



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

Theme: Live a Legacy

April 8-10, 2015

Lincoln, Nebraska

# 2015 Nebraska FFA Convention Results

**Attendance: 3,799 members registered  
5,971 total attendees registered**

## **Agricultural Issues Academy**

Sponsors: Alliance for the Future of Agriculture, Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Pork Producers Association and Nebraska Farm Bureau

The Agricultural Issues Academy (AIA) was held for the fifth year. This is an opportunity for Nebraska FFA members to learn about the issues involving Nebraska Agriculture. Thirty 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.

Abby Ruda, North Bend  
Andrew King, Newman Grove  
Asha Scheideler, Ord  
Brent Miller, Lyons-Decatur Northeast  
Casey Harper, Blair  
Cheyenne Gerlach, Tri County  
Cierra Roubicek, Amherst  
Conrad Schelkopf, Fillmore Central  
Dylan Schmidt, Blair  
Elisabeth White, Blair  
Emily Cumming, St. Edward  
Emma Smith, Fillmore Central  
Eric Leisy, Wisner-Pilger  
Gunnar Hitchcock, Valentine  
Haley Ehrke, Southern Valley  
Hannah Haase, Newman Grove  
James Moseman, Oakland-Craig

Katie Reed, Holdrege  
Kaydie Brandl, Humphrey  
Kyra Farmer, David City  
Madeline Ronnfeldt, Lyons-Decatur Northeast  
Madison Clark, Medicine Valley  
Malina Jo Lindstrom, Holdrege  
Margaret Derr, Amherst  
Miles Stagemeyer, O'Neill  
Taylor Nielsen, Waverly  
Tejlor Strope, O'Neill  
Tiffany Connelly, Bridgeport  
Tyler Lehan, Blair  
Vanessa Whitmore, David City High

## **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
- Diller-Odell
- Hayes Center
- Osceola
- Pender
- Ravenna
- Wisner-Pilger

Receiving superior chapter certificates and bronze emblem recognition:

- Ainsworth
- Mead
- Scribner-Snyder

Receiving superior chapter certificates and gold emblem recognition:

- Lakeview
- Leigh-Clarkson
- McCool Junction
- Southern Valley

### **Community Development 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.

Silver emblem recognition:

- Freeman
- Humphrey
- Leigh-Clarkson
- Red Cloud
- Verdigre

Gold Awards:

- Franklin
- Holdrege
- McCool Junction
- North Bend
- Ravenna
- Schuyler Central
- Scribner/Snyder
- Stuart

Third Place: Mead

Second Place: Lewiston

First Place: O'Neill

### **Feed Nebraska Recognition**

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

Receiving merit awards are:

- Chambers
- Cody-Kilgore
- Fillmore Central
- Freeman
- McCool Junction
- North Bend
- Ravenna
- Rock County
- Schuyler
- Valentine

## Chapter Safety Awards

The state awards are sponsored by Frank J. Fleecs

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

### Bronze Awards:

- Holdrege
- O'Neill
- Ravenna

### Silver Awards:

- Humphrey
- Lewiston
- McCool Junction
- North Bend
- Red Cloud

### Receiving Gold Awards are:

- Fourth Place: Stuart
- Third Place: Verdigre
- Second Place: Leigh-Clarkson
- First Place: Franklin

## 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 increase agricultural literacy. The grants are sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority.

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| • Alliance                | • Newman Grove    |
| • Conestoga               | • Norris          |
| • David City              | • Red Cloud       |
| • East Butler             | • Shickley        |
| • Fillmore Central        | • Seward          |
| • Freeman                 | • Southern Valley |
| • Johnson County Central  | • St. Paul        |
| • Lakeview                | • Wallace         |
| • Lyons-Decatur Northeast | • Waverly         |
| • McCool Junction         |                   |

## New Nebraska FFA Chapter Charters

Chapter Officer Symbols sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

- Adams Central, Advisor Brandon Jacobitz
- Arthur County, Advisor Kim Channer
- Auburn, Advisor Ashton Bohling
- Cedar Bluffs, Advisor Dana Garrison
- Cross County, Advisor Amanda Hackenkamp
- HTRS, Advisor Trent Platt
- Litchfield, Advisor Layne Kirby
- Silver Lake, Advisor Andrea Curlo

### **Nebraska FFA Advisors of the Year**

Sponsored by Nebraska Farm Bureau

- Jason Speck, Imperial
- Jeremy Vlasin, Imperial

### **Gary Scharf Helping Hand Award**

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

- Mark Schroeder, Wisner-Pilger (FFA Advisor)

### **Premier Chapter Awards**

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Alumni

The award honors 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.

Fifteen Premier Nebraska Chapters:

- Blue Hill
- Conestoga
- Franklin
- Freeman
- Gothenburg
- Holdrege
- Humphrey
- Imperial
- Norris
- North Bend
- Plainview
- Rock County
- Schuyler
- Stuart
- Verdigre

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

Sponsored by Perkins County FFA Chapter

- Cross County FFA Chapter

## AgriScience Fair Awards

Sponsor: Animal Health International 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.

Animal Systems, Division I	Colton Wiemer	Blair
Animal Systems, Division II	Magdalene O'Brien	Blair
Animal Systems, Division III	Becca Simpson and Madi Hobscheid	Conestoga
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division I	Maria Vega	Schuyler Central
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division II	Brandy Schaack	Hyannis
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division III	Jacob Swartzendruber and Thomas Mick	Shickley
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division I	Katie Bathke	Allen
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division II	Zeke Rouse	Conestoga
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division III	Parker Klinginsmith and Hunter Kocian	St. Paul
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division VI	Isaac Buss and Kaycee Bartels	Johnson County Central
Plant Systems, Division I	Sarah Johnson	Newman Grove
Plant Systems, Division II	Coleman Kneifl	Allen
Plant Systems, Division III	Hallie Paulson and Jacob Mathiesen	Blair
Plant Systems, Division IV	Chelsea Bryant and Kiley Meeder	Blair
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division I	Levi Woodward	Allen
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division II	Brent Miller	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division III	Wyatt Remmers and Dalton Nickles	Conestoga
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division IV	Owen Hanson and Clint Miller	Valentine
Social Systems, Division I	Anna Bohlken	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca
Social Systems, Division III	Autumn Hardesty and Sophia Svanda	Conestoga
Social Systems, Division IV	Hannah Esch and Elizabeth Johnson	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca

### 2015 State Fair Recognition

Each year, FFA members from across the state travel to exhibit their projects at the Nebraska State Fair and showcase the hard work of their supervised agricultural experience programs. The following individuals were recognized for their support.

Name	City	Support
Trevor Lienemann	Princeton	Nebraska Angus Association
Melissa McGee Buehler	Fairbury	Nebraska Hereford Association
Gerald Gustafson		Nebraska Limousin Association
Diane Duran	Rising City	Nebraska Simmental Association
Ronette Heinrich	Kearney	Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic
Myron Benes and Johnnie Johnson		Nebraska Elite Beef
Doug and Gail Brand	Seward	
Dan and Sue Kunnemann	Imperial	
Marvin and Linda Rousey	North Platte	

### 2015 VIP Award

Kaylynn Kalkowski

And

Jana Kruger

These individuals worked for a number of years to make the Leadership Skills Event registration run smoothly at the State Convention. Kaylynn and Jana are dedicated volunteers of the Nebraska FFA.

### 2015 Distinguished Service Award

Name	Represented
Scott Spilker	Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Kelly Brunkhorst and Dave Merrell	Nebraska Corn Board
Larry Musack	Nebraska Corn Growers
Jeff Rudolf	Nebraska Cattlemen
Jim Benfeldt	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

These organizations and associations have worked diligently and tirelessly for the past five years to host the Agricultural Issues Academy. We thank our industry partners.

### Honorary State FFA Degrees

2015 Nebraska Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients:

(FFA Advisors)

Cole Blomendahl

MaKayla Coufal

Ann Dvorak

Lacy Hebbert

Lisa Kemp

Jon Lechtenberg

Brent Nollette

Michelle Ryun

(Friends and Supporters)

Tony and Jane Baderscher

Jordan Dux

Frank Fleecs

Donelle Wolters

## Natural Resources Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Every year, FFA chapters and members perform many activities that help preserve our environment. Roadside pickups, water testing, and recycling are among some of the events that chapters are coordinating.

Bronze emblem certificates:

- Crete
- Osceola
- Red Cloud

Receiving gold emblem certificates and plaques for being the top four chapters in the state in natural resources educational activities:

- Fourth Place: McCool Junction
- Third Place: Ord
- Second Place: North Bend
- First Place: Schuyler Central

## Cornerstone Awards

Awards sponsored by Cornerstone Bank

Our school administrators are individuals 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.

