: Norris

### **National Chapter Awards**

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Alumni Council

The following chapters completed the entire award application and were determined to have high quality programs of activities.

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| • Ainsworth       | • Norris          |
| • Blue Hill       | • O'Neill         |
| • Central         | • Osceola         |
| • Imperial        | • Plainview       |
| • Freeman         | • Red Cloud       |
| • Gothenburg      | • Rock County     |
| • Holdrege        | • Shickley        |
| • Humphrey        | • Southern Valley |
| • Lakeview        | • Stuart          |
| • Leigh           | • Sutton          |
| • Lewiston        | • Verdigre        |
| • McCool Junction | • Wallace         |
| • Mead            | • Waverly         |
| • Nebraska City   | • West Holt       |
| • Norfolk         |                   |

Receiving bronze awards:

- Red Cloud
- Wallace

Receiving silver awards:

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| • Lakeview        | • Plainview       |
| • Leigh/Clarkson  | • Southern Valley |
| • Lewiston        | • Verdigre        |
| • McCool Junction | • West Holt       |

The following 17 chapters will represent Nebraska FFA during the preliminary national review of the chapter applications and received a gold rating on their application:

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| • Ainsworth | • Blue Hill |
|-------------|-------------|

- Central
- Imperial
- Freeman
- Gothenburg
- Holdrege
- Humphrey
- Mead
- Nebraska City
- Norfolk
- Norris
- Rock County
- Shickley
- Stuart
- Sutton
- Waverly

### **Katie Rowley and Michael Dreiling Memorial New Chapter Scholarship**

Sponsored by Perkins County FFA Chapter (represented by Kyla Brueggeman and Andrea Winkel)

- Ogallala

### **Ag Champions Program**

Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board

With one in every four jobs in Nebraska being directly involved in agriculture, we must stand for the industry that holds us together. FFA chapters across the state are standing up for agriculture through the Ag Champions Program presented by the Nebraska Corn Board. Chapters make videos to advocate for agriculture in their own communities by determining an issue facing agriculture, educating the public on the issue, and taking action!

2017 Grand Champion, each earning a \$500 grant to develop their SAE:

- Heidi Borg, Allen
- Miranda Hornung, Central
- Aubyrne McClintock, Wallace
- Amanda Most, Ogallala
- Isabelle Stewart, Lakeview
- Rebekah Vote, Wallace

### **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 improve agricultural literacy, start new development projects, and enhance technology integration into their agricultural education programming.

Receiving \$1,000 Grants:

- Alliance
- Blue Hill
- Central
- Fillmore Central
- Franklin
- Gothenburg
- Humphrey
- Johnson County Central
- Keya Paha
- Lewiston
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- Rock County
- St. Paul
- The Career Academy
- Wheeler Central

Receiving \$2,500 Grants:

- Crofton
- Nebraska City
- Omaha Bryan
- West Holt

### **Hall of Chapters Results**

Chapters provided displays which showcased their chapters and towns. The winning chapter will then participate in the Hall of States at the 90<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 25-28, 2017.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alliance</li><li>• Blue Hill</li><li>• Conestoga</li><li>• Garden County</li><li>• Heartland</li><li>• Howells Dodge</li><li>• HTRS</li><li>• Loup City</li><li>• Mead</li><li>• Mullen</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newman Grove</li><li>• Norfolk</li><li>• Omaha Bryan</li><li>• Pender</li><li>• Perkins County</li><li>• St. Paul</li><li>• Thedford</li><li>• Valentine</li><li>• Wallace</li></ul> |
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Third Place: Newman Grove

Second Place: Norfolk

First Place: HTRS (who will participate in the Hall of States at the National FFA Convention in October)

### **Nebraska Agricultural Education Teacher of the Year and FFA Advisor of the Year Awards**

Sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation Foundation

Agricultural education teachers spend countless hours in the classroom working with students to prepare them for success. Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation Foundation provided and evaluated nomination forms.

- Teacher of the Year Award: Jesse Bower, Sutton FFA Chapter
- Advisor of the Year Award: Amy Tomlinson, Sandy Creek FFA Chapter

### **AgriScience Fair Awards**

Sponsored by CHS Foundation and DuPont Pioneer

Students competed in one of four divisions in each of the six categories offered: Animal Systems, Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Food Products and Processing Systems, Plant Systems, Power, Structural and Technical Systems and Social Systems. Each winning team or individual earns a \$150 cash prize and the right to forward their project on for national competition.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Animal Systems, Division I	First Place	Kristen Rohrer	Sandy Creek
Animal Systems, Division I	Second Place	Kylie Allen	Auburn
Animal Systems, Division II	First Place	None	
Animal Systems, Division II	Second Place	None	
Animal Systems, Division III	First Place	Cassidy Thomas	Allen
Animal Systems, Division III	Second Place	Abigail Pohlen	Newman Grove
Animal Systems, Division IV	First Place	Cole Laible and Casey Coburn	West Holt
Animal Systems, Division IV	Second Place	Josie Dvorak and Alisen Niewohner	West Point
Animal Systems, Division V	First Place	Jessica Nash	Wilcox-Hildreth
Animal Systems, Division V	Second Place	Jacob Kruckenberg	Central City
Animal Systems, Division VI	First Place	Michelle Leonard and Ruby Spaulding	Nebraska City
Animal Systems, Division VI	Second Place	Amanda Alford and Shelby Laird	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division I	First Place	Ashley Kraemer	Allen
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division I	Second Place	None	
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division II	First Place	None	
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division II	Second Place	None	
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division III	First Place	Luke Krabel	Adams Central
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division III	Second Place	Alyssa Boese	Allen
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division IV	First Place	Cheyenne Cleland and Sarah Johnson	Newman Grove
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division IV	Second Place	Kendra Paasch and Ashton Troyer	West Point
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division V	First Place	Hannah Koperski	St. Paul
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division V	Second Place	None	
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division VI	First Place	Klarissa Wampler and Bree Bauer	Nebraska City
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division VI	Second Place	None	
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division I	First Place	None	
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division I	Second Place	None	
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division II	First Place	Taylor Anderson and Masyn Arena	Lewiston
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division II	Second Place	None	
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division III	First Place	Tyson Haddix	Newman Grove
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division III	Second Place	Faith Cox	Valentine
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division IV	First Place	Ella Whitaker and Emma Nelson	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division IV	Second Place	Christian Corrales and Jesse Olson	West Point
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division V	First Place	Emilia Rogers	Adams Central
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division V	Second Place	Zeke Rouse	Conestoga
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division VI	First Place	Cassidy Mentink and Kassandra Prieto	Lyons-Decatur Northeast

Food Products and Processing Systems, Division VI	Second Place	None	
Plant Systems, Division I	First Place	Paige Nelson	Newman Grove
Plant Systems, Division I	Second Place	Blake Marion	Auburn
Plant Systems, Division II	First Place	Brooke Bannister and Brianna Wilshusen	High Plains
Plant Systems, Division II	Second Place	None	
Plant Systems, Division III	First Place	Audrey Worthing	Elm Creek
Plant Systems, Division III	Second Place	Katie Bathke	Allen
Plant Systems, Division IV	First Place	Luke Machiesen and Allison Nielsen	Blair
Plant Systems, Division IV	Second Place	Jadyn Fleischman and Greta Lindberg	Tekamah-Herman
Plant Systems, Division V	First Place	Brock Vetic	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Plant Systems, Division V	Second Place	Connor Boysen	Laurel Concord-Coleridge
Plant Systems, Division VI	First Place	Chelsea Bryant and Kiley Meeder	Blair
Plant Systems, Division VI	Second Place	Tyler Quick and Ashlee Wallesen	Alliance
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division I	First Place	Wyatt Verzani	Allen
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division I	Second Place	Cole Woodward	Allen
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division II	First Place	None	
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division II	Second Place	None	
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division III	First Place	Brogan Jones	Allen
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division III	Second Place	Jacob Anderson	Allen
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division IV	First Place	Ben Slaymaker and Martin Wentworth	West Holt
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division IV	Second Place	Will Kreikemeier and Carter Arduser	West Point
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division V	First Place	Levi Woodward	Allen
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division V	Second Place	Kellen Habegger	Pawnee City
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division VI	First Place	Cade Adamson and James Battershaw	Valentine
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division VI	Second Place	Mason Hale and Payton Williams	West Holt
Social Systems, Division I	First Place	None	
Social Systems, Division I	Second Place	None	
Social Systems, Division II	First Place	Bailey Boinott and Jenna Knake	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca
Social Systems, Division II	Second Place	None	
Social Systems, Division III	First Place	Chandra Spangler	O'Neill
Social Systems, Division III	Second Place	Kariden Briggs	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Social Systems, Division IV	First Place	Brock Swartzendruber and Regan Alfs	Shickley
Social Systems, Division IV	Second Place	Elizabeth Harvey and Lauren Ferguson	Valentine
Social Systems, Division V	First Place	Mariah Valquier	Nebraska City
Social Systems, Division V	Second Place	None	
Social Systems, Division VI	First Place	Lillian Barton and Madi Chew	Nebraska City
Social Systems, Division VI	Second Place	None	

### Middle School Quiz Bowl

Sponsored by Nebraska Alumni Council

Second Place: Boone Central

First Place: Pawnee City

## **2017 VIP Award**

Recipients: Fritz Steinhoff and Mat and Kyla Habrock

Fritz Steinhoff:

In 2000, Fritz began serving as the team coordinator for Nebraska FFA teams competing at the National Convention. He began serving this role while teaching at Hartington and continued in his retirement. The 2016 National Convention marked his final convention. Fritz ensure that teams, speakers, National Chapter award finalists, proficiency award finalists, and Agriscience Fair finalists were on time to their pre-event meetings, competitive events, and various award ceremonies. He served as a central point of contact for each of the individuals and teams and helped to make them successful.

