



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

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

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2007 Iowa FFA Proficiency Awards 79th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

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

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 490,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business, and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

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Listed below are the results for the Proficiency Area Awards.

Proficiency Area: **Agricultural Communications - Entrepreneurship/Placement**
State Winner: Kali Pillard
School: North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
Description: Kali Pillard, of the North Linn FFA Chapter at Troy Mills, is the winner in the area of Agricultural Communications. Pillard has worked over 400 hours producing recruitment videos, writing newsletters, and creating various forms of photography. Pillard plans to attend Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids where she will study nursing.

The second place winner in the area of Agricultural Communications is Kyle Boeve of the Rock Valley FFA. His FFA advisor is Mr. Micah Weber.

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

Proficiency Area: **Agricultural Education - Entrepreneurship/Placement**
State Winner: Michelle McEnany
School: Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
Description: Michelle McEnany, of the Colo-Nesco FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Agricultural Education. McEnany is a junior at Colo-Nesco High School and her goal is to help promote a better understanding of agriculture. She has assisted with workshops at school and promoted the swine industry to more than 10,000 State Fair attendees. She also worked at the DMACC educational display and met with 2,753 students at the National FFA Conference. McEnany has learned leadership, personal development, agriculture advocacy skills, communication, computer skills, and public speaking. She plans to attend Iowa State to major in ag education and minor in ag communication.

The second place winner in the area of Ag Education is Amanda Kropf of the Graettinger-Terril FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Dale Hoffman.

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

**Proficiency Area: Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication-
Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Jay Magnussen

School: South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Description: Jay Magnussen, of the South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina, is the first place winner in the area of Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication. Magnussen has worked more than 1500 hours at C-S Agrow Company. His duties include pouring concrete footings, digging trenches, constructing forms, and assembling augers. After high school, Jay plans to attend Iowa State University or South Dakota State University majoring in agronomy.

The second place winner in the area of Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication, is Kyle Campbell of the Wilton FFA chapter. His advisor is Bill Hammes.

The sponsor of the Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication Proficiency Award is Almaco through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

**Proficiency Area: Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems -
Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Gabe Heun

School: Prairie Valley FFA, Gowrie

Description: Gabe Heun, of the Prairie Valley FFA Chapter at Gowrie, is the first place winner in the area of Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems. Heun has worked more than 700 hours at Ray's Tractor Repair. As a mechanic, he has overhauled more than 14 tractor and/or combine engines, repaired transmissions and clutches, and performed preventative maintenance on a variety of farm equipment. After high school, Heun plans to continue his education at a post-secondary college in the area of diesel mechanics.

The second place winner in the area of Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems is Caleb Faber from the Rock Valley FFA Chapter. His Advisor is Mr. Micah Weber.

The sponsor of the Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems Proficiency Award is Minn-Tex Citrus - Minnesota through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: **Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Entrepreneurship**

State Winner: Pat Miller

School: North Scott FFA, Eldridge

Description: Pat Miller, of the North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge, is the first place winner in the area of Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance-Entrepreneurship. Miller has accumulated over \$36,000 in inventory and over \$20,000 in sales with his tractor restoration and repair enterprise. Miller performs all engine and fabrication repairs and has learned the importance of good record keeping and customer relations. His future plan is to complete a four-year degree in Business.

The second place winner in the area of Ag. Mechanics Repair and Maintenance-Entrepreneurship is Doug Wild of the Little Switzerland FFA at Waukon. His advisor is Nate Gebel.

The sponsor of the Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance-Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Worthington Tractor Parts through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: **Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Placement**

State Winner: Nick Houser

School: Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Description: Nick Houser, of the Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville, is the first place winner in the area of Ag Mech Repair and Maintenance-Placement. Houser has invested 3,900 hours and earned over \$19,000. While working for McKim's Tractor Service, he performs tractor overhauls, preventative maintenance and service calls. Houser plans to further his education at Indian Hills Community College in the Diesel Power Systems program and become an AGCO Certified Master Technician for continued employment at McKim's Tractor Service.

The second place winner in the area of Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement is Terry DeBoer from the South O'Brien FFA Chapter. His advisor is Eric Kumm.