- Greg Sjuts, Superintendent, Humphrey Public Schools
- Roxie Rosenthal, Professional Assistant, Nebraska FFA Association/Nebraska Department of Education
- PJ Quinn, Principal, Mead Public Schools
- Davis Friedli, Principal Conestoga High School

## Nutrients for Life Awards

The Nutrients for Life Foundation is an educational non-profit that provides information and resources to educators and the public about the vital role fertilizers plan in feeding our world. Through donations, they offer free educational materials on soil science to educators. All resources are science-based, user-friendly and utilized by educators across the country.

We thank our partners at the Nutrients for Life Foundation and those chapters who partnered with their foundation. These chapters helped their communities become better informed about the positive role of plan nutrients, fertilizers and related agricultural issues through education, community building and experiential activities.

Chapter	Amount Awarded	Placing
Blue Hill	\$250	
Heartland	\$250	
Johnson County Central	\$250	
Osceola	\$250	
Wallace	\$250	
Norfolk	\$1,000	Third
Freeman	\$2,000	Second
Lewiston	\$3,000	First Place



## **State Stars**

The state awards are sponsored by Syngenta.

### **2015 Nebraska Star in Agribusiness:**

Nick Cole, McCook

Nick Cole, of the McCook FFA Chapter, is the son of Jeff and Billie Cole. His FFA Advisor is Tracy Cooper. Nick's SAE is his fence building business called Triple C Fencing. Nick developed skills in customer service, accounting and management. He will attend the Central Community College in Hastings and plans to work as an electrician.

### **2015 Nebraska Star in Placement:**

Chris Coulter, Rock County

Chris Coulter, of the Rock County FFA Chapter, is the son of Sam and Linda Coulter. His FFA Advisor is Ann Dvorak. Chris' SAE involves working for his father in a custom chemical application business. His skills include repairing pumping systems, understanding chemical uses, and business management. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Agribusiness.

### **2015 Nebraska Star in Agriscience**

Yvonne Moten, Omaha Bryan

Yvonne Moten, of the Omaha Bryan FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Shari Hamman and Arthur Moten. Her FFA Advisor is Channing Reha. Yvonne's SAE tests the effect of High Altitude Ballooning on root growth. Yvonne's skills include developing her experiment's scientific method and meticulous data collection. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska- Lincoln and major in Agronomy.

### **2015 Nebraska Star in Production:**

Brendon Hauxwell, McCook

Brendon Hauxwell, of the McCook FFA Chapter, is the son of Bryan and Ami Hauxwell. His FFA Advisors have been Sarah Knutson and Tracy Cooper. He has developed a 49 head red Angus herd and has 3 simmental cross Angus bulls. He plans to major in Ag Business in college then return home to manage the ranch

**Jr. High Experience**  
**Sponsor: UNL FFA Alumni**

**Jr. High Agricultural Literacy Speaking**

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Lauren Kaliff	York	First
Jace Stagemeyer	O'Neill	Second
Sam Wilkins	Ainsworth	Third
Maddy Reeves	Southern Valley	Fourth
Joscelyn Soncksen	S-E-M	Gold
Reesa Wilcox	Lewiston	Gold
Halla Paschold	West Point	Silver
Kendra Paasch	West Point	Silver
Emerson Randa	Verdigre	Silver
Hannah Strein	Tri County	Silver
Kealey Franzen	S-E-M	Silver
Josie Cudaback	David City	Silver
Maggie Bose	Southern Valley	Bronze
Carissa Wacker	Plainview	Bronze
Abbigail Wegner	Palmer	Bronze
Dana Christen	Lewiston	Bronze
Ryan Hellbusch	Fullerton	Bronze
Bryanne Farmer	David City	Bronze

### Jr. High Discovery Speaking Event

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

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Emma Hoffschneider	Wheeler Central	First
Brittani Pospisal	Creighton	Second
Peyton Schiller	West Point	Third
Hailee Pohl	York	Fourth
Jadyn Chasek	Mullen	Gold
Taylor Ference	Loup City	Gold
Colleen Fulton	Loup City	Gold
Haley Witte	Southern Valley	Silver
Becca Kment	Plainview	Silver
Alysen Daniels	Mullen	Silver
JJ Mertz	McCool Junction	Silver
Ashley Oltman	Freeman	Silver
Laurel Ockander	David City	Silver
Katherine Sydik	Central	Silver
Name	Chapter	Place
Ashton Troyer	West Point	Bronze
Melody MacDonald	St. Edward	Bronze
Taylor Russell	Southern Valley	Bronze
Caleb Hendrickson	Shickley	Bronze
Trace Ebert	Rock County	Bronze
Rachel Buehler	Freeman	Bronze

Fourth Place: Hailee Pohl, York

Third Place: Peyton Schiller, West Point

Runner-up:

Brittani Pospisal, Creighton

State Winner:

Emma Hoffschneider, Wheeler Central

### Jr. High Quiz Bowl

The quiz bowl event offers opportunities for junior high members to enhance and demonstrate their knowledge and skills related to agriscience and the FFA in a semi-competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness, cooperation, and fairness prevail.

### People in Agriculture Junior High Event

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

Second Place: Mariah Dather, Crofton

First Place: Megan Baird, Imperial

## Leadership Skills Events

### Creed Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Malina Lindstrom	Holdrege	First
Marie Meis	Elgin	Second
Alexis Heller	Wisner-Pilger	Third
Haley Arens	Crofton	Fourth
Dali O'Neill	Cody-Kilgore	Gold
Grady Johnson	Holdrege	Gold
Chase Streeter	West Point	Gold
Neleigh Gehl	Wheeler Central	Gold
Brittney Newkirk	Bridgeport	Silver
Ashley Heyen	Central	Silver
Josh Sebade	Emerson-Hubbard	Silver
Katelyn Steffensmeier	Howells-Dodge	Silver
Maria Talero	Norris	Silver
Carly Kozeal	Sargent	Silver
Kade Bose	Southern Valley	Silver
Genevieve Tonniges	York	Silver
Isaac Buitron	Arthur County	Bronze
Carsten Stanczyk	Fullerton	Bronze
Frankie Hendricks	High Plains	Bronze
Audra Kippes	Hyannis	Bronze
Kathlyn Hauxwell	McCook	Bronze
Corri Slagle	Sargent	Bronze
Grace Ruehle	Seward	Bronze
Anna Bohlken	Syracuse	Bronze

Fourth Place: Haley Arens, Crofton

Third Place: Alexis Heller, Wisner-Pilger

Second Place: Marie Meis, Elgin

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Creed Speaking Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: Malina Lindstrom, Holdrege

## Junior Public Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Kelli Mashino	West Boyd	First
Ebony Anderson	Gothenburg	Second
Zeke Rouse	Conestoga	Third
Alexis Corman	Bridgeport	Fourth
Derek Monie	Arapahoe	Gold
Hailey Coufal	Howells-Dodge	Gold
Brock Vetick	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Gold
Rebecca Nozicka	Ravenna	Gold
Lillian Epp	Aurora	Silver
Ann Hunhoff	Bloomfield	Silver
Garrison Hazen	Creighton	Silver
Hope Burken	Holdrege	Silver
Haley Hixson	Holdrege	Silver
Karmen Hake	Leigh-Clarkson	Silver
Brodie Baum	Mullen	Silver
Michaela Glause	Palmer	Silver
Allison Hottovy	Centennial	Bronze
Jaylynn Ravenscroft	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Cari Howell	Lewiston	Bronze
Whitney Steckel	Loup County	Bronze
RaeAnn Heapy	Medicine Valley	Bronze
Brent Lemmer	West Holt	Bronze
Seth Pierce	West Point	Bronze
Leon Linhart	York	Bronze