Mat and Kyla Habrock:

Through Mat's work at the Nebraska Corn Board, with Pioneer, and now as the Assistant Director of Agriculture for the State of Nebraska, he has helped to coach national officer candidates, contributed to the agriculture industry knowledge of students, served as a mentor for state officers, and established relationships and connections to the association. Through her work at Nebraska Pork Producers, Kyla has contributed to big ideas, is a champion for positive change, has mentored state officers, serves on the Nebraska FFA Foundation Board, and is intentionally and optimistically involved in many youth events.

Mat and Kyla eagerly lead the efforts around the Agriculture Issues Academy and has grown into the Next Generation Leadership Summit. Mat and Kyla model the best of being engaged and dedicated servant leaders.

## **2016 Distinguished Service Award**

Recipients: UNL Animal Science Department

Nebraska FFA members have experienced the dedication of the Animal Science Department in many ways. Faculty members have lead hands-on learning sessions at the Pathways to Careers Conference, guided our teachers with professional development opportunities and invited agricultural education students to be a part of their many youth programs.

Our convention members and guests have seen support through the service of the Career Development Event superintendents and assistants. Teachers and students have benefitted from event leaders going above and beyond to provide high quality, useful resources. The department hosts CDEs that are of national-level quality, and their enthusiasm for connecting with students and teachers is very much appreciated.

Clint Krehbiel, Department Head

Brad Bennett, Extension Educator, CDE superintendent and assistant for Ag Demonstration LSE

Dennis Burson, Professor and CDE superintendent for 31 years

Lisa Karr-Lillienthal, Associate Professor and CDE superintendent

Lena Luck, Assistant Professor and CDE superintendent

Bryan Reiling, Associate Professor and CDE superintendent

Clyde Naber, Livestock and Building Operations Manager and assistant to animal CDEs

## **Honorary Nebraska FFA State Degrees**

(Friends and Supporters)

- Stacey Agnew
- Steve and Darla Belitz
- Randy and Liesa Bowder
- Mark and Sally Ewert

- Johnnie Johnson
- Blake Johnson
- Christin Kamm
- Kent Kirchhoff
- Jason Penke

- Darrell Peterson
- Doug and Tina Smith
- Michael Teahon
- Randy Wadas

(FFA Advisors)

- Doug Babbit, Perkins County
- Tracy Cooper, Leyton
- Tim Laughlin, St. Edward
- Robert Swett, Arcadia

**Cornerstone Awards**

Sponsored by Cornerstone Bank

Our school administrators are important to the success of FFA members. They invest time and resources to help programs and students to excel. 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.

Members of the Nebraska State Board of Education, CAO Dr. Cory Epler, and Deputy Director of Education Dr. Deb Frison also attended to congratulate these administrators.

- Ray Collins, Superintendent, Wilber-Clatonia
- Corey Fisher, Principal, O'Neill
- Dr. Bob Michl, Principal, Freeman
- Ryan Ricenbaw, Principal, Waverly
- Randy Evans, Principal, Gothenburg
- Stephen Grizzle, Superintendent, Fairbury
- Christopher Uttecht, Principal, Wisner-Pilger

## Proficiency Award Winners

First Name	Last Name	Area	Chapter	District	Bio	Sponsor
Marie	Meis	Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Elgin	10	Marie Meis, a member of the Elgin FFA Chapter, is the daughter of James and Anne Meis. Marie's skills include writing and publishing articles for a newspaper, broadcasting stories about various FFA and agricultural activities, and keeping up her family farm's website. Marie's agricultural education instructor is Julia Schwartz.	FarmCentric
Audrey	Worthing	Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Elm Creek	6	Audrey Worthing, a member of the Elm Creek FFA Chapter, is the daughter of John and Staci Worthing. Audrey's job includes working for the Buffalo County Extension Office educating the public about honeybees. Audrey also hosts informational honeybee workshops. Audrey's agricultural education instructor is Lauren Ibach.	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
Wyatt	Barnes	Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Valentine	10	Wyatt Barnes, a member of the Valentine FFA Chapter, is the son of Kirk and Ronelle Barnes. Wyatt's skills include welding, road construction, and mechanics learned from working at several firms. Wyatt's agricultural education instructor is Brent Nollette.	Frank J. Fleecs
Bren	Shatto	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	3	Bren Shatto, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of Tony and Lori Shatto. Bren developed skills in carpentry to renovate and remodel existing structures and support features. Bren's agricultural education instructor is Kevin Anderson.	Plains Equipment Group
Ariel	Larsen	Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	10	Ariel Larsen, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Monty and Deb Larsen. Ariel's	Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board

Jake Tanner	Judge	Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship	West Holt	10	skills include fruit harvesting, processing, preserving, and direct marketing chokecherry jelly. Ariel's agricultural education instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik. Jake Judge, a member of the West Holt FFA Chapter, is the son of Kevin and Tammie Judge. Jake's business consists of selling and delivery of cattle salt to area ranches. Jake manages inventory and maintains detailed sales records. Jake's agricultural education instructor is David Gibbens.	AgriGold
Andrea	Gonzalez	Agricultural Sales – Placement	Omaha Bryan	1	Andrea Gonzalez, a member of the Omaha Bryan FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Pompeyo Gonzalez and Laura Gomez. Andrea's skills include designing produce tests, working with customers, and creating an inventory of products. Andrea's agricultural education instructor is Tyler Schindler.	RobSeeCo
Haley	Ehrke	Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Southern Valley	11	Haley Ehrke, a member of the Southern Valley FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Leon and Janell Ehrke. Haley's skills include social media marketing, consulting and multimedia production. Through her SAE, Haley learned proper record keeping and customer relations. Haley's agricultural education instructor is Jon Lechtenberg.	Maxwell Agri Service, LLC
Cole	Laible	Agriscience Research-Animal Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Holt	10	Cole Laible, a member of the West Holt FFA Chapter, is the son of Mike and Jeanie Laible. In his Agriscience program, Cole evaluated the effect of feed additives on his market swine herd while marketing his livestock privately to members of his local community. Cole's agricultural education instructor is David Gibbens.	Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health

Michayla	Goedeken	Agriscience Research-Integrated Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Humphrey	2	Michayla Goedeken, a member of the Humphrey FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Mick and Suzy Goedeken. Her research projects include finding a treatment for Goss's Wilt as well as weed management and postharvest storage in Mexico. Michayla learned to identify weeds, corn diseases, and types of grain storage. Michayla's agricultural education instructor is Robyn Graham.	Frank J. Fleecs
Stetson	Dittmar	Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	SEM	8	Stetson Dittmar, a member of the SEM FFA Chapter, is the son of Brent and Brenda Dittmar. Stetson has grown his cattle herd while productively investing earnings back into his capital. Stetson purchased premium bulls to enhance the genetics of his operation. Stetson's agricultural education instructor is Janice Wolfinger.	Nebraska Cattlemen
Jason	Line	Beef Production – Placement	SEM	8	Jason Line, the son of Darby and Annette Line, is a member of the SEM FFA Chapter. Jason is employed at the Triangle J Ranch and has been instrumental in pasture improvement by designing and caring for tree lines. Jason built fences and helped feed, breed and calve numerous cows. Jason's agricultural education instructor is Janice Wolfinger.	Nebraska Cattlemen
Seth	Racicky	Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	Ansley	8	Seth Racicky, a member of the Ansley FFA Chapter, is the son of Greg and Joyce Racicky. Seth's skills include fitting and clipping dairy and beef cattle. He manages his dairy operation by providing care and nutrition. Seth's agricultural education instructor is Brandon Grosserode.	Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
Cauy	Drobny	Dairy Production – Placement	Verdigre	4	Cauy Drobny, a member of the Verdigre FFA Chapter, is the son of Paul	Midwest Dairy Association