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

Proficiency Area: **Agricultural Processing - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Kara Moser

School: West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Description: Kara Moser, of the West Lyon FFA at Inwood, is the first place winner in the area of Agricultural Processing--Entrepreneurship. Moser has produced and processed over 1,000 broiler chickens during her Supervised Agricultural Experience. She performs butchering, managing, and marketing duties of her business, and she continues to evaluate and improve her business efficiencies. Upon graduation, Moser plans to attend South Dakota State University to major in Animal Science.

The second place winner in the area of Agricultural Processing is Hank Holtmeyer of the LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Louis Beck.

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

Proficiency Area: **Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship**

State Winner: Brandon Friedlein

School: Tri-Star FFA

Description: Brandon Friedlein, of the Tri Star FFA chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Agricultural Sales-Entrepreneurship. Friedlein currently manages the Guttenburg Farmers Market, of which he helped revitalize tourist interest in locally grown products. He also initiated a family focused festival called Pumpkin Days, providing patronage to Guttenburg. Friedlein owns and manages two green house facilities, producing items like corn for squirrel feed, garden seeds, and pumpkins. Friedlein plans to attend Iowa State University to major in horticulture and minor in business.

The second place winner in the area of Agricultural Sales-Entrepreneurship is Hannah McCulloh of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Mr. Dan Smicker.

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

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Sales - Placement

State Winner: Cole Koenig

School: Iowa Valley FFA, Marengo

Description: Cole Koenig, of the Iowa Valley FFA chapter at Marengo, is the first place winner in the area of Agricultural Sales-Placement. Koenig has invested over 1400 hours helping customs and operations of Marengo Farm and Home. Upon graduation, Koenig plans on being a farm supply store owner.

The second place winner in the area of Ag Sales-Placement is Heidi Ramaeker, of the Creston FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Galen Zumba.

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

Proficiency Area: Agricultural Services - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Melissa Schmitt

School: Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Description: Melissa Schmitt, of the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank, is the first place winner in the area of Agricultural Services. Schmitt has invested over 353 hours in animal care and services performing kennel cleaning, giving medications, and assisting in surgeries. Upon graduation, Schmitt plans to become a veterinarian.

The second place winner in the area of Agricultural Services is Justin Lindermann from the Creston FFA Chapter. His advisor is Galen Zumbach.

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

Proficiency Area: Aquaculture - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Kyle Heineman

School: Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Description: Kyle Heineman, of the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank, is the first place winner in the area of Aquaculture. Heineman's program began with the construction of a pond in his backyard three years ago. His project has grown from a few goldfish to include 10 goldfish, 10 Japanese Koi, and 50 crossbred fish. Heineman has learned about the pond winterization process, chemical usage, and managing food and water supplies. Heineman plans to attend either Coe or Luther College and major in Business Management.

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

Proficiency Area: Beef Production - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Matt Price

School: North Linn FFA, Troy Mills

Description: Matt Price, of the North Linn FFA Chapter at Troy Mills, is the first place winner in Beef Production-Entrepreneurship. Matt purchases baby calves and raises them to sell as feeders. He raised 21 head his first year and it has increased to 56 head. Skills Price has gained include: balancing rations, maintaining health with proper vaccinations, sanitation, implanting, and animal identification. After high school, Price plans to attend Kirkwood Community College majoring in Ag Business.

The second place winner in the area of Beef Production-Entrepreneurship is Amanda Myers from the Little Switzerland FFA chapter at Waukon. Her advisor is Nate Gebel.

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

Proficiency Area: Beef Production - Placement

State Winner: Jason Lents

School: Creston FFA, Creston

Description: Jason Lents, of the Creston FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Beef Production-Placement. Lents has invested over 1400 hours in beef production. From show cattle preparation to knowledge of bovine vaccinations and artificial insemination to forage production for cattle, Lents has grown to have an extremely comprehensive working knowledge of effective beef production. Lents looks forward to obtaining different internships to explore other areas of the agricultural business world. Upon graduation, Lents plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Agricultural Business.

The second place winner in the area of Beef Production Placement is Preston Fevold of the Prairie Valley FFA at Gowrie. His advisor is Mr. Steven Kehoe.