Fourth Place: Alexis Corman, Bridgeport

Third Place: Zeke Rouse, Conestoga

Second Place: Ebony Anderson, Gothenburg

First Place: Kelli Mashino, West Boyd

## Cooperative Speaking Awards

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska Cooperative Council

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Jessie Rudolph	Gothenburg	First
Karissa Dicke	Elgin	Second
Emma Good	Ainsworth	Third
Tiandrah Barnes	Cody-Kilgore	Fourth
Emily Ludwig	Wisner-Pilger	Gold
Jada Jensen	Hyannis	Gold
Kaitlyn Taylor	Holdrege	Gold
Heidi Borg	Allen	Gold
Brody Gamer	York	Silver
Lauren Jacobsen	Wisner-Pilger	Silver
Kaitlyn Lennemann	Southern Valley	Silver
Montana Hill	Seward	Silver
Spencer Bierfreund	Medicine Valley	Silver
Dalton Anderson	Lewiston	Silver
Megan Coan	Lakeview	Silver
Brody Davis	Cody-Kilgore	Silver
Erika Eckhardt	Sterling	Bronze
Devyn Rother	St. Paul	Bronze
Mercedes Hemmingsen	Riverside	Bronze
Kali Uhrich	Red Cloud	Bronze
Jackie Lewis	Loup County	Bronze
Hanna Hulse	Leigh-Clarkson	Bronze
Cody Hambleton	Fullerton	Bronze

Fourth: Tiandra Barnes, Cody-Kilgore

Third: Emma Good, Ainsworth

Second: Karissa Dicke, Elgin

First: Jessie Rudolph, Gothenburg

## Natural Resources Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Farmers Ranchers Cooperative

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Conrad Schelkopf	Fillmore Central	First
Nathan Choat	Plainview	Second
Eric Leisy	Wisner-Pilger	Third
Jasa Scheierman	Aurora	Fourth
Alli Riley	York	Gold
Miles Stagemeyer	O'Neill	Gold
Alois Warner	Elgin	Gold
Karleen Kolar	Central Valley	Gold
Grayce Jorgensen	Medicine Valley	Silver
Nicholas Taylor	Logan View	Silver
Ben Kuhr	Leigh-Clarkson	Silver
Theresa Barnhart	Garden County	Silver
Emily Klein	Freeman	Silver
Sarah Smith	Creighton	Silver
Caleb TenBensel	Cambridge	Silver
Colin Fellhoelter	Bridgeport	Silver
Kate Erdkamp	Waverly	Bronze
Kelsey Phillips	Mullen	Bronze
Janessa Maurer	Holdrege	Bronze
Cheyenne McVay	Gothenburg	Bronze
Kelsey Safarik	Elba	Bronze
Bre Bicknase	Aurora	Bronze
Rachel Kort	Adams Central	Bronze

Fourth: Jasa Scheierman, Aurora

Third: Eric Leisy, Wisner-Pilger

Second: Nathan Choat, Plainview

First: Conrad Schelkopf, Fillmore Central

## Extemporaneous Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska Bankers Association

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Renaë Sieck	Crete	First
Becca Laub	Northwest	Second
Colin Erickson	Rock County	Third
Tonya Grotz	York	Fourth
Mindy Castle	Imperial	Gold
Faith Rickertsen	Gothenburg	Gold
DJ Gutzman	Emerson-Hubbard	Gold
Emily Puls	Allen	Gold
Fina Choat	Riverside	Silver
Hayden Meyer	Pawnee City	Silver
Rodger Farr	Medicine Valley	Silver
Jacob Vogel	Howells-Dodge	Silver
Roman Schmidt	Gothenburg	Silver
Reggie Rafert	Cross County	Silver
Aaron Hemme	Cedar Bluffs	Silver
Cole Retchless	Bridgeport	Silver
Paige Meier	West Point	Bronze
Jake Judge	West Holt	Bronze
Nathalie Ford	Sutton	Bronze
Tray Thayer	Sioux County	Bronze
Brayden Smith	S-E-M	Bronze
Kinsy Drudrik	Ord	Bronze
Keaton Indra	Leigh-Clarkson	Bronze
Cami Larsen	Conestoga	Bronze

Fourth: Tonya Grotz, York

Third: Colin Erickson, Rock County

Second: Becca Laub, Northwest

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Extemporaneous Speaking Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: Renaë Sieck, Crete



## Job Interview Event

State awards are sponsored by Central Valley Ag

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Shane Asher	Creighton	First
Casey Smith	Howells-Dodge	Second
Catherine Bergen	York	Third
Carly Hunzeker	Pawnee City	Fourth
Jaden Schafer	Stuart	Gold
Chance McAllister	Minatare	Gold
Christianne Clower	Kimball	Gold
Zach Nelson	Boone Central	Gold
Kailey Conway	Silver Lake	Silver
Carlie Bartlett	Pender	Silver
Josh King	Oakland-Craig	Silver
Haley Zabel	Norris	Silver
Kandace Ward	McPherson County	Silver
Joeli Walrath	Loup City	Silver
Chantal Lawson	Hampton	Silver
Josie Ang	Central	Silver
Matison Harvey	Valentine	Bronze
KimberLee Carlson	Pierce	Bronze
Tanner Borchardt	Gothenburg	Bronze
Katie Odvody	Crete	Bronze
Rhiley Fiene	Cambridge	Bronze
Kaylea Watson	Arapahoe	Bronze
Kami Nelson	Ansley	Bronze
Marissa Kegley	Amherst	Bronze

Fourth Place: Carly Hunzeker, Pawnee City

Third Place: Catherine Bergen, York

Second Place: Casey Smith, Howells-Dodge

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Job Interview Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: Shane Asher, Creighton

## Senior Public Speaking Event

State awards are sponsored by Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Katie Nolles	Rock County	First
Brittany Hanzlik	Stuart	Second
Kane Wellnitz	Chadron	Third
Grace Ford	Cody-Kilgore	Fourth
Michelle Rohman	Norris	Gold
Samantha Vaverka	Milford	Gold
Jessica Hartman	Imperial	Gold
Vanessa Hegemann	Howells-Dodge	Gold
Megan Homolka	Wilber-Clatonia	Silver
Hannah Esch	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Silver
Amanda Reichert	Perkins County	Silver
Baylee Barber	Lakeview	Silver
Kyann LeViner	Gothenburg	Silver
Cole Steffen	Crofton	Silver
Clair Trenhaile	Bloomfield	Silver
Samantha Herrold	Aurora	Silver
Ryan Schroeder	Wisner-Pilger	Bronze
Chyanne Leitschuck	Sargent	Bronze
Natasha Anderson	Sandy Creek	Bronze
Hannah Hosick	Medicine Valley	Bronze
Montana Markus	Loup City	Bronze
Gage Hoegermeyer	Logan View	Bronze
Sheldon Beierman	Boone Central	Bronze
Ashley Petr	Adams Central	Bronze

Fourth: Grace Ford, Cody-Kilgore

Third: Kane Wellnitz, Chadron

Second: Brittany Hanzlik, Stuart

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Senior Public Speaking Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: Katie Nolles, Rock County

## Junior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska FFA Alumni Association

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Gothenburg #2	First
Ainsworth	Second
Stuart	Gold
Norris #2	Gold
Norris #1	Gold
Gothenburg #1	Gold
Franklin	Gold
East Butler	Gold
York	Silver
Southern Valley	Silver
Imperial	Silver
Holdrege	Silver
Diller-Odell	Silver
Crofton	Silver
Central	Silver
Bloomfield	Silver
West Point	Bronze
SEM	Bronze
Sargent	Bronze
Pender	Bronze
Kimball	Bronze
Hampton	Bronze
Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Boone Central	Bronze

Second (state runner up): Ainsworth

First (state winning gold emblem): Gothenburg #2

## Senior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Jack and Nancy Nemec

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Waverly	First
St. Edward	Second
Southern Valley	Gold
Norris	Gold
Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Gold
Leigh-Clarkson	Gold
Hayes Center	Gold
Bloomfield	Gold
Verdigre	Silver
Tri County Blue	Silver
Stuart	Silver
Scottsbluff	Silver
Pender	Silver
Northwest	Silver
Creek Valley	Silver
Central	Silver
Wallace	Bronze
Tri-County Gold	Bronze
St. Paul	Bronze
Ord	Bronze
Holdrege	Bronze
Gothenburg	Bronze
Central City	Bronze
Ainsworth	Bronze

Second (state runner up): St. Edward

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

## Ag Demonstration

State awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Amherst	Bronze
Broken Bow	Bronze
Central Valley	Bronze
Freeman	Bronze
Gordon-Rushville	Bronze
Gothenburg	Bronze
Loup County	Bronze
West Point	Bronze
Alma	Silver
Boone Central 2	Silver
Cambridge	Silver
Randolph	Silver
Rock County	Silver
Wisner-Pilger	Silver
Lewiston	Silver
Valentine	Silver
Arapahoe	Gold
Boone Central 1	Gold
Crete	Gold
Crofton	Gold
Schuyler Central	Gold
Sioux County	Gold
Howells-Dodge	Gold - 1st
Wilber-Clatonia	Gold - 2nd