Brent	Miller	Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	3	and Chris Drobny. Cauy's skills include caring for Holstein dairy calves while ensuring the feeding program meets the proper necessary nutritional values. He learned the importance of keeping accurate feed and health records. Cauy's agricultural education instructor is Kevin Randa. Brent Miller, a member of the Lyons–Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of Roy and Sarah Miller. Brent focused on sheep and grain production through retained earnings and ownership. Brent's skills include breeding, selection, and all other phases of production. Brent's agricultural education instructor is Kevin Anderson.	Nebraska Corn Board
Seth	Wentworth	Diversified Crop Production – Placement	West Holt	10	Seth Wentworth, a member of the West Holt FFA Chapter, is the son of Joel and Linda Wentworth. Seth's skills include assisting with planting, irrigation, and harvest of popcorn and dry edible beans. Seth gained skills in all parts of his operation. Seth's agricultural education instructor is David Gibbens.	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultants Association
Elle	Schmaderer	Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	10	Elle Schmaderer, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Jon and Jennifer Schmaderer. Elle's skills include, mowing lawns, trimming, planting, weeding, and gardening. She manages her lawn mowing business, tends two large gardens, and numerous flowerbeds. Elle's agricultural education instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.	CF Industries

Chad	Guthrie	Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Holdrege	6	Chad Guthrie, a member of the Holdrege FFA Chapter, is the son of Rory and Karen Guthrie. Chad's SAE involves production of market swine and breeding beef. Chad's operations use improved genetics and sound feeding and management practices to raise and market animals. Chad's agricultural education instructor is Jeff Moore.	Nebraska Corn Board
Erik	Eickhoff	Electrical Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Falls City	1	Erik Eickhoff, a member of the Falls City FFA Chapter, is the son of Marty and Mary Eickhoff. Erik's skills include wiring simple electrical projects such as outlets, switches, and the the breaker box. Erik also operates many types of equipment involved in the electrical field. Erik's agricultural education instructor is Brian Miller.	Tri-State Transmission
Krista	Ott	Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Wisner-Pilger	3	Krista Ott, a member of Wisner-Pilger FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Steven and Heather Ott. Krista planted several trees to refurbish her grandfathers grove. Krista continues to fertilize, water, and maintain the trees. Krista's agricultural education instructor is Wade Overturf.	Raymond and Jolene Ward FFA Endowment
Jared	Fulton	Equine Science – Entrepreneurship	Valentine	10	Jared Fulton, a member of the Valentine FFA Chapter, is the son of Brian and Lisa Fulton. Jared's skills include training horses for rodeo competition. Jared currently has five performance horses and raises colts out of his broodmare, which are sold on his family's annual horse sale. Jared's agricultural education instructor is Brent Nollette.	First National Bank
Quentin	Anderson	Equine Science – Placement	Pierce	4	Quentin Anderson, a member of the Pierce FFA Chapter, is the son of Jeffrey and Lisa Anderson. Quentin's SAE consists of feeding, caring, and training horses for resale while specializing in rodeo	University of Nebraska, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

and ranch horses.  
 Quentin's agricultural  
 education instructor is  
 Matthew Neal.

Michaela	Cunningham	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Fullerton	7	Michaela Cunningham, a member of the Fullerton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Chris and Carla Cunningham. While managing her own soybean operation, Michaela gained experience in planting, fertilizing, irrigating, harvesting, and marketing her crop. Her agricultural education instructor is Kevin Wetovick.	Nebraska Soybean Board
Kayla	Schilke	Food Science and Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Imperial	11	Kayla Schilke, a member of the Imperial FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Schilke. Kayla owns a small business selling decorated custom cakes, cupcakes, and cookies. Kayla's agricultural education instructors are Jason Speck and Jeremy Vlasin.	Norris FFA Boosters
Blake	Kirchhoff	Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Superior	6	Blake Kirchhoff, a member of the Superior FFA Chapter, is the son of Matt and Cindy Kirchhoff. Blake's skills include; recordkeeping and financing his business as well as swathing and baling methods for optimum forage harvesting. Blake's agricultural education instructor is Seth Going.	Bayer CropScience
Zane	Goldfish	Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement	St. Paul	8	Zane Goldfish, a member of the St. Paul FFA Chapter, is the son of Gary and Shelly Goldfish. Zane works at a forestry operation where he harvests Scotch pines and cares for Oaks and Walnuts used in lumber production. Zane's agricultural education instructors are Boyd Bowder and Makayla Coufal.	Nebraska Agribusiness Club

Danessa	Clinch	Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Norfolk	4	Danessa Clinch, a member of the Norfolk FFA Chapter, is the daughter of James Clinch and Nancie Clinch. Danessa's SAE includes raising watermelons and canteloupe and selling them in three states. She learned fruit production skills of propagation, weed and water management. Danessa's agricultural education instructor is Jonathan Anderson.	4 Seasons Fundraising
Gabby	Soden	Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Central	2	Gabby Soden, a member of the Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Eric and Cholena Soden. Gabby's skills include breeding and raising show goats as well as fitting and showing her own animals. Gabby currently has a herd of over 20 goats. Gabby's agricultural education instructor is Casey Carriker.	Nebraska FFA Alumni Council
Korbin	Kudera	Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Leigh/Clarkson	2	Korbin Kudera, a member of the Leigh/Clarkson FFA Chapter, is the son of Kevin and Tamra Kudera. Korbin's skills include testing the effects of various farming practices on corn yields. Korbin identifies plant diseases and uses precision agriculture in crop production. Korbin's agricultural education instructor is Don Tyser.	Nebraska Wheat Board
Molly	Luhrs	Grain Production – Placement	Imperial	11	Molly Luhrs, a member of the Imperial FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Tom and Lynn Luhrs. Molly works on her family wheat farm where she scouts fields, runs the scale house, and oversees the wheat cleaning process. Molly's agricultural education instructors are Jeremy Vlasin and Jason Speck.	Aurora Cooperative

Megan	Leasure	Health and Human Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Verdigre	4	Megan Leasure, a member of the Verdigre FFA Chapter, is the daughter of guardians Jason and Lisa Wessendorf. Megan is currently employed at Alpine Village Retirement Center as a CNA. Her skills include servicing and assisting the residents. Her agricultural education instructor is Kevin Randa.	Omaha Agri-Business Club
Megan	Day	Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement	SEM	8	Megan Day, a member of the SEM FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Charles and Kim Day. Megan has logged over 800 hours in her community leading religious education programs for younger area youth which has built character in her as well as her students. Megan's agricultural education instructor is Janice Wolfinger.	Nebraska Rural Radio Network
Isabelle	Stewart	Home and/or Occupational Safety Programming – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lakeview	2	Isabelle Stewart, a member of the Lakeview FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Klint and Rev. Cindi Stewart. Isabelle's skills include American Red Cross rescues, cleaning, chemical tests, and office work. Isabelle has also taught water safety classes. Isabelle's agricultural education instructor is Catherine Ripp.	The LeRoy Thom, Jean Thom and T-L Foundation, Inc.
Lauren	Prior	Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Imperial	11	Lauren Prior, a member of the Imperial FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Rex and Amy Prior. Lauren's skills involve customer service which includes talking to the customer when a rent is made and delivering the trailer to an event. Lauren learned valuable skills in recordkeeping through her SAE. Lauren's agricultural education instructors are Jason Speck and Jeremy Vlasin.	Frank J. Fleecs
Paxten	Indra	Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Leigh/Clarkson	2	Paxten Indra, a member of the Leigh/Clarkson FFA Chapter, is the son of Dale and Laurie Indra. Paxten's skills include designing ponds, creating financial plans, and keeping the	Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association

					fish healthy. Paxten's agricultural education instructor is Donald Tyser.	
Sydney	Zahm	Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement	O'Neill	10	Sydney Zahm, a member of the O'Neill FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Don Culhane and Denise Zahm. Sydney's skills include propagating a number of different varieties of plants and working with customers. Sydney cares for plants by watering and checking for diseases. Sydney's agricultural education instructor is Amanda Ropp.	Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association
Trenton	Christiancy	Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Franklin	6	Trenton Christiancy, a member of the Franklin FFA Chapter, is the son of Jim and Colette Christiancy. Trenton's skills include the sale and repair of used tire inner tubes. Trent collects tubes throughout the year and sells them to people for tubing down the river. Trent's agricultural education instructor is David Rocker.	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Tanner	Nun	Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Fillmore Central	5	Tanner Nun, a member of the Fillmore Central FFA Chapter, is the son of Larry and Darcy Nun. Tanner's skills include raising, butchering, and selling over 200 broiler chickens. Tanner also raises and cares for layer chickens and sells those eggs. Tanner's agricultural education instructor is Kurt VanDeWalle.	Smart Chicken - Tecumseh Poultry
Chandler	Schelkopf	Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Fillmore Central	5	Chandler Schelkopf, a member of the Fillmore Central FFA Chapter, is the son of Scott and Jana Schelkopf. Chandler increased his ewe flock to eight breeding ewes to produce show lambs that he sells to other youth. Chandler has used embryo transfer to increase the quality of his lambs. Chandler's agricultural education instructor is Kurt VanDeWalle.	Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association and Northeast Nebraska Sheep Breeders Association