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

Proficiency Area: Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Megan Kregal

School: Tri-Star FFA

Description: Megan Kregal, of the Tri-Star FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Dairy Science Entrepreneurship. Kregal has been involved in the dairy industry throughout her entire life. She started her Supervised Agricultural Experience with one Holstein cow, one Holstein heifer, and one Brown Swiss heifer. Kregal's SAE goals include increasing milk quantity and quality through sound breeding practices and keeping a sanitized milking environment. Kregal has seen her herd increase to 19 Jersey cows, 15 Jersey heifers, and 3 Jersey bulls. Megan plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Dairy Science.

The second place winner in the area of Dairy Science-Entrepreneurship is Hannah Gesing of the Little Switzerland FFA at Waukon. Her advisor is Mr. Nate Gebel.

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

Proficiency Area: Dairy Production - Placement

State Winner: Blake Schulte

School: Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Description: Blake Schulte, of the Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne, is the first place winner in the area of Dairy Production-Placement. Schulte has logged nearly 4500 hours working at the Cedar Valley Dairy Farms and on the Mark Schulte farm. He has used his knowledge on genetics to utilize embryo transfer and ultrasound to future the genetic process of his herd. This has even resulted in the sale of an All-American Red and White Holstein. Schulte is currently attending NICC at Calmar and plans to transfer to Iowa State University to become a veterinarian.

The second place winner in the area of Dairy Production-Placement is Katie Kious of the Little Switzerland FFA chapter at Waukon. Her advisor is Nate Gebel.

The sponsor of the Dairy Production-Placement Proficiency Award is Anderson Erickson Dairy Co. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: **Diversified Agricultural Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Glen Worrel

School: Prairie Valley FFA, Gowrie

Description: Glen Worrel, of the Prairie Valley FFA Chapter at Gowrie, is the first place winner in the area of Diversified Agricultural Production. Worrel has completed over 4,200 hours in the production of crops, livestock, and tilapia. He operates and adjusts field equipment, grinds feed for livestock, identifies and treats the symptoms of both parasites and diseases. He is a certified Confinement Site Manure Applicator, and plans to attend Iowa Central Community College before enrolling at Iowa State University.

The second place winner in the area of Diversified Agricultural Production is Glen Mommsen from the DeWitt Central FFA chapter. His advisor is Mr. Dan Smicker.

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

Proficiency Area: **Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship**

State Winner: Debra Zelle

School: Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly

Description: Debra Zelle, of the Waverly Shell Rock FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship. Zelle has established herself in a niche market by managing and operating Adzuki Beans. Upon graduation she plans to attend a community college in Agriculture, then transfer to a university to major in horticulture.

The second place winner in the area of Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship is Chance Ferguson from the Laurens Marathon Tall Corn FFA Chapter. His advisor is Joe Pederson.

The sponsor of the Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is NK Brand Seeds through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: **Diversified Crop Production - Placement**

State Winner: Andy Schiltz

School: Cascade FFA, Cascade

Description: Andy Schiltz, of the Cascade FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Diversified Crop Production-Placement. Schiltz has invested over 4300 hours working for Bergfeld Farms and White Front Feed & Seed in addition to maintaining his own crops. Upon graduation, Schiltz hopes to attend diesel mechanics school and purchase his own farm.

In second place in the area of Diversified Crop Production-Placement is Ethan Serck of the West Lyon FFA at Inwood. His advisors are Gary DeVries and Cathy Doornweerd.

The sponsor of the Diversified Crop Production-Placement Proficiency Award is Garst Seed Company through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: **Diversified Horticulture - Entrepreneurship**

State Winner: Megan Goodall

School: DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt

Description: Megan Goodall, of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Diversified Horticulture-Entrepreneurship. Goodall plants and manages a vegetable, fruit, and flower garden on her family farm. She sells her produce and flowers at the local farmers market, which she manages. She plans to continue her management of the farmers market and extend her knowledge of fruit and vegetable production to kids in her community.

The second place winner in the area of Diversified Horticulture-Entrepreneurship is Andrea Schletzbaum of Pleasantville. Her advisor Monte Collins.

The sponsor of the Diversified Horticulture-Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award is Sherman Nursery through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: **Diversified Horticulture - Placement**

State Winner: Crystal Moser

School: West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Description: Crystal Moser, of the West Lyon FFA Chapter in Inwood, is the first place winner in the area of Diversified Horticulture-Placement. Moser is a senior at West Lyon and will attend Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, or South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. Moser has worked at Knoblachs Greenhouse since May of 2005 where she has put in over 400 hours as a greenhouse employee. She credits the FFA with honing her record keeping skills, becoming a better communicator, and how to better follow directions. Moser says that all of these skills will help her in her future employment.