Second (state runner up): Wilber-Clatonia  
First: Howells-Dodge

## **2015-2016 Nebraska FFA Officers**

Selection Process sponsored by Consolidated Telephone Company

David Schuler, State Vice President  
Bayard FFA Chapter

Nevada Smith, State Vice President  
Ashland-Greenwood FFA Chapter

Renae Sieck, State Vice President  
Crete FFA Chapter

Gage Hoegermeyer, State President  
Logan View FFA Chapter

Trevor Spath, State Secretary  
Waverly FFA Chapter

Katie Nolles, State Vice President  
Rock County FFA Chapter

Jake Wilkins, State Vice President  
Ainsworth FFA Chapter

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

Kevin Wanzer, Keynote Speaker

Steve Waller, Dean of CASNR, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Brady Revels, Former Florida FFA President and National FFA Vice President

Brian Walsh, National FFA President (home state Virginia)

Iowa State Officers

Minnesota State Officers

Virginia State Officers

Johnny Ference, NAYC Representative

Trent Mastny, NAYC Representative

Dr. Tom Field, UNL, Keynote Speaker

Morgan Tranmer, Speaker, World Food Prize

Bill Buettner, President, Nebraska FFA Alumni

Ben Sasse, U.S. Senator

Mike Foley, Lieutenant Governor, Nebraska

Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, Assistant Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture

"The Side Projects", Students from Perkins County FFA Chapter, Talent Participants

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

Gene Englerth, Nebraska and National FFA Convention Organist

Joni Qualm, Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2015

Tony and Jane Badertscher, Holdrege  
Dawn Caldwell, Aurora Cooperative  
Joe Brogie, Convention Entertainment  
Carl Dickenson, Nebraska FFA "I Believe" Sponsor  
Andy Paul, National FFA President (from Georgia)  
Doug Straight, Nebraska Beef Council  
Shylea Wingard, Custom Ag Solutions  
Jamie Graham, Workshop Presenter  
John Bergin, Kansas Agricultural Instructor  
Toni Rasmussen, UNL Teach Ag Ambassador  
Melissa Nordboe, UNL Teach Ag Ambassador  
Ronnie Green, Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UNL

"Tagged to Teach Ag" Speakers:

Bill Chase, Allen  
Ashton Bohling, Auburn  
Jaci Palmer, Chambers  
Brian Miller, Falls City  
Joel Miller, Hampton  
Jon Lechtenberg, Southern Valley  
Janice Wolfinger, SEM

Retired FFA Advisors:

Thomas Wheeldon, Schuyler Central

Talent:

Nathanael Shoup, Hampton  
Victoria Vosler, North Bend  
Deidre Freitas, McCool Junction  
Britley Schlueter, Ainsworth  
Stephanie Connelly, Bridgeport  
Natalie Nielsen, Creighton  
The Side Projects, Southwest  
Whitmore Sisters, David City  
Daniel Cox, Valentine  
Cole Steffen, Crofton

## Proficiency Award Winners

First Name	Last Name	Area	Chapter	District	Sponsor	Bio
Annie	Brickner	Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Valentine	10	Nebraska Ag Relations Council	Annie Brickner, a member of the Valentine FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Justin and Susan Brickner. She works at radio station KVSH where she plays music, delivers live news, weather and sports updates, and records ads. Annie's ag ed instructors are Greg Nollette and Brent Nollette.
Kara	Bruns	Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Rock County	10	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication	Kara Bruns, a member of the Rock County FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kirk and Kristi Bruns. Kara is involved in an agricultural advocacy pen pal program, lesson planning of a grade school program during FFA Week, and coordination of Clover Kid Camps. Kara's ag ed instructor is Ann Dvorak.
Colby	Klinginsmith	Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement	St. Paul	8	Frank J. Fleecs	Colby Klinginsmith, a member of the St. Paul FFA Chapter, is the son of Scott and Cherri Klinginsmith. Colby's skills include designing, fabricating, construction and manufacture of various products at Smith Welding where he uses forklifts, welders, saws, punches, and cranes. Colby's ag ed instructor is Boyd Bowder.
Nick	Cole	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship	McCook	11	Braden Badertscher "Power Your Potential" Memorial Endowment	Nick Cole, a member of the McCook FFA Chapter, is the son of Billie and Jeff Cole. Nick is in a partnership with his two brothers in a barbed wire and electric fence building business called Triple C Fencing where they build, remove, and repair pasture and field fence for farmers and ranchers. Nick's ag ed instructor is Tracy Cooper.
Colin	Winkler	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement	St. Paul	8	Plains Equipment Group	Colin Winkler, a member of the St. Paul FFA Chapter, is the son of Andrew and Lori Winkler. Colin's skills at S&P Irrigation include repair and maintenance of center pivot irrigation systems where he troubleshoots electrical, structural and mechanical issues. Colin's ag ed instructor is Boyd Bowder.
Jocelyn	Sukup	Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Creighton	4	University of Nebraska, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture	Jocelyn Sukup, a member of the Creighton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Ron and Valerie Sukup. Her SAE involves canning and freezing fruits and vegetables along with processing meat for her family. Jocelyn's skills include operating canning equipment, grinder, sausage stuffer, and smoker. Her ag ed instructors are Debi Doerr and Amy Siecke.
Brittany	Hanzlik	Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship	Stuart	10	DEKALB & Asgrow	Brittany Hanzlik, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Robert and Patty Hanzlik. Brittany's SAE involves growing, processing, and marketing horseradish, creating and selling broom corn arrangements, and raising market hogs. Brittany's ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Bailey	Krieger	Agricultural Sales – Placement	O'Neill	10	DEKALB & Asgrow	Bailey Krieger, a member of the O'Neill FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Lorin and Kathy Krieger. Bailey's greenhouse skills include item inventory, organizing product displays, assisting customers in product selection, and closing registers at business day's end. Bailey's ag ed instructor is Krystl Knabe.
Darin	Barth	Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	SEM	8	Maxwell Agri Service, LLC	Darin Barth, a member of Sumner Eddyville Miller Chapter, is the son of David and Tammy Barth. Darin's SAE consists of working at Moonlight Embroidery and Screenprint where he applies his service and sales skills in designing and marketing agricultural related promotional products. His ag ed instructor is Janice Wolfinger.
Ryan	Schroeder	Agriscience Research-Animal Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Wisner-Pilger	3	Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health	Ryan Schroeder, a member of the Wisner-Pilger FFA Chapter is the son of Todd and Holly Schroeder. Ryan's agriscience projects involved testing the effects of artificial shade and sprinkler systems on feedlot surface temperatures during the summer. Ryan has learned to apply research techniques to solve problems. Ryan's ag ed instructor is Mark Schroeder.
Yvonne	Moten	Agriscience Research-Integrated Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Omaha Bryan	1	Frank J. Fleecs	Yvonne Moten, a member of the Omaha Bryan FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Shari Hamman and Arthur Moten. Yvonne's SAE tests the effect of High Altitude Ballooning on root growth.