Hailey	Thompson	Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Elm Creek	6	Hailey Thompson, a member of the Elm Creek FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Ricki and Angela Runge. Hailey's skills include caring for, registering, and showing rabbits at local, state, and national competitions. Hailey's agricultural education instructor is Lauren Ibach.	Wilber-Clatonia FFA Alumni
Shelby	Kittle	Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Ord	8	Shelby Kittle, a member of the Ord FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Rod and Tammy Kittle. Shelby's skills include insect identification, and public speaking. Shelby manages colonies of beehives by administering routine maintenance and harvesting honey crops. Shelby's agricultural education instructors are Johnny Ference and Dave Ference.	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
Jessi	Harrington-Newton	Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Cross County	7	Jessi Harrington-Newton, a member of the Cross County FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Mike Newton and Jenni Harrington. Jessi's SAE consists of planting, growing, and harvesting 30 lavender plants. Jessi created byproducts such as lotions and sugar scrubs for sale. Her agricultural education instructor is Amanda Hackenkamp.	Janet's Jungle
Patrick	Peterson	Swine Production – Entrepreneurship	Gothenburg	9	Patrick Peterson, a member of the Gothenburg FFA Chapter, is the son of Page and Karen Peterson. Patrick's skills include raising and showing quality pigs. Patrick cares for the health of his animals by providing a balanced diet and treating injuries. Patrick's agricultural education instructors are Dan Scherer and Tim Negley.	Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Shelby	Laird	Swine Production – Placement	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	3	Shelby Laird, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the daughter of David Dutton and Mandy Dutton. Shelby's experience and skills	Nebraska Pork Producers Association

Braden	Peters	Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Pender	3	include all phases of breeding and lactation care in a maternal swine unit. She has learned the proper care and requirements of her swine operation. Shelby's agricultural education instructor is Kevin Anderson. Braden Peters, a member of the Pender FFA Chapter, is the son of Matt and Pam Peters. Braden's SAE involves owning and operating his own lawn care business. Braden submits bills, keeps financial records and conducts simple maintenance on his equipment. Braden's agricultural education instructor is Dallas Bartlett.	Frank J. Fleecs
Thom	Cardwell	Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	St. Paul	8		Hartman Hydroponic Tomatoes
Cheyenne	Franzen	Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Superior	6	Cheyenne Franzen, a member of the Superior FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dean and Brenda Franzen. Cheyanne is responsible for many tasks in the veterinary clinic where she works. Her skills include administering vaccinations, assisting with surgeries and necropsies. Cheyanne's agricultural education instructor is Seth Going.	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
Nathan	Bracht	Wildlife Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Point	3	Nathan Bracht, a member of the West Point FFA Chapter, is the son of Kurt and Angie Bracht. Nathan raises pheasants for release as well as to be sold to area hunting businesses. Nathan has learned the nutritional requirements of game birds as well as the value of accurate record keeping. Nathan's agricultural education instructor is Lee Schroeder.	Nebraska Pheasants Forever State Council

## **Pre-Convention Career Development Events Results:**

Range Judging – Junior Division:

1st place team – West Holt

1st place individual – Casey Coburn, West Holt

Range Judging – Senior Division:

1st place team – West Holt

1st place individual – Logan Anderson, Lewiston

Milk Quality and Products

1st place team – Lewiston

1st place individual – Joel Parker, Sioux County

Land Evaluation:

1st place team – Alma

1st place individual – Tanner Kauk, Alma

Horse Evaluation – Junior Division:

1st place team – Tekamah-Herman

1st place individual – Grant Lindsley, Shelby-Rising City

Horse Evaluation – Senior Division:

1st place team – Boone Central

1st place individual – Sarah Lueck, Arcadia

Dairy Handling:

1st place team – Kourtney Kempkes, Palmyra

Dairy Evaluation:

1st place team – Lewiston

1st place individual – Dalton Anderson, Lewiston

## **State Stars**

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### **2017 Nebraska Star in Agribusiness:**

Aaron Deunk, Norris

Aaron Deunk, of the Norris FFA Chapter, is the son of Ruby and Randy Deunk. His FFA Advisors are Kristyn Jones and Colin Kubik. Aaron's SAE consists of starting a custom fertilizing business. Aaron worked with local area agronomists and farmers to help run a successful enterprise. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Agribusiness and minor in Entrepreneurship.

### 2017 Nebraska Star in Placement:

James Bensen, Pender

James Bensen, of the Pender FFA Chapter, is the son of James Bensen and Sonja Hesse. His FFA Advisor is Rusty Bartlett. James' skills include raising pheasants from chicks to mature for game and profit. James works diligently caring for pheasants to keep them healthy for use. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Civil Engineering.

### 2017 Nebraska Star in Agriscience

Brock Vetick, Lyons-Decatur Northeast

Brock Vetick, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of Pat and Shawn Vetick. His FFA Advisor is Kevin Anderson. Brock's research began in laboratory trials of residue management, design and fabrication of electrophoresis equipment and expanding to inoculating corn with Azospirillum Bacteria. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Plant Biology.

### 2017 Nebraska Star in Production:

Patrick Peterson, Gothenburg

Patrick Peterson, of the Gothenburg FFA Chapter, is the son of Page and Karen Peterson. His FFA Advisors are Tim Negley and Dan Scherer. Patrick's SAE includes 13 sows for raising show pigs to sell to area 4-H and FFA members and 37 short term cows. Patrick developed skills in feed nutrition, overview of animal health, and marketing. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Animal Science.

## Middle School Academy

Sponsor: SureFire Ag

Event Superintendent:

## Middle School Agriculture Literacy Speaking

The agriculture literacy speaking event asks students to create a message that helps advocate and educate about the agriculture industry. Students may use visuals in this event.

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Jessi Heyen	Arcadia	Third
Shalyn Harris	Auburn	Silver
Braden Benes	Boone Central	Silver
Claire Nelson	Boone Central	Fourth
Nevada Mentink	East Butler	Silver
Alex Worthing	Elm Creek	Gold
Jacob Mathias Ramsay	Hyannis	Bronze
Raelin Stouffer	McCool Junction	Bronze
Rebecca Halbmaier	Mead	Gold
Jozlyn Anderson	Plainview	Bronze
Jaya Nelson	Rock County	Silver
Kristen Rohrer	Sandy Creek	Silver
Mattie Beattie	SEM	First
Makayla Schoen	Southern Valley	Gold
Graysen Langdale	Southern Valley	Bronze
Bailey Boitnott	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avooca	Silver
Levi Robinette	Verdigre	Bronze

Jenny Goesch	West Boyd	Second
Chelsey Harstick	West Point	Bronze
Molly Kitt	York	Gold

Fourth Place: Claire Nelson, Boone Central

Third Place: Jessi Heyen Arcadia

Second Place: Jenny Goesch, West Boyd

First Place: Mattison Beattie, SEM

### Middle School Discovery Speaking Event

Sponsor: Lee and Heidi Thurber

Event Superintendent:

Designed to be similar to junior and senior public speaking, discovery speaking is developed for middle school members to become excited about speaking and being involved in future FFA leadership events.

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Elizabeth Wilkins	Ainsworth	Silver
Dustin Andreasen	Boone Central	Silver
Patrick Groeteke	Boone Central	Gold
Sam Baysinger	Bruning-Davenport	Gold
Macy McCarter	Elm Creek	First
Ian Alberts	Freeman	Fourth
Kaylea Doggett	Hyannis	Bronze
Morayah Cupp	Imperial	Silver
Taylor Anderson	Lewiston	Bronze
Lindsy Loos	Loup City	Gold
Lauren Holloway	Mead	Silver
Kyla Hrdlicka	Mead	Silver
Colton Choat	Plainview	Gold
Hannah Keller	Rock County	Silver
Breanna Brenfoerder	Sandy Creek	Silver
Jaylea Pope	Shelton	Third
Carter Bose	Southern Valley	Silver
Dominic Pavlik	Verdigre	Bronze
Levi Schiller	West Point	Second
Erin Case	York	Bronze

Fourth Place: Ian Alberts, Freeman

Third Place: Jaylea Pope, Shelton

Second Place: Levi Schiller, West Point

First Place: Macy McCarter, Elm Creek

### People in Agricultural Pathways Careers Poster Event

The People in Agriculture poster event is designed to develop communication skills while also providing an understanding and awareness of careers in agriculture for seventh and eighth grade members of the FFA.