The second place winner in the area of Diversified Horticulture-Placement is Kathryn Schlake from the Tri-Star FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Steve Zaruba.

The sponsor of the Diversified Horticulture-Placement Proficiency Award is Sherman Nursery through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Diversified Livestock Production - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Daniel May

School: Osceola Big Chief FFA, Osceola

Description: Daniel May, of the Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Diversified Livestock Production-Entrepreneurship. His Supervised Agricultural Experience consists of both beef and swine production. Throughout the past four years, he has double his number of beef animals through the expansion of his breeding herd. He has successfully exhibited both beef and swine and he has earned over \$15,000 in return for capital and management. May plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Ag Education.

The second place winner in the area of Diversified Livestock Production-Entrepreneurship is Spencer Jordan of the Linn-Mar FFA chapter at Marior. His advisor is Barbara Lemmer.

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

Proficiency Area: Diversified Livestock Production - Placement

State Winner: Charlie Fitzgerald

School: Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Description: Charlie Fitzgerald, of the Boone A&M FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Diversified Livestock Production-Placement. As an intricate part of BAM genetics, Fitzgerald worked more than 1,250 unpaid hours in the chapter's beef, swine, and broiler operation. Skills he has acquired through his SAE include: feed management of swine, AI and natural selection of swine, and general management of broiler chickens. Fitzgerald is currently enrolled at Iowa State University majoring in Agriculture. His advisor is Doug Dodd.

The second place winner in the area of Diversified Livestock Production-Placement is Mark Bauer from Gowrie. His advisor is Mr. Steven Kehoe.

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

Proficiency Area: Emerging Agricultural Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Andrew Schatzle

School: North Linn FFA, Troy Mills

Description: Andrew Schatzle, of the North Linn FFA at Troy Mills, is the first place winner in the area of Emerging Ag. Technology. Schatzle has invested a lot of his time into the construction and overseeing of a 122-plant aeroponics chamber where he grows lettuce, tomatoes, and watermelon. He has learned about the importance of soil and water testing. After graduation he plans to attend Coe College to pursue a degree in Science and physical education.

The second place winner in the area of Emerging Ag. Technology is Chris Housh of the Cascade FFA. His advisor is Milt Luckstead.

The sponsor of the Emerging Agricultural Technology Proficiency Award is Farmers Cooperative Co. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

**Proficiency Area: Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management -
Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Mary Foell

School: Schaller-Crestland FFA, Early

Description: Mary Foell, of the Schaller-Crestland FFA Chapter at Early, is the first place winner in the area of Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management. Foell has taken a ground up approach to understanding, using, and sharing information that benefits environmental stewardship and agricultural economics. She conducted a scientific experiment to determine the minimum rate of nitrogen application, without decreasing yields. She used her results to develop a learning kit for schools and educated local farmers about the information she found. Upon graduating, Foell plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Public Service Administration in Agriculture.

The second place winner in the area of Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management is Andy Carter from Ventura. His advisors are Matt Shultz and Steve Anderson.

The sponsor of the Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management Proficiency Award is Agri Drain Corporation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Equine Science - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Alecia Havens

School: Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield

Description: Alecia Havens, of the Nodaway Valley FFA Chapter at Greenfield, is the first place winner in the area of Equine Science-Entrepreneurship. Her horse ownership grew from 1 to 4 horses using embryo transfers plus the addition of an Equine massage business. She established an equine health program, formulated diets, used genetics in selection for stallions, and learned the proper usage of machinery and equipment. Havens plans to attend Oklahoma Panhandle University on a Presidential Scholarship majoring in Industrial Technology and Equine Science.

The second place winner in the area of Equine Science-Entrepreneurship is Alise Dykstra of the Decorah FFA. Her advisor is Rick Twedt.

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

Proficiency Area: Equine Science - Placement

State Winner: Caleb Allen Moody

School: LaPorte-Dysart FFA

Description: Caleb Moody, of the La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Equine Science-Placement. Moody worked hard training horses for others and actively competes in barrel racing with his horse, Giacomo Dee Doc. He has been a national NBHA qualifier in 1 and 2 D barrels in 2005 and 2006, and has won numerous equine honors at the local and county levels. He plans to attend Iowa State University to become an Equine Veterinary practitioner while continuing to train and show horses.