						Yvonne's skills include developing her experiment's scientific method and meticulous data collection. Her ag ed instructor is Channing Reha.
Martin	Long	Agriscience Research-Plant Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	3	UNL Center for Plant Science Innovation and UNL Department of Agronomy and Horticulture	Martin Long, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of Martin and Laurie Long. Martin's agricultural research consists of fertilizer and fungicide effects on corn growth, production, and root development. His skills focus on test development and data analysis. Martin's ag ed instructor is Kevin Anderson.
Jaden	Schafer	Automotive Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	10	Nebraska FFA Alumni Council	Jaden Schafer, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Brant and Lori Schafer. Jaden's SAE involves working for the family-owned automotive shop. She gained extensive skills in changing oil, balancing and changing tires, and servicing transmissions. Her ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Trey	Baum	Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	Elgin	10	Nebraska Cattlemen	Trey Baum, a member of the Elgin FFA Chapter, is the son of Chris and Jeanine Baum. Trey's SAE includes raising and producing Angus beef for the Non-Hormone Treated Cattle Program. Trey is certified in AI and plans to start artificially inseminating heifers to improve herd genetics. Trey's ag ed instructor is Julia Schwartz.
Cassidy	Curtis	Beef Production – Placement	Creighton	4	Nebraska Cattlemen	Cassidy Curtis, a member of the Creighton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Corey and Tanya Curtis. Cassidy's work with her cow/calf operation includes vaccinating and formulating rations. She produces high quality grain and forages and maintains equipment. Her ag ed instructors are Debi Doerr and Amy Siecke.
Jessi	Sayers	Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	Leigh-Clarkson	2	Association of Milk Producers, Inc.	Jessilyn Sayers, a member of the Leigh-Clarkson FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Edwin, Jr. and Annette Sayers. Jessilyn's dairy skills include proper feed rations, milking parlor sanitation, treatments of young calves and vaccination recordkeeping. Jessilyn's ag ed instructor is Donald Tyser.
Dawn	Klabenes	Dairy Production – Placement	Chambers	10	Midwest Dairy Association	Dawn Klabenes, a member of the Chambers FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Steve and Kerri Klabenes. Dawn's skills include milking cows and completing feeding chores. Dawn cares for the cows by vaccinating and providing proper nutrition. Dawn's ag ed instructor is Jaci Palmer.
Brayden	Smith	Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	SEM	8	Nebraska Corn Board	Brayden Smith, a member of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller FFA Chapter, is the son of Todd and Laurie Smith. Brayden works on the Rockin H Ranch where he has gained skills in cattle management, grain crop and forage production, and equipment repair and maintenance. His ag ed instructor is Janice Wolfinger.
Jamie	Mashino	Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	West Boyd	10	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultants	Jamie Mashino, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dustin and Tammera Mashino. Jamie's SAE includes renting 80 acres of land. She learned decision making skills, developed a desire to accomplish tasks on her own, and has begun to expand her skills as an entrepreneur. Jamie's ag ed instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.
Colin	Wooldrick	Diversified Crop Production – Placement	West Point	3	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultants	Colin Wooldrick, a member of the West Point FFA Chapter, is the son of Craig and Wendy Wooldrick. Colin's skills include field preparation, planting, and harvest. Colin helps scout his fields for weeds and insects. His ag ed instructor is Lee Schroeder.
Kylie	Brabec	Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler Central	2	CF Industries	Kylie Brabec, a member of the Schuyler Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Richard and Renee Brabec. Kylie's skills include proper plant and turf care, equipment maintenance, record keeping and customer communications. Kylie's ag ed instructor is Thomas Wheeldon.
Chase	Samuelson	Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Palmer	7	Nebraska Corn Board	Chase Samuelson, a member of the Palmer FFA, is the son of Dana and Joanie Samuelson. His skills include animal vaccination, marketing and holistic management of all resources. Chase also uses specially trained guard dogs to protect against predators. Chase's ag ed instructor is Dennis Mottl.
Benjamin	Rice	Environmental Science and Natural Resources	Norris	1	CHS Foundation	Benjamin Rice, a member of the Norris FFA Chapter, is the son of Dan and Brenda Rice. Ben manages Prairieland Gold and

		Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement				developed skills including implementing waste collection services and utilizing high quality soil amendments. Ben's ag ed instructors are Kristyn Harms and Doug Malone.
Shantelle	Roy	Equine Science – Entrepreneurship	Central Valley	8	First National Bank	Shantelle Roy, a member of the Central Valley FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Donald and Dena Roy. Shantelle established Roy Horsemanship Youth Riding Lessons and instructs 13 students. She trains horses, coaches individuals, and develops lesson formats. Her ag ed instructors are Lesley Dugan and Julie Wright.
J'Nan	Wittler	Equine Science – Placement	Fairbury	5	Tri-State Generation and Transmission	J'Nan Wittler, a member of the Fairbury FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kevin and Lori Wittler. J'Nan's skills include breaking and training horses for Western Pleasure. J'Nan assists in her family's breeding operation and animal care. J'Nan's ag ed instructor is Samantha Jensen.
Blake	Merrell	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	St. Edward	7	Nebraska Soybean Board & Nebraska Soybean Association	Blake Merrell, a member of the St. Edward FFA Chapter, is the son of Dave and Cyndee Merrell. His proficiency involved work on 55 acres of soybeans an irrigated section. Blake learned basic farm management and how to properly finance and budget a farm operation. His ag ed instructor is Tim Laughlin.
Jacob	Kennedy	Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Riverside	7	Bayer CropScience	Jake Kennedy, a member of the Riverside FFA Chapter, is the son of Jim and Lisa Kennedy. Jake is involved with all phases of forage production including wind rowing, raking, baling, and stacking bales. He also completes daily machine maintenance. Jake's ag ed instructor is MaKayla Coufal.
Roxana	Lechtenberg	Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Boyd	10	James Arthur Vineyards and Nebraska Winer and Grape Growers Association	Roxana Lechtenberg, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Russell and Susan Lechtenberg. Roxana's fruit production experience includes pruning, planting, training, harvesting and processing of grapevines and berry bushes. Roxana's ag ed instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.
Brooke	Hays	Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Southern Valley	11	Nebraska FFA Alumni Council	Brooke Hays, a member of the Southern Valley FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Jerry Hays and Christi Werner. Brooke's SAE involves owning and management of a small herd of meat goats. Brooke developed skills in vaccination, female selection, and assisting in birth. Brooke's ag ed instructor is Jon Lechtenberg.
Eric	Leisy	Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Wisner-Pilger	3	Nebraska Wheat Board	Eric Leisy, a member of the Wisner-Pilger FFA Chapter, is the son of Steve and Pam Leisy. Eric's skills include recordkeeping and managing his finances. Eric utilizes the expertise of seed and chemical representatives to maximize corn yields. Eric's ag ed instructor is Mark Schroeder.
Brandon	Funk	Grain Production – Placement	Elgin	10	Aurora Cooperative	Brandon Funk, a member of the Elgin FFA Chapter, is the son of Ron and Angela Funk. Brandon assists with the production of field corn and rye. Brandon utilizes a variety of technologies to increase crop yields. Brandon's ag ed instructor is Julia Schwartz.
Mashea	Beman	Health and Human Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Alma	6	Omaha Agri-Business Club	Mashea Beman, a member of the Alma FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kris Gall and Tom Beman. Through her work at Alma Chiropractic, Mashea keeps records, schedules patients, handles calls, and cleans. Mashea is effective in communication and understanding chiropractic care. Mashea's ag ed instructor is Ben Robison.
Brock	Vetick	Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	3	Nebraska Rural Radio Network	Brock Vetick, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of Pat and Shawn Vetick. Brock has been responsible for the cleanup and salvage of empty lots within the community. Brock's skills focus on water drainage, soil science and recycling. Brock's ag ed instructor is Kevin Anderson.
Ray	Roman	Home and/or Occupational Safety Programming – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler Central	2	ADM	Raymundo Roman, a member of the Schuyler FFA Chapter, is the son of Guadalupe and Jaime Roman. Raymundo accumulated 418 hours volunteering for the Schuyler Fire Department. His safety participation includes airpack training, CPR, hazmat, and a fire fighter one class. Raymundo's ag ed instructor is Thomas Wheeldon.
Shelby	Dietz	Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management –	Alma	6	Norris FFA Boosters	Shelby Dietz, a member of the Alma FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Leslie and Teena Dietz. Shelby's skills include