Last Name	First Name	School	Placing
Cupp	Morayah	Chase County	Gold
Wellsandt	Sydney	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Gold
Kreifels	Madison	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Gold
Kadel	Bryn	Shickley	Gold
Bointnott	Bailey	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Gold
Wells	Jacob	Saint Paul	Gold

Groeteke	Gage	Boone Central	Gold
Shelton	Josie	Auburn	Gold
Vonspreckelsen	Sam	Sandy Creek	Gold
Harris	Shalyn	Auburn	Gold
Meers	Jenna Jo	Sandy Creek	Gold
Janning	Brianna	Shickley	Gold
Greger	Neeley	Riverside	Gold
Mrkvicka	Tanner	Saint Paul	Gold
Vandenbug	Lauren	David City	Gold
Blum	Natalie	David City	
Ockander	Lydia	David City	Silver
Kanke	Jenna	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Silver
Schlegel	Blake	Shickley	Silver
Rightsell	Meadow	Auburn	Silver
Brockman	Jason	Sandy Creek	Silver
Kamler	Macy	Shickley	Silver
Andel	Payton	David City	Silver
Lambert	Jocelyn	Auburn	Silver
Sintek	Parker	Sandy Creek	Silver
O'brien	Nolan	Shickley	Silver
Kuncl	Trevor	Riverside	Silver
Hein	Shelby	David City	Silver
Janda	Blake	Sandy Creek	Silver
Bohling	Kenzie	Shickley	Silver
Mick	Aaron	Shickley	Silver
Terrazas	Jacky	Ansley	Bronze
Kleinschmidt	Dalton	Shickley	Bronze
Manrique Lopez	Mauricio	Auburn	Bronze
Karman	William	Boone Central	Bronze
Anderson	Jozlyn	Plainview	Bronze
Richards	Reid	Shickley	Bronze
Pineda	Daizy	Ansley	Bronze
Forney	Hayden	David City	Bronze
Crownover	Tucker	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Bronze
Farmer	Grace	David City	Bronze
Roybal	Marissa	Auburn	Bronze
Hoffman	Jaxson	Plainview	Bronze
Carlson	Cadden	Shickley	Bronze
Abel	Kordell	David City	Bronze
Langemeier	Riley	Mead	Bronze
Munter	Jack	Mead	Bronze

## Leadership Skills Events

### Creed Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank  
Event Superintendent:

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Sam Lueders	Blair	Bronze
Brooklyn Eisenhouser	Bloomfield	Gold
Alexander Barnette	Bridgeport	Silver
Claryssa Moss	Bridgeport	Silver
Bailey Donner	Crete	Silver
Kirsten Bell	David City	Silver
Amanda Aerts	East Butler	Silver
Anthony Olson	Franklin	Silver
Caleigh Behrens	Freeman	Second
Kaitlyn Otto	Freeman	Gold
Jurnee Patton	Fullerton	Third
Heath Keiser	Gothenburg	First
Maddie Moore	Holdrege	Bronze
Valerie Herbert	Imperial	Fourth
Rebeccah Draucker	Ogallala	Bronze
Makenna Welke	O'Neill	Bronze
Halle Jacobs	Ord	Gold
Shayla Bennett	Palmer	Bronze
Becca Kment	Plainview	Bronze
Bridget Slagle	Sargent	Silver
Garrett Erikson	Seward	Bronze
Mandy Schoen	Southern Valley	Silver
Max Roberts	West Holt	Bronze
Payton Schiller	West Point	Gold

Fourth Place: Valerie Herbert, Imperial

Third Place: Jurnee Patton, Fullerton

Second Place: Caleigh Behrens, Freeman

First and earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Creed Speaking event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October: Heath Keiser, Gothenburg

## Junior Public Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank  
Event Superintendent: Jordyn Bader

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Sam Wilkins	Ainsworth	Gold
BaiLee McMillan	Anselmo-Merna	Silver
Caitlin Nelson	Anselmo-Merna	Bronze
Luke Mathiesen	Blair	Bronze
Ashley Mewhirter	Boone Central	Silver
Cassie Leithead	Bridgeport	Silver
Tatiana Jones	Cody-Kilgore	Silver
Brittani Pospisil	Creighton	Bronze
Kira Widger	Elgin	Silver
Michaela Buchli	Fairbury	Gold
RaeAnn Hartwig	Freeman	Gold
Ashley Parde	Freeman	First
Caden Erickson	Holdrege	Silver
Sydney Reed	Holdrege	Second
Halla Paschold	Lakeview	Fourth
Abby Miller	Mead	Third
Samuel Heapy	Medicine Valley	Bronze
Emily Behrendt	Ravenna	Bronze
Mariah Marisch	Riverside	Silver
Luryn Hendrickson	Shelton	Bronze
Haley Witte	Southern Valley	Bronze
Blake Bartling	Verdigre	Silver
Claire Raabe	Wisner-Pilger	Bronze
Lindsey Stuckey	York	Gold

Fourth Place: Halla Paschold, Lakeview

Third Place: Abby Miller, Mead

Second Place: Sydney Reed, Holdrege

First Place: Ashley Parde, Freeman

## Cooperative Speaking Awards

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska Cooperative Council  
Event Superintendent: Ed Woepfel

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Abigail Kleager	Aurora	Fourth
Sarah Pelton	BerMis	Silver
Jaclyn Frey	Boone Central	Third
Kenzie Barnes	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Elizabeth Selting	Elgin	Gold
Cheyenne McVay	Gothenburg	Bronze
Grady Johnson	Holdrege	Gold
Hailey Coufal	Howells-Dodge	Second
Sydney Rath	Hyannis	Bronze
Megan Bahns	Leigh/Clarkson	Gold
Cari Howell	Lewiston	Bronze
Anna Ready	Logan View	Silver
Jace Stagemeyer	O'Neill	First
Jordyn Anderson	Plainview	Silver
Sarah Adam	Ravenna	Bronze
Parker Smith	SEM	Silver
Thomas Bosmeniel	Seward	Silver
Morgan Edmund	Sioux County	Bronze
Kara Krejdl	Southern Valley	Silver
Sloane Holtmeier	Tri County	Bronze
Alexis Hrbek	Verdigre	Gold
Alex Pistulka	Wilcox-Hildreth	Silver
Jacob Borgelt	Wisner-Pilger	Silver

Fourth: Abigail Kleager, Aurora

Third: Jaclyn Frey, Boone Central

Second: Hailey Coufal, Howells-Dodge

First: Jace Stagemeyer, O'Neill

## Natural Resources Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Farmers Ranchers Cooperative  
Event Superintendent: Kayla Schnuelle

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Olivia Leising	Arapahoe-Holbrook	Third
Jasa Scheierman	Aurora	Gold
Jade Gonzalez	BerMis	Silver
Jocelyn Pohl	Bridgeport	Silver
Miranda Hornung	Central	First
Sydney Adamson	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Nicki Payne	Elgin	Bronze
Audrey Worthing	Elm Creek	Gold
Chandler Schelkopf	Fillmore Central	Silver
Tavish Hestermann	Freeman	Bronze
Lauren Waskowiak	Gothenburg	Bronze
Addie Swartzendruber	Heartland	Silver
Jessi Brester	Howells-Dodge	Bronze
Megan Wehrbein	Lewiston	Silver
Nathan Taylor	Logan View	Silver
Will Babbitt	Paxton	Silver
Austin Choat	Plainview	Gold
Colin Ibach	SEM	Bronze
Addison Muhlbach	Shelton	Second
Josh Swartzendruber	Shickley	Bronze
Peyton Alder	Stuart	Fourth
Haylee Klawitter	Verdigre	Bronze
Kia Liermann	Wisner-Pilger	Silver
Braydon Conell	York	Gold

Fourth: Peyton Alder, Stuart

Third: Olivia Leising, Arapahoe/Holbrook

Second: Addison Muhlbach, Shelton

First: Miranda Hornung, Central

## Extemporaneous Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska Bankers Association

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Luke Krabel	Adams Central	Gold
Jack Arens	Ainsworth	First
Alyssa Boese	Allen	Silver
Adyson Furlong	BerMis	Gold
Shelby Wachter	Blair	Fourth
Chase Hoffsneider	Burwell	Third
Brody Davis	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Jacob Drake	Conestoga	Second
Reggie Raftert	Cross County	Bronze
Taylor Stratman	Cross County	Silver
Laurel Ockander	David City	Silver
Jarod Aerrts	East-Butler	Gold
Jessie Rudolph	Gothenburg	Silver
Wesley Wach	Hays Center	Silver
Ralston Ripp	Kearney	Silver
Aaron Deunk	Norris	Silver
Zander Gibney	North Bend	Silver
Kylee Jipp	Plainview	Bronze
Mekenzie Beattie	SEM	Bronze
Trey Thayer	Sioux County	Bronze
Claira Thede	St. Paul	Bronze
Tiffany Pearson	Tri-County	Bronze
Jared Sullivan	Wallace	Gold
Leon Linhart	York	Bronze

Fourth: Shelby Wachter, Blair

Third: Chase Hoffsneider, Burwell

Second: Jacob Drake, Conestoga

First and earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Extemporaneous Speaking event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October: Jack Arens, Ainsworth

## Employment Skills Event

State awards are sponsored by Central Valley Ag

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Hannah Williams	Amherst	Third
Mike Harrop	Ansley	Bronze
Riley Hanna	Ashland Greenwood	Gold
Elizabeth Swanson	Bishop Neumann	Silver
Hallie Paulson	Blair	Bronze
Ann Hunhoff	Bloomfield	Gold
Halie Andreasen	Boone Central	Silver
Jacob Lemmon	Chadron	Silver
Jaylynn Ravenscroft	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Mariah Dendinger	Crofton	Bronze
Katie Bresnahan	Cross County	Gold
Jaci Teahon	Gothenburg	Fourth
Sage Sherman	Hayes Center	Bronze
Brock Vetick	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Second
Thatcher Skolout	McCook	Bronze
Maria Talero	Norris	Silver
Alexis Canning	Ogallala	Gold
Katherine Osbon	Rock County	Bronze
Sage Williams	SEM	Silver
Colbey Luebbe	Seward	Bronze
Blake Kirchhoff	Superior	Silver
Elizabeth Johnson	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Silver
Jake Judge	West Holt	Silver
Ryen Diaz	York	First

Fourth Place: Jaci Teahon, Gothenburg

Third Place: Hannah Williams, Amherst

Second Place: Brock Vetick, Lyons-Decatur Northeast

First and earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Job Interview event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October: Ryen Diaz, York

## Senior Public Speaking Event

State awards are sponsored by Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program  
Event Superintendent: Jordyn Bader

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Emma Good	Ainsworth	Silver
Taylor May	Aurora	Silver
Karleen Kolar	Central Valley	Bronze
Hunter Hawk	Chadron	Silver
Dali O'Neill	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Lilia Aberle	Franklin	Bronze
Ebony Anderson	Gothenburg	Gold
Julia Jones	Hampton	Bronze
Malina Lindstrom	Holdrege	Second
Jordyn Brester	Howells-Dodge	Silver
Michayla Goedeken	Humphrey	Silver
Dawn Castle	Imperial	Bronze
RaeAnn Heapy	Medicine Valley	Bronze
Hattie Shipps	Norfolk	Bronze
Hailey Walmsley	Norfolk	Gold
Amanda Most	Ogallala	Gold
Carly Kozeal	Sargent	Silver
Kenna Gottschalk	Seward	Silver
Anna Bohlken	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Bronze
Rayna Hladky	Tekamah-Herman	Fourth
Taylor Nielsen	Waverly	Silver
Kelli Mashino	West Boyd	First
Emily Hatterman	Wisner-Pilger	Gold
Sam Redfern	York	Third

Fourth: Rayna Hladky, Tekamah-Herman

Third: Samantha Redfern, York

Second: Malina Lindstrom, Holdrege

First and earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Senior Public Speaking event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October: Kelli Mashino, West Boyd

## Conduct of Chapter Meetings

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska FFA Alumni Association  
Event Superintendent: Spencer Hartman

Chapter	Placing
Blair	Silver
Bloomfield	Bronze
Boone Central	Bronze
Central City 1	Silver
Creek Valley	Bronze
Crete	Bronze
Elm Creek	Third
Gothenburg	Second
Gothenburg 2	Silver
Holdrege	Fourth
Howells Dodge	Bronze
Imperial 1	First
Imperial 2	Silver
Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Gold
Norfolk	Norfolk
Norris	Gold
Ord	Bronze
Scottsbluff	Bronze
Shelby Rising City	Silver
St. Paul 1	Bronze
Stuart	Silver
Waverly	Gold
West Holt	Gold
York	Silver

Second (state runner up): Gothenburg

First and earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Conduct of Chapter Meetings event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October: Imperial

## Senior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Jack and Nancy Nemec  
Event Superintendent: Spencer Hartman

Chapter	Placing
Central	Silver
Central City	Silver
Creek Valley	Bronze
Crofton	Gold
East Butler	Silver
Franklin	Gold
Gothenburg 1	Bronze
Gothenburg 2	Gold
Holdrege	Silver
Imperial	First
Kimball	Bronze
Norris	Second
Ord	Silver
Palmer	Bronze
Pender	Bronze
Rock County	Silver
SEM	Gold
Southern Valley	Silver
Stuart	Third
Tri County Blue	Silver
Tri County Gold	Bronze
Verdigre	Bronze
Waverly	Fourth
West-Point Juniors	Bronze

Second (state runner up): Norris

First and earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Senior Parliamentary Procedure event in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October: Imperial

## Ag Demonstration

State awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
Event Superintendent: Ryan Hanousek

Chapter	Placing
Arthur County	Gold
Ashland-Greenwood	Silver
Aurora	Silver
BerMis	First
Boone Central	Silver
Cody Kilgore	Gold
Elm Creek	Bronze
Freeman Boys	Third
Freeman Girls	Silver
Gordon-Rushville	Silver
Holdrege	Gold
Howells-Dodge Consolidated	Bronze
Loup County	Bronze
Mullen	Silver
Norfolk	Bronze
Ord	Silver
Southern Valley	Bronze
Verdigre	Bronze
West Boyd AI	Bronze
West Boyd Crops	Silver
West Point	Fourth
Wilber-Clatonia	Gold
Wisner-Pilger	Second
York	Bronze

Fourth: West Point

Third: Freeman

Second (State Runner-Up): Wisner-Pilger

First (State Winner): BerMis

## 2017-2018 Nebraska FFA Officers

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### Special Guests and/or Speakers: (in no specific order)

Name	Status
Valerie Earley	National FFA Central Region Vice President (From Minnesota)
Dr. Steve Waller, Dean	College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Matt Lohr	Keynote Speaker, Session 1
Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Oregon	Visiting State Officers
Rebecca Cornelius	NAYC Head Counselor
Maggie Louthan	NAYC Head Counselor
Morgan Tranmer	World Food Prize Representative
Dr. Lloyd Bell	UNL, Agricultural Leadership Education and Communication
Melissa Pierce	Big Iron Representative
Jeff Hornung	Nebraska FFA Alumni Council Member Vice President
Todd Reed	Nebraska Farm Bureau
Megahn Schafer	Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Executive Director
Jake Wilkins	Past Nebraska FFA Officer
Dan Benes	Convention Organist
Tim Kenny	Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
DeMoine Adams	Keynote Speaker
Greg Ibach	Nebraska Department of Agriculture Director
Mike Foley	Nebraska Lieutenant Governor
Glenn Baumert	Union Bank Representative
Mark Walz	Farmers Mutual of Nebraska Representative
Mark Poeschl	CEO, National FFA Organization
Dr. Michael Boehm	Vice Chancellor, IANR
Chris Kalkowski	25-year Nebraska FFA Officer Team
Jarrod Nielson	25-year Nebraska FFA Officer Team
Nancy Harders	Nebraska FFA Alumni President
Jym Elders	Mentalist

Jill Goedecken	Nebraska FFA Chorus Director and Nebraska FFA Alumni Secretary

**Tagged to Teach Ag Speakers:**

Johnny Ference, Ord  
 Dave Ference, Ord  
 Jake Wilkins, Ainsworth  
 Dana Hall, McCool Junction  
 Kevin Anderson, Lyons-Decatur Northeast  
 UNL Ag Ed Club Members  
 Christy Cooper, future agriculture instructor

**Retired FFA Advisors:**

Lonnie Koepke, Broken Bow  
 Kevin Randa, Verdigre  
 Jerome Engelhaupt, West Boyd  
 Robert Swett, Arcadia  
 Don Tyser, Leigh-Clarkson

**Talent:**

Chantelle Schulz, McCool Junction  
 Sarah Kesterson, Bridgeport  
 Schuyler Hellenrich, York  
 Madison Kreifels, Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca  
 Halle Sidak, Wood River  
 Leighton Mlady, West Holt  
 Nicole Gotschall, O'Neill  
 VBV, David City  
 Caroline Draucker, Ogallala  
 Kaylee Hostler, Central City  
 Addie Swartzendruber, Heartland  
 Brooklyn Epp, Heartland  
 Mertz Sisters, McCool Junction  
 Shelby Laird, Lyons-Decatur Northeast

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- Craig Head, Vice President, Nebraska Farm Bureau
- Blake Johnson, Treasurer, Bunker Hill Farms
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- Kent Kirchhoff, Plains Equipment Group
- Matt Kreifels, University of Nebraska—Lincoln and Nebraska Department of Education (Represents the Nebraska FFA Association)
- Jack Nemecek, Retiree
- Jeff Rudolph, Hi-Gain Feedlot
- Justin Troutdt, Landmark Implement
- Tom Volk, President, DEKALB & Asgrow
- Anita Foor, Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska FFA Association

- Stacey Agnew, Executive Director, Nebraska FFA Foundation, Ex-officio Board Member
- Sarah Mullen, Program Manager, Nebraska FFA Foundation, Ex-officio Board Member

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**\*Indicates Finalist**

Jon Alfs, Shickley  
Fina Choat, Riverside  
Nathan Choat, Plainview\*  
Alexis Corman, Bridgeport\*  
Hailey Coufal, Howells-Dodge\*  
Jaclyn Frey, Boone Central  
Hunter Hill, Scottsbluff  
Jake Judge, West Holt\*  
Maisie Kennicutt, Wallace  
Blake Kirchhoff, Superior\*  
Abby Kleager, Aurora\*  
Karleen Kolar, Central Valley\*  
Kelli Mashino, West Boyd\*  
Courtney Nelson, Twin River  
Taylor Nielsen, Waverly  
Kate Osbon, Rock County\*  
Jennifer Pallas, Cross County  
Lindsay Peters, Scribner-Snyder  
Jessica Rudolph, Gothenburg\*  
Jared Stander, Ashland Greenwood  
Isabelle Stewart, Lakeview\*  
Tejlor Strope, O'Neil\*  
Brittany Timoney, East Butler  
Brock Vetick, Lyons-Decatur Northeast\*  
Lydia Vinton, Mullen\*  
Hailey Walmsley, Norfolk