		Entrepreneurship/Placement				properly packaging meats and vegetables for customer distribution. Shelby cares for patrons by providing them with a good store experience. Shelby's ag ed instructor is Ben Robison.
Seth	Olson	Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Ravenna	8	Nebraska Nursery & Landscape Association	Seth Olson, a member of the Ravenna FFA Chapter, is the son of Marc Olson and Jenny Olson. Seth's skills include lawn care, retaining wall installation, maintaining outdoor living areas, and other services. Seth also performs many administrative duties. Seth's ag ed instructor is Heath Ahrens.
Kristen	Albrecht	Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Pierce	4	Nebraska Nursery & Landscape Association	Kristen Albrecht, member of the Pierce FFA Chapter, the daughter of Steve Albrecht. Her SAE involves work at Johanson's Greenhouse in Norfolk. Kristen's skills include plant care in the greenhouses, consulting with customers, and arranging plant displays. Kristen's ag ed instructor is Jamie Stark.
Katriona	Roy	Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Central Valley	8	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	Katriona Roy, a member of the Central Valley FFA, is the daughter of Donald and Dena Roy. Katriona leads tours at Happy Jack's Chalk Mine and assists with the Eastern Brown Bat Syndrome Project. She cares for the butterfly garden and maintains the tourist grounds. Her ag ed instructors are Lesley Dugan and Julia Wright.
Jennifer	Knopik	Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Fullerton	7	Smart Chicken - Tecumseh Poultry	Jennifer Knopik, a member of the Fullerton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Tom and Gail Knopik. Jennifer raises all-natural turkeys and developed skills in production and promotion. Her dressed turkeys are marketed through the Nebraska Food Cooperative. Jennifer's ag ed instructor is Kevin Wetovick.
Alyssa	Hambleton	Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Fullerton	7	Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers and Northeast Sheep & Goat Producers	Alyssa Hambleton, a member of the Fullerton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kent and Kathy Hambleton. Alyssa produces high quality show lambs and developed skills in marketing. Alyssa made genetic progress in her flock through DNA testing and using artificial insemination. Alyssa's ag ed instructor is Kevin Wetovick.
Trent	Bauer	Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Elgin	10	Wilber-Clatonia FFA Alumni	Trent Bauer, a member of the Elgin FFA Chapter, is the son of Terry and Mary Bauer. Trent's skills include training hunting hounds for potential customers and selling them in a competitive market. He cares for his dogs by providing a nutritious diet and sustaining vaccination routines. Trent's ag ed instructor is Julia Schwartz.
Natalia	Nolting	Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Conestoga	1	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association	Natalia Nolting, a member of the Conestoga FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Jason and Tasha Nolting. She cares for 5,500 Aronia berries by making management decisions. Natalia's skills include tilling, planter operation, fertilizing, weeding, propagating and harvesting. Natalia's ag ed instructor is Sarah Knutson.
Hunter	Schroeder	Swine Production – Entrepreneurship	West Point	3	Nebraska Pork Producers Association	Hunter Schroeder, a member of the West Point FFA Chapter, is the son of Lee and Tammy Schroeder. Hunter gained skills in all aspects of swine production, breeding, raising, and selling show pigs. His ag ed instructor is Lee Schroeder.
Zack	Nelson	Swine Production – Placement	Boone Central	7	Nebraska Pork Producers Association	Zack Nelson, a member of the Boone Central FFA Chapter, is the son of Dennis and Dawna Nelson. Zack's skills at Hidden Valley Pork include castrating, administering shots, and breeding sows. Zack's ag ed instructor is Abby Knobbe.
Brent	Miller	Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	3	Frank J. Fleecs	Brent Miller, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of Roy and Sarah Miller. Brent's enterprise consists of the mowing, trimming and care of personal and commercial properties. Brent's skills focus on business development, efficiency and management. Brent's ag ed instructor is Kevin Anderson.
Brittany	Hilfiker	Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	David City	2	Hartman Hydroponic Tomatoes	Brittany Hilfiker, a member of the David City FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Todd and Malinda Hilfiker. Brittany learned the entire process of vegetable production. She enjoys the science of agriculture and applies it to other activities. Brittany's ag ed instructor is Jenny Kocian.
Taylor	Brester-Pruss	Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Point	3	Nebraska Veterinary Medical	Taylor Brester-Pruss, a member of the West Point FFA Chapter, is the daughter of John and Jenny Harstick and Matt and Casey Pruss. At Nebraska Veterinary Services, Taylor assists

					Association	with appointments, surgeries, and emergency calls. Her aged instructor is Lee Schroeder.
Kyle	Westover	Wildlife Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sioux County	12	Pheasants Forever State Council	Kyle Westover, a member of the Sioux County FFA Chapter, is the son of Steve and Penny. He skins, fleshes, sews, and stretches animal hides for sale to a local fur buyer. With the help of his trained dogs, he has become a proficient hunter, trapper, and caller of coyotes, raccoon, bobcat, and fox. Kyle's aged instructor is Trisha Hunter.

**State Officer Candidates**  
Sponsored by the Aurora Cooperative

First Name	Last Name	Chapter
Jeremy	Davis	Hyannis
Kaitlyn	Hanvey	Verdigre
Gage	Hoegermeyer	Logan View
Katie	Nolles	Rock County
Faith	Rickertsen	Gothenburg
Conrad	Schelkopf	Fillmore Central
David	Schuler	Bayard
Renae	Sieck	Crete
Nevada	Smith	Ashland-Greenwood
Trevor	Spath	Waverly
Jacob	Wilkins	Ainsworth
Cassidy	Chapman	North Bend
Jessica	Hartman	Imperial
Brooke	Hays	Southern Valley
Chantal	Lawson	Hampton
Dakota	Lovett	Blue Hill
Victor	Osantowski	Franklin
Lexi	Ostrand	Pender
Hunter	Schroeder	West Point
Jaydn	Smith	Northwest
Jocelyn	Sukup	Creighton
Kaitlin	Taylor	Holdrege
Brent	Thomas	Alliance
Haley	Zabel	Norris

**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.

- Stuart
- Northwest
- Alliance

Approximately \$1,000 was raised during the silent auction held on April 10 at the Pinnacle Bank Arena lobby. All support is appreciated.

### ***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 and \$24,000 in matching funds from the Nebraska FFA Foundation. Nearly \$250,000 was raised by 33 local FFA Chapters. The FFA Foundation will be distributing \$275,000 along with support from 19 corporate sponsors.

The FFA Foundation recognized the top three chapters who raised the largest amount of dollars per member at the local level. These chapters combined raised more than \$80,000.

The Hayes Center FFA Chapter, placing third, raised \$14,255.

The Stuart FFA Chapter, placing second, raised \$26,960.

The Bridgeport FFA Chapter raised the most funds per FFA member (\$41,532).

The Foundation also recognized the top two chapters from *I Believe in the Future of Ag* video contest. Several chapters submitted videos showing what their chapter would do in their community with \$1,000. The McCool Junction FFA chapter placed first receiving the most online votes and the Blair FFA chapter received second place. Each chapter will receive a \$1,000 award from the Nebraska FFA Foundation.

The following chapters were recognized as raising over \$1000 for the *I Believe in the Future of Ag* Campaign.

- Anselmo-Merna
- Ansley
- Auburn
- Bloomfield
- Bridgeport
- Broken Bow
- Elgin
- Fillmore Central
- Franklin
- Freeman
- Garden County
- Hampton
- Hartington-Newcastle
- Hayes Center
- High Plains Schools
- Holdrege
- Lakeview
- Logan View
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- North Bend
- O’Neill
- Pender
- Pierce
- Plainview
- Ravenna
- Sargent
- Southwest
- Stuart
- Waverly
- West Holt
- Wisner-Pilger
- York

## 2015 Career Development Events Top Individuals & Teams

### Ag Biotechnology – Team

Sponsor: Hoegemeyer Hybrids

Director: Don Lee

Team	
1	Gothenburg
2	York
3	Riverside

Individual		
1	Roman Schmidt	Gothenburg
2	Amanda Kowalewski	Gothenburg
3	McKayla Mogensen	Riverside

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

Sponsor: Nebraska Rural Radio Network

Director: Roger Terry, Pam Peters, Sandi Karstens

Team	
1	Conestoga
2	Arapahoe
3	Rock County

### Ag Communications – Writer

Individual		
1	Ellen Rice	Conestoga
2	Katie Nolles	Rock County
3	Mackenzie Hale	West Holt

### Ag Communications – Electronic Media Specialist

Individual		
1	Cami Larson	Conestoga
2	Alyssa Miller	Lawrence-Nelson
3	Tabby Reiman	Arapahoe

### Ag Communications – Designer

Individual		
1	Desma Hamilton	Sandy Creek
2	Harlie Himmelberg	Lawrence-Nelson
3	Shyanne French	Lyons-Decatur Northeast

**Ag Issues**

Sponsor: Hoegemeyer Hybrids

Director: Richard Douglass

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

Team	
1	Rock County
2	Schuyler Central
3	Ashland-Greenwood

**Ag Sales**

Sponsor: Farmers Cooperative, Dorchester

Director: Kara Heideman

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

Team	
1	SEM
2	Imperial
3	York

Individual		
1	Katie Brown	West Point
2	Darin Barth	SEM
3	Catherine Leeder	Boone Central

Katie Brown is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Ag Technology & Mechanics**

Sponsor: Frank J. Fleecs

Director: Wade Hilker

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

Team	
1	Diller-Odell
2	Central City
3	West Point

Individual		
1	Cody Scheele	Diller-Odell
2	Ben Dush	Elba
3	Shaun Christen	Anselmo-Merna

**AgriScience**

Sponsor: Producers Hybrid

Director: Dann Husmann

Team	
1	West Point
2	Plainview
3	Southern Valley

Individual		
1	Jocelyn Shipman	Red Cloud
2	Austin Streeter	West Point
3	Mackenna Holloway	Mead

**Agronomy**

Sponsor: Ward Laboratories, Inc.

Director: Tim Kettler

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

Team	
1	Eustis-Farnam
2	Pawnee City
3	Ashland-Greenwood

Individual		
1	Collin Thompson	Eustis-Farnam
2	Jared Stander	Pawnee City
3	Clay Schardtman	Ashland-Greenwood

Collin Thompson is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Farm Business Management**

Sponsor: Omaha Agri-Business Club

Director: Ron Hanson

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

Team	
1	Johnson County Central
2	Red Cloud
3	Pawnee City

Individual		
1	Samantha Teten	Johnson County Central
2	Hayden Meyer	Pawnee City
3	Seth Wetovick	Fullerton

Samantha Teten is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.