## 2017 Career Development Events Top Individuals & Teams

### Ag Biotechnology – Team

Sponsor: Hoegemeyer Hybrids

Superintendent: Leah Sandall

Team	
1	Fairbury
2	Gothenburg
3	Southern Valley

Individual		
1	Ashley Griffee	Fairbury
2	Kade Bose	Southern Valley
3	Brock Vetick	Lyons-Decatur Northeast

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

Sponsor: Nebraska Rural Radio Network

Superintendent: Roger Terry and Jenny Gravely

Team	
1	Sandy Creek
2	Paxton
3	West Holt

### Ag Communications – Web Design

Individual		
1	Desma Hamilton	Sandy Creek
2	McKenna Juhlin	Pender
3	Emily Burk	West Holt

### Ag Communications – Journalistic Writers

Individual		
1	Brianna Gable	Waverly
2	Katrina Anderson	Sandy Creek
3	Simran Shah	Paxton

### Ag Communications – Opinion Writing

Individual		
1	Annie McCartney	Lawrence-Nelson
2	Taylor Mullen	Paxton
3	Sierra Johnson	Bruning-Davenport

### Ag Communications – Video Production

Individual		
1	Brianna Sorgen	Sandy Creek
2	Alex Schellpeper	Stanton
3	Sabrina Sack	Waverly

**Ag Issues**

Sponsor: The LeRoy Thom, Jean Thom and the T-L Foundation, Inc.

Superintendent: Richard Douglass

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

Team	
1	Wallace
2	Sandy Creek
3	Sutherland

**Ag Sales**

Sponsor: Farmers Cooperative, Dorchester

Superintendent: Kara Heideman

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

Team	
1	Hayes Center
2	Sandy Creek
3	O'Neill

Individual		
1	Sage Sherman	Hayes Center
2	Chad Barent	Hayes Center
3	Luke Krabel	Adams Central

Sage Sherman is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Ag Technology & Mechanics**

Sponsor: Frank J. Fleecs

Superintendent: Dan Stehlik, Doug Smith, Tina Smith

**Ag Technology & Mechanics Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)**

Team	
1	St. Paul
2	Chadron
3	North Bend

Individual		
1	Jayton Frank	North Bend
2	Jerhett Cattin	Chadron
3	Josh Langenheder	St. Paul

**AgriScience**

Sponsor: Producers Hybrid

Superintendent: Nathan Conner

Team	
1	Norris
2	Southern Valley
3	Red Cloud

Individual		
1	Cagney Ehlers	Norris
2	Lani Bohmont	Norris
3	Dylan Manchanthasouk	Red Cloud

**Agronomy**

Sponsor: Ray and Jolene Ward FFA Endowment

Superintendent: Tim Kettler

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

Team	
1	Eustis-Farnam
2	Ashland-Greenwood
3	Freeman

Individual		
1	Jared Stander	Ashland-Greenwood
2	Huntyr Stutterheim	Eustis-Farnam
3	Micky Blender	Eustis-Farnam

Jared Stander is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Farm Business Management**

Sponsor: Farmers Ranchers Cooperative

Superintendent: Tim Meyer

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

Team	
1	Morrill
2	Norris
3	Pawnee City

Individual		
1	Daniel Mills	Morrill
2	Michael Anderson	Norris
3	Courtney Nelson	Twin River

Daniel Mills is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Floriculture**

Sponsor: Frank J. Fleecs

Superintendent: Stacy Adams

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

Team	
1	West Holt
2	David City
3	Norris

Individual		
1	Mason Hale	West Holt
2	Emily Burk	West Holt
3	Corri Slagle	Sargent

Mason Hale is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Food Science**

Sponsor: Oxbow Animal Health

Superintendent: Sara Roberts and Julie Reiling

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

Team	
1	Eustis-Farnam
2	Chase County
3	Stuart

Individual		
1	Joel Parker	Sioux County
2	Brooke Chramosta	Ravenna
3	Leigh Lehmann	Eustis-Farnam

Joel Parker is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Jr. Livestock Evaluation**

Sponsor: Kelly and Marcie Lechtenberg and The Beel Brothers, LLC

Superintendent: Brad Bennett

Team	
1	Fullerton
2	Boone Central
3	Chase County

Individual		
1	Tanner Burge	Perkins County
2	Austin Bernhardt	Chase County
3	Savannah Peterson	Gothenburg

**Sr. Livestock Selection**

Sponsor: Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association

Superintendent: Brad Bennett

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

Team	
1	Norris
2	Kearney
3	Lakeview

Individual		
1	Lane Egger	Lakeview
2	Tigh Renken	BerMis
3	Dylan Hafer	Norris

Tigh Renken is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Meats Evaluation & Identification**

Sponsor: Cargill Meat Solutions

Superintendent: Dennis Burson

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

Team	
1	SEM
2	Eustis-Farnam
3	West Point

Individual		
1	Mekenzie Beattie	SEM
2	Tennyson Williams	SEM
3	JD Bartell	Eustis-Farnam

Herschel Foster is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Natural Resources**

Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Superintendent: Drew Tyre and Rachel Neisius

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

Team	
1	West Holt
2	Cambridge
3	Arapahoe/Holbrook

Individual		
1	Eddie Fredrick	West Holt
2	Brandon Jelinek	West Holt
3	Theo Stenke	West Holt

**Marketing Plan**

Sponsor: Frenchman Valley Cooperative

Superintendent: Rosalie Swartz

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

Team	
1	Chase County
2	Gothenburg
3	Norris

**Nursery & Landscape Management**

Sponsor: STIHL Outdoor Power Equipment

Superintendent: Anne Streich

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

Team	
1	Freeman
2	West Holt
3	Crofton

Individual		
1	Jacob Neil	Freeman
2	Kaitlyn Meints	Freeman
3	Ashley Parde	Freeman

Jacob Neil is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Livestock Management**

(Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Equine)

Sponsor: Omaha Agribusiness Club

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

**Livestock Management – Overall**

Sponsor: Omaha Agribusiness Club

Beef: Aksarben Foundation

Dairy: FC Stone

Equine: Omaha Agri-Business Club

Sheep: Nebraska FFA Alumni

Swine: Nebraska Pork Producers Association

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	West Point
2	Ansley
3	Waverly

**Livestock Management – Beef**

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Bruning-Davenport
2	Stuart
3	Central Valley

**Livestock Management – Dairy**

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	West Point
2	North Bend
3	Ansley

**Livestock Management – Equine**

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Waverly
2	West Point
3	Ashland-Greenwood

**Livestock Management – Sheep**

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Boone Central
2	Norfolk
3	Elm Creek

**Livestock Management – Swine**

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	West Point
2	North Bend
3	Leigh/Clarkson

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

Sponsor: Department of Agriculture, Poultry &amp; Egg Division

Superintendent: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Chadron
2	Ord
3	Johnson County Central

**Welding**

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

Superintendents: Dan Zabel and Mark Hawkins

Team	
1	SEM
2	Auburn
3	McPherson County

**Welding – MIG**

Individual		
1	Jacob Barwick	Alma
2	Carter Anderson	Pierce
3	Kyon Neal	McPherson County

**Welding – ARC**

Individual		
1	Bryce Ulrich	West Point
2	Jerhett Cattin	Chadron
3	Joscelyn Soncksen	SEM

**Welding-OXY-A**

Individual		
1	Tristan Davis	Auburn
2	Logan O'kief	Valentine
3	Alex Schmailzl	Waverly

**Veterinary Science**

Sponsor: Oxbow Animal Health

Superintendent: Lisa Karr and Lena Luck

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

Team	
1	Ogallala
2	Franklin
3	Burwell

Individual		
1	Kelley Bode	Burwell
2	Amanda Most	Ogallala
3	Halle Tophoj	Ogallala

Kelley Bode is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

## Nebraska FFA State Degree

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Jack Arens .....	Ainsworth	Wilson Wagner .....	Bloomfield
Jacce Ray Beck .....	Ainsworth	Kody Mans .....	Blue Hill
Hadley Caulfield .....	Ainsworth	Devon Wilkerson .....	Blue Hill
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Emma Jean Good .....	Ainsworth	Hannah J. Groth .....	Boone Central
Sydney Dawn Graff .....	Ainsworth	Ty D. Groth .....	Boone Central
Whittney TelRae Killion.....	Ainsworth	Brody I. Voichoski .....	Boone Central
Shylo Paddock.....	Ainsworth	Dalton J. Wagner .....	Boone Central
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Jacob Barwick .....	Alma	Bailey R. Hamling .....	Burwell
Shelby Butts .....	Alma	Willie A. Hemmer .....	Burwell
Steph Eddy.....	Alma	Chase W. Hoffschneider .....	Burwell
Parker Janicek.....	Alma	Tori L. Huffman.....	Burwell
Eric Kovarik .....	Alma	Jacey D. Jensen .....	Burwell
Charles McConnell .....	Alma	KayLee J. Rasmussen .....	Burwell
McCyla Mickelson .....	Amherst	Tressa K. Reiner .....	Burwell
Mykayla Tincher.....	Amherst	Haley A. Farr .....	Cambridge
Hannah Williams.....	Amherst	Dillon J. Sayer .....	Cambridge
Doran Kolasa .....	Anselmo-Merna	Caleb R. tenBensel.....	Cambridge
Kenzie Marie McMullen.....	Anselmo-Merna	Kenidee J. Urling .....	Cambridge
Shelby Lynn Spanel .....	Anselmo-Merna	Andrew Cast .....	Centennial
Alyssa Bailey .....	Ansley	Trevor Dey .....	Centennial
Kevin Berke .....	Ansley	Mitchell Heine .....	Centennial
Mikael Harrop .....	Ansley	Allison Hottovy .....	Centennial
Mariah Lane .....	Ansley	Kyle Pankoke .....	Centennial
Mable McAbee.....	Ansley	Garrett Richters .....	Centennial
Seth Racikcy.....	Ansley	Sarah Bos.....	Central
Matt Reed .....	Ansley	Frances Holley .....	Central
Trent Scott .....	Ansley	Lena Nelson .....	Central
Makin Shafer.....	Ansley	Courtney Potter .....	Central
Jesse Shirley.....	Ansley	Gabby Soden .....	Central
Paige Stunkel .....	Ansley	Leah K. Buller .....	Central City
Ashley Einspahr.....	Arcadia	Kaylee A. Eberle.....	Central City
Tamara Hall.....	Arcadia	Kaylee L. Hostler .....	Central City
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Macie Hayes.....	Ashland Greenwood	Savannah M. Tejada .....	Central City
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Abigail S. Kleager.....	Aurora	Kelsey Cargill.....	Central Valley
Taylor L. May .....	Aurora	Cade Grossart .....	Central Valley
Chelby Huck .....	Bayard	Kaleb Johnson.....	Centura
Chelsea Bryant .....	Blair	Jade Krolikowski .....	Centura
Cody Camenzind .....	Blair	Peyton McCord.....	Centura
Hayley Kastrup .....	Blair	Isabelle Schultz .....	Centura
Sydney Kelley .....	Blair	Conner Sokol .....	Centura
Garet Kubie .....	Blair	Matthew Wells .....	Centura
Cody Lambrecht.....	Blair	Landon Crabtree.....	Chambers
Magdalene O'Brien .....	Blair	Nicholas Haburchak .....	Chambers
Allyson Schlueter .....	Blair	Patrick Tomjack .....	Chambers
Shelby Wachter.....	Blair	Slim Lincoln.....	Cody-Kilgore
Garret Alexander .....	Bloomfield	Jaylynn Ravenscroft .....	Cody-Kilgore
Cole Bruns.....	Bloomfield	Henry A. Schneider .....	Cody-Kilgore
Ann Hunhoff .....	Bloomfield	Grace Lowe .....	Conestoga
Kayla Kleinschmit .....	Bloomfield	Jacob Morris .....	Conestoga
McGwire Mackeprang.....	Bloomfield	Titus Nolting .....	Conestoga
Gabi Mangmoradeth.....	Bloomfield	Zeke Rouse .....	Conestoga
Hunter Muff .....	Bloomfield	Sofia Sedlacek.....	Conestoga
Leah Poppe .....	Bloomfield	Jacob Vallery.....	Conestoga
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Jonathan Edwin Schmidt.....	Diller-Odell	Josh Wiebelhaus.....	Hartington Newcastle
Brayden Baney .....	Dundy County Stratton	Seth Wiebelhaus.....	Hartington Newcastle
Emily Jones .....	Dundy County Stratton	Connor Wuebben .....	Hartington Newcastle
Cole Lutz .....	Dundy County Stratton	Sophia Johnson.....	Hayes Center
JD Powell.....	Dundy County Stratton	Abigail Soncksen .....	Hayes Center
Brady Wonderly .....	Dundy County Stratton	Angelica M. Bassett .....	Heartland
Catherine A. Benes.....	East Butler	Shelby K. Hurlbut .....	Heartland
Lauren V. Rezac.....	East Butler	Kori M. Siebert.....	Heartland
Brittany V. Timoney .....	East Butler	Austin B. Stuhr .....	Heartland
Jaden Dzingle .....	Elba	Addie R. Swartzendruber.....	Heartland
Zoey Bergman .....	Elgin	Bailey D. Ulmer .....	Heartland
Chad Bode.....	Elgin	Tessa P.M. Byrd .....	High Plains
Kenny Bush .....	Elgin	Richard B. Church .....	High Plains
Geoffrey Carr .....	Elgin	Tana L. Engel.....	High Plains
Justin Funk .....	Elgin	Michaela E. Reimers .....	High Plains
Elliane Heilhecker .....	Elgin	Andrew M. Schuller .....	High Plains
Miles Schrage.....	Elgin	Kyle C. Stevens.....	High Plains
Elizabeth Selting.....	Elgin	Payton D. Stevens.....	High Plains
Kelsey Welding.....	Elgin	Bryce N. Wilshusen.....	High Plains
Mickayla Blender .....	Eustis-Farnam	Korinne K. Wright .....	High Plains
Sara Pleschourt .....	Eustis-Farnam	Payton Borden .....	Holdrege
Hayden Rupe.....	Eustis-Farnam	Chaten Edgren .....	Holdrege
Huntyr Stutterheim.....	Eustis-Farnam	Chad Guthrie .....	Holdrege
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Carson L. Bohlmeier .....	Fairbury	Haley Hixson .....	Holdrege
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Patrick D. Ondrak.....	Fairbury	Calin Nelson.....	Holdrege
Sydney Brewer .....	Falls City	Christian Newth.....	Holdrege
Erik Eickhoff .....	Falls City	Hailey Coufal.....	Howells-Dodge
Megan M. Eickhoff.....	Falls City	Joey Kratochvil.....	Howells-Dodge
Brooke Lotter.....	Falls City	Justin Shonka .....	Howells-Dodge
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Adam Hoarty.....	Fillmore Central	Crystal M. Brandl .....	Humphrey
Tyler O'Connor.....	Fillmore Central	Kaydie Brandl.....	Humphrey
Logan Peppard .....	Fillmore Central	Kendal James Brandl.....	Humphrey
Garrett Whitley.....	Fillmore Central	Michayla Goedeken .....	Humphrey
Trenton Christiancy.....	Franklin	Monika Kay Laudenklos .....	Humphrey
William Andrew Goosic V.....	Franklin	Mackenzie Magsamen .....	Humphrey
Owen Grube.....	Franklin	Kenny Osten .....	Humphrey
Matthew Hudson .....	Franklin	Ryley Johnson .....	Hyannis
Cody Jester.....	Franklin	Dawn Castle .....	Imperial
Brody Lewis.....	Franklin	Shaylee Heathers.....	Imperial
Austin Meade.....	Franklin	Trace Helser.....	Imperial
Payton Rose .....	Franklin	Molly Luhrs .....	Imperial
Sarah Buehler.....	Freeman	Marissa Borrenpohl .....	Johnson County Central
Kaitlyn Meints .....	Freeman	Mariah Rost .....	Kearney
Kyle Otto .....	Freeman	Joel P. Evertson.....	Kimball
Lauren Parde.....	Freeman	Lane Egger .....	Lakeview
Gabe VanEngen.....	Freeman	Caleb Franzen .....	Lakeview
Michaela M. Cunningham .....	Fullerton	Jordee Korte .....	Lakeview
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Peyton Stanczyk.....	Garden County	Cole Lutjens .....	Lakeview
Ebony Anderson.....	Gothenburg	Drew Schaad.....	Lakeview
Tate Bartlett.....	Gothenburg	Dillon Sprunk .....	Lakeview
William Healey .....	Gothenburg	Isabelle Stewart .....	Lakeview
Josee Hotz.....	Gothenburg	Addie Wilke .....	Lakeview
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Patrick Peterson.....	Gothenburg	Karmen Hake .....	Leigh/Clarkson
Jessica Rudolph .....	Gothenburg	Cari Howell .....	Lewiston

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Max B. Christensen	Logan View	Parker Steven Belgium	O'Neill
Jasmine Marie De Luna	Logan View	Sidney Marie Breiner	O'Neill
Bailey Sierra Garretson	Logan View	Corbin Alan Dean	O'Neill
Brett D. Hull	Logan View	Alexa Drew Dougherty	O'Neill
Tyler Joe Mulliken	Logan View	Nicole Joyce Gotschall	O'Neill
Madison Kate Schuler	Logan View	Robyn Elizabeth Isom	O'Neill
Cody Chilewski	Loup City	Devin Robert Jurgensmeier	O'Neill
Jared Curlo	Loup City	Tayte Gregory Jussel	O'Neill
Montana Markus	Loup City	Zeb Michael O'Bryan	O'Neill
Shelby Vogler	Loup City	Tejlor Gretchen Strobe	O'Neill
Ethan Allen	Loup County	Sydney Mae Zahm	O'Neill
Hailey Glidden	Loup County	Vanessa Ference	Ord
Paul Sandoz	Loup County	Tanner Knight	Ord
Whitney Steckel	Loup County	Asha Scheideler	Ord
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