**Floriculture**

Sponsor: Frank J. Fleecs

Director: Stacy Adams

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

Team	
1	Norris
2	Central Valley
3	Johnson County Central

Individual		
1	Matt Eller	Schuyler Central
2	Shantelle Roy	Central Valley
3	Samantha From	Norris

Matt Eller is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Food Science**

Sponsor: Oxbow Animal Health

Director: Julie Reiling and Bethany Jackson

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

Team	
1	Hartington Newcastle
2	Johnson County Central
3	Imperial

Individual		
1	Bobby Reifenrath	Hartington Newcastle
2	Reagan Dierks	Wheeler Central
3	Samantha Teten	Johnson County Central

Bobby Reifenrath is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Jr. Livestock Evaluation**

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

Director: Brad Bennett

Team	
1	Boone Central
2	SEM
3	West Point

Individual		
1	Dalton Wagner	Boone Central
2	Ty Groth	Boone Central
3	Brady Sindt	Scottsbluff

**Sr. Livestock Selection**

Sponsor: Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association

Director: Brad Bennett

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

Team	
1	Wisner-Pilger
2	West Point
3	Wilber-Clatonia

Individual		
1	Emilye Vales	Wilber-Clatonia
2	Taylor Gall	Leigh-Clarkson
3	Monica Wasielewski	Kimball

Emilye Vales is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Meats Evaluation & Identification**

Sponsor: Cargill Meat Solutions

Director: Dennis Burson

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

Team	
1	Eustis-Farnam
2	Pawnee City
3	Gothenburg

Individual		
1	Daniel Bromander	Eustis-Farnam
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Daniel Bromander is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Natural Resources**

Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Director: Mark Kuzila

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

Team	
1	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
2	Logan View
3	Red Cloud

Individual		
1	Brent Miller	Lyons-Decatur Northeast
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**Marketing Plan**

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Director: Rosalie Swartz

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

Team	
1	Imperial
2	Sandy Creek
3	Blair

**Nursery & Landscape Management**

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Director: Anne Streich

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

Team	
1	Freeman
2	West Holt
3	Johnson County Central

Individual		
1	Paige Mitchel	West Holt
2	Ryan Langmeier	Logan View
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Paige Mitchel is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

**Livestock Management**

(Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Equine)

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**Livestock Management – Overall**

Sponsor: Omaha Agribusiness Club

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Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	West Point
2	Verdigre
3	Amherst

**Livestock Management – Beef**

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Amherst
2	SEM
3	West Point

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Team	
1	Crofton
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3	Palmer

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Team	
1	Broken Bow
2	Fairbury
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Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	West Point
2	Verdigre
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**Livestock Management – Swine**

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	West Point
2	Amherst
3	Ravenna

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

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

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Palmer
2	SEM
3	Franklin

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Team	
1	Gordon-Rushville
2	North Bend
3	Norris

**Welding – MIG**

Individual		
1	Tyrel Denton	Gordon-Rushville
2	Lee Osantowski	Franklin
3	Isaac Buss	Johnson County Central

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Individual		
1	Kevin Sousek	East Butler
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Individual		
1	John Wagner	Boone Central
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3	Cody Sheele	Diller-Odell

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

Team	
1	Wauneta-Palisade
2	Cross County
3	York

Individual		
1	Nicole Strand	Wauneta-Palisade
2	Lesley Towery	Wauneta-Palisade
3	Kai Didier	Scottsbluff

Nicole Strand is also awarded a \$500 scholarship from UNL.

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Willow Holoubek  
**Alliance for the Future of Agriculture In Nebraska (A-FAN)**  
PO Box 84606  
Lincoln, NE 68501-4606

- Agricultural Issues Academy

Sarah Schmidt  
Communications Director  
**Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI)**  
PO Box 455  
New Ulm, MN 56073

- Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency

Dawn Caldwell  
Corporate Communications Director  
**Aurora Cooperative**  
605 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Aurora, NE 68818

- Grain Production – Placement Proficiency Award
- Leadership Academy
- State Officer Selection

Tony and Jane Badertscher

716 Broadway St.  
Holdrege, NE 68949

- Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship Proficiency and \$1000 cash award to winner.

Shawn Koehler  
District Sales Manager – Plains District

**Bayer CropScience**

1230 Timber Ln  
Glenwood, IA 51534-1231

- Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Henry, Frank and Adam Beel

**The Beel Brothers, LLC**

PO Box 8  
Johnstown, NE 69214

- Jr. Livestock Selection Career Development Event

Ben Siegfried

**Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health**

912 W. 10th Street  
McCook, NE 69001-2916

- Agriscience Research - Animal Systems Proficiency Award

Dan Wolfe

**Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health**

1210 W. Mill Road  
Raymond, NE 68428-4466

- Agriscience Research – Animal Systems Proficiency Award

Halley Beekley

**Cargill Meat Solutions**

151 N. Main Street  
Wichita, KS 67202

- Meats Evaluation & Identification Career Development Event

Tim Esser

Vice President, Human Resources

**Central Valley Ag**

2 Gladys Drive  
York, NE 68467

- Job Interview Leadership Skills Event

Tom Mollet

Manager Community Relations and New Business Development

**CF Industries, Inc**

4 Parkway North, Suite 400  
Deerfield, IL 60015-2590

- Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

William J. Nelson

President

**CHS Foundation**

5500 Cenex Drive  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

- Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- State Officers IMAGES Training
- Teach Ag Workshop & Career Fair Booth Sponsors

Deino Sather

Vice President, Agribusiness Banking Group

**CoBank**

11422 Miracle Hills Drive, Suite 300  
Omaha, NE 68154-4404

- Creed Speaking Leadership Skills Event
- Junior Public Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Brian Thompson

Vice President

**Consolidated Telephone Company**

6900 Van Dorn Street, Suite 21  
PO Box 6147

Lincoln, NE 68506-0147

- State FFA Officer Selection Process

Ray McKenna

Vice President

**Cornerstone Bank**

529 Lincoln Ave  
York, NE 68467

- Cornerstone Awards

Roxanne Brown

Director of Marketing

**Crader Distributing Co., authorized STIHL Outdoor Power Equipment Distributor**

808 Hwy 34 West  
Marble Hill, MO 63764

- Nursery & Landscape Career Development Event

Tom Volk

Area Business Manager

**Dekalb/Asgrow**

7830 Abigail Circle  
Lincoln, NE 68516

- Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award

Anthony Sibert

**Dekalb/Asgrow**

8810 Tralee Road  
Lincoln, NE 68520

- Agriculture Sales - Placement Proficiency Award

Jim Hellbusch

**Duo Lift Manufacturing Co, Inc.**

2810 – 38<sup>th</sup> St  
Columbus, NE 68601

- Welding Career Development Event

Guy Elsworth

**EBM Construction**

1014 Sherwood Rd.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

- Proficiency Finalist Dinner

Tom Field

**Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program**

103K Miller Hall  
Lincoln, NE 68583

- Senior Public Speaking

Bob Campbell

Senior Vice President

**Farm Credit Services of America**

PO Box 80298  
Lincoln, NE 68501-0298

- State FFA Degree Program

Dennis Kenning

**Farmers Cooperative**

501 East Main  
PO Box 66  
Plymouth, NE 68424

- Agricultural Sales Career Development Event

Kent Taylor

President & CEO

**Farmers Ranchers Cooperative**

224 South Main Street  
Ainsworth, NE 69210

- Natural Resources Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Daryl Erickson

Risk Management Consultant

**FC Stone**

3919 S 147<sup>th</sup> St, Ste 120  
Omaha, NE 68144

- Livestock Management Career Development Event – Dairy Area

**Frank J. Fleecs**

PO Box 767  
Sutherland, NE 69165

- Ag Mechanics Career Development Event
- Marketing Plan Career Development Event
- Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- \$1000 cash award for the Agricultural Mechanics – Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication Winner
- Floriculture Career Development Event
- Agriscience Research Integrated Systems Proficiency Award



- Turf Grass Management Proficiency
- FFA Talent Gift Certificates
- Chapter Safety Awards

Doug Ohlson

**Frenchman Valley Cooperative**

202 Broadway Street  
Imperial, NE 69033

- Marketing Plan Career Development Event

Rich Herink

President

**First National Bank**

134 South 13th Street, Suite 100  
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Equine Science – Entrepreneurship Proficiency

Spencer Hartman

**Hartman Hydroponic Tomatoes**

3269 731 Rd  
Champion, NE 69023

- Vegetable Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency

Stephan Becerra

President

**Hoegemeyer Hybrids**

1755 Hoegemeyer Rd  
Hooper, NE 68031

- Agricultural Issues Career Development Event
- Agriculture Biotechnology Career Development Event

Jim Ballard

**James Arthur Vineyards**

2001 West Raymond Rd  
Raymond, NE 68428

- Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Tim Murphy

**Matheson**

PO Box 190  
Waverly, NE 68462

- Welding Career Development Event

Bob Maxwell

**Maxwell Agri Service, LLC**

RR 1, Box 98  
Ainsworth, NE 69210

- Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Rod Johnson

**Midwest Dairy Association**

6409 Tanglewood Lane  
Lincoln, NE 68516

- Dairy Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Kelly Lechtenberg, DVM, Ph.D.

**Midwest Veterinary Services, Inc.**

1290 County Road M, Suite A

Oakland, NE 68045-5544

- Jr. Livestock Selection Career Development Event

Doug Jose

**Nebraska Ag Relations Council**

8900 South 162<sup>nd</sup> Street

Bennet, NE 68317

- Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Kim Clark

President

**Nebraska Agribusiness Club**

PO Box 94891

Lincoln, NE 68509

- Forestry Management and Products – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award

Erica Hill

Public Relations/Communications Director

**Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

601 S 12th Street, Suite 201

Lincoln, NE 68508

- Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event
- Natural Resources Chapter Awards
- Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Agriculture Issues Academy

Joni Sundquist

**Nebraska Bankers Association**

233 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 700

Lincoln, NE 68508

- Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Pete McClymont

Executive Vice President

**Nebraska Cattlemen**

1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 101

Lincoln, NE 68508-2833

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Beef Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Beef Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Lee Weide

**Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation**

1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 101

Lincoln, NE 68508-2833

- Teach Ag Workshop & Career Fair Booth Sponsor

Tina Smith

**Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture**

404 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Curtis, NE 69025

- Agriculture Processing Proficiency Award

Ed Woepfel  
Education & Program Director  
**Nebraska Cooperative Council**  
134 South 13th Street, Suite 503  
Lincoln, NE 68508-1901

- Cooperative Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Executive Director  
**Nebraska Corn Board**  
PO Box 95107  
Lincoln, NE 68509-5107

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Biofuels Trailer and American Ethanol NASCAR

Morgan Wrich  
Field Services Director  
**Nebraska Corn Growers Association**  
1327 H Street, Suite 305  
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Agricultural Issues Academy

Greg Ibach  
Director  
**Nebraska Department of Agriculture**  
PO Box 94947  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4947

- Agricultural Demonstration Leadership Skills Event
- Community Development Awards

Amy Prenda  
**Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Poultry and Egg Division**  
PO Box 521 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Milford, NE 68405-9701

- Livestock Management Career Development Event – Poultry Area

Rob Robertson  
Chief Administrator  
**Nebraska Farm Bureau**  
PO Box 80299  
Lincoln, NE 68501

- Ag Issues Academy
- Delegate Legislative Breakfast
- Cordory at the Cube
- State FFA Officer Development Program

William Buettner  
State President  
**Nebraska FFA Alumni Association**  
6565 S. Monitor Road  
Grand Island, NE 68803

- Automotive Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

- District Leadership Skills Event Ribbons
- Jr. High Experience
- Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Junior Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Skills Event
- Livestock Management Career Development Event – Sheep Area
- Discovery Speaking LSE
- Premier Chapter Awards
- State President’s Gavel

Bruce Blankenship  
Executive Secretary

**Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association (NICCA)**

PO Box 412

Kearney, NE 68848-0412

- Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Diversified Crop Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Dudley Beyer  
Agricultural Programs Manager

**Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)**

1230 O Street, 200 Commerce Court

Lincoln, NE 68508

- Governor's Award of Excellence

Tiffany Fougeron

**Nebraska Nursery & Landscape Association**

521 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Milford, NE 68405-9701

- Nursery Operations Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency

Mary Korth  
Administrative Assistant

**Nebraska Pheasants Forever State Council**

1216 Beaver Lake Blvd.

Plattsmouth, NE 68048

- Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Kyla Wize  
Youth Education Director

**Nebraska Pork Producers Association**

7441 O Street, Suite 104

Lincoln, NE 68510

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Livestock Management Career Development Event – Swine Area
- Swine Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Swine Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Mike LePorte  
Farm Service Director

**Nebraska Rural Radio Network**

PO Box 880

Lexington, NE 68850-0880

- Agricultural Communications Career Development Event
- Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Butch Hassler  
Treasurer

**Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association**

31140 Rd. Y  
Sutton, NE 68979

- Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Lori Luebbe  
Executive Director

**Nebraska Soybean Association**

1327 H Street, Suite 300  
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Awards

Victor Bohuslavsky  
Executive Director

**Nebraska Soybean Board**

3815 Touzalin Ave., Suite 101  
Lincoln, NE 68507

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Awards

Dina Michel  
Executive Director

**Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association**

2727 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 227  
Hastings, NE 68901

- Senior Livestock Career Development Event
- Specialty Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Royce Schaneman  
Executive Director

**Nebraska Wheat Board**

PO Box 94912  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4912

- Grain Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Travel Award to State Winner of Grain Production - Entrepreneurship Proficiency to attend the Wheat Export Marketing Workshop

Lori Paulsen

**Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association**

PO Box 82081  
Lincoln, NE 68501

- Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

**Jack and Nancy Nemec**

PO Box 36  
West Point, NE 68788-0036

- Senior Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Skills Event
- State FFA Chorus

Corey Korth

Treasurer

**Northeast Nebraska Sheep Breeders Association**

13735 County Road P18

Blair, NE 68008

- Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Dr. Kristyn Harms

**Norris FFA Boosters**

25211 South 68<sup>th</sup>

Firth, NE 68358

- Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Brent Pohlman

President

**Omaha Agri-Business Club**

15460 Western Ave

Omaha, NE 68154

- Farm Business Management Career Development Event
- Livestock Management Equine Career Development Event
- Health and Human Services Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency

John Miller

President

**Oxbow Animal Health**

29012 Mill Road

Murdock NE 68407

- Vet Science Career Development Event
- Food Science Career Development Event
- State Officer IMAGES Training

Kent Kirchhoff

**Plains Equipment Group**

150 NW 40<sup>th</sup> Street

Lincoln, NE 68528

- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement Proficiency Award

Kevin C. Siebert

President and CEO

**Smart Chicken**

13151 Dovers St

Waverly, NE 68462

- Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Chicken for Proficiency Dinner

Matt Wolters

**SureFire Ag Systems**

9904 Hwy 25

Atwood, KS 67730

- Emerging Ag Technology Proficiency

Adam Wollenburg

**Syngenta**

822 S. Harris St.  
Wilber, NE 68465

- Nebraska FFA Stars Program

Matt Dolch

**Syngenta**

6101 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68521

- Nebraska FFA Stars Program

GiGi Dennis

**Tri-State Transmission**

1100 West 116<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Westminster, CO 80234

- Equine Science – Placement Proficiency Award

Mark A. Balschweid

Department Head and Professor

**Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (ALEC)****University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

PO Box 830709  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0709

- Agricultural Education - Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- FFA Advisor Hospitality Room
- Career Development Event Student Coordinators and Office Staff
  - Hope Hemme, Morgan Rezac, Chrisinda Scheidler, Sarah Morton – Student Coordinators
  - Jennifere Greenlee – CDE Office Coordinator
- Teach Ag Recruitment Workshops and Career Fair Booth
  - Brooke Talbott – ALEC Recruitment Coordinator

Ray Ward

President and Co-Owner

**Ward Laboratories, Inc.**

PO Box 788  
Kearney, NE 68848-0788

- Agronomy Career Development Event
- Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Eric Kracke

Treasurer

**Wilber-Clatonia FFA Alumni**

PO Box 487  
Wilber, NE 68465

- Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Lisa Vonfeldt

Program Coordinator

**UNL - Center for Plant Science Innovation**

PO Box 880660  
Lincoln, NE 68588-0660

- Agriscience Research - Plant Systems Proficiency Award71234



Roch Gaussoin  
Department Head  
**UNL - Department of Agronomy and Horticulture**  
362H Plant Science Hall/UNL East Campus  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0915

- Agriscience Research - Plant Systems Proficiency Award

Meg Kester  
**UNL FFA Alumni Advisor**  
103 Ag Hall  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0709

- Jr. High Experience
- Discovery Speaking LSE