The second place winner in the area of Equine Science-Placement is Anna Wilson from Guthrie Center. Her advisor is Mr. Jim Calvert.

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

Proficiency Area: Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Michael Hall

School: Laurens-Marathon Tall Corn FFA, Laurens

Description: Michael Hall, of the Laurens-Marathon Tall Corn FFA chapter at Laurens is the first place winner in the area of Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production. Hall raised 2 acres of soybeans on land rented from his father where he gained skills in weed identification and marketing. Upon graduation, Hall plans to attend college in Auto Mechanics.

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

Proficiency Area: **Floriculture - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Amanda Rumer

School: Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

Description: Amanda Rumer, of the Des Moines FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Floriculture. She has volunteered over 100 hours in her school greenhouse and assisted with flower sales. Rumer is also employed in the floral department of Hy-Vee. She plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College and enroll in the Horticulture Landscaping program.

The second place winner in the area of Floriculture is Rachel Enfield of the Washington FFA. Her advisor is Duane VanWinkle.

The sponsor of the Floriculture Proficiency Award is Stuppy Greenhouse Manufacturing through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: **Food Science and Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Ashley Bonney

School: Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Description: Ashley Bonney, of the Oewlin FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Food Science and Technology. Bonney has had an excellent Supervised Agricultural Experience in the Fareway Meat Department where she learned and demonstrated the importance of food safety and quality, customer service, and proper preparation of food products. She has invested over 1100 hours in her Supervised Agricultural Experience. Bonney plans to attend Iowa State University and major Animal Science/Pre-Vet.

The second place winner in the area of Food Science and Technology is Nick Kruger of the Anamosa FFA. His advisor is Mr. Ryan Holthaus.

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

Proficiency Area: **Forage Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Cameron Weeda

School: Creston FFA, Creston

Description: Cameron Weeda, of the Creston FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Forage Production. Weeda has invested 489 hours in forage production in which he performs regular maintenance to equipment as well as determinine quality of crop produced to feed livestock on the farm. Weeda attends Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar studying diesel mechanics.

In second place in the area of Forage Production is Ryan Oberbroeckling of the Tri-Star FFA chapter. His advisor is Steve Zaruba.

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

Proficiency Area: **Forest Management and Products - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Travis Garlow

School: Tri-Star FFA

Description: Travis Garlow, of the Tri Star FFA Chapter at Elkader, is the first place winner of the Forest Production Management. Garlow learned skills such as selection of trees for firewood, operating a chainsaw and log splitter, firewood marketing, and small business management. Garlow's goal is to attend NICC in Peota while continuing his firewood business.

The second place winner in the area of Forest Management and Products is Shae Pesek of the West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester. His advisor is Tammy Schnieders.

The sponsor of the Forest Management and Products Proficiency Award is Iowa Woodland Owners Association, Iowa Christmas Tree Growers, and Iowa Tree Farm Committee through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Fruit Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Karin McCulloh

School: DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt

Description: Karin McCulloh, of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter, is this first place winner in the area of Fruit Production. McCulloh began her project this past year with reclaiming 14 fruit trees at one of her family's farms. She practiced skills such as pruning, pest management, food processing, and food safety. McCulloh used organic production practices to treat pests and care for her trees. She plans to attend college and receive a culinary arts degree or a family and consumer science degree.

The second place winner in the area of Fruit Production is Justin Hoover from the Atlantic FFA Chapter. His advisor is Bruce Johnck.

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

Proficiency Area: Grain Production - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Michelle Schubert

School: Rockford FFA, Rockford

Description: Michelle Schubert, of the Rockford FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Grain Production-Entrepreneurship. She has purchased 13 acres of land for raising corn and soybeans and exchanges unpaid work hours for equipment usage and labor assistance from her Dad.

The second place winner in the area of Grain Production-Entrepreneurship is Walter Kummerfeld from the South O'Brien FFA Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm.

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

Proficiency Area: Grain Production - Placement

State Winner: Ronley King

School: Prairie Valley FFA, Gowrie

Description: Ronley King, of the Prairie Valley FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Grain Production-Placement. King has invested over 1,000 hours on his family's farm where he plants, cultivates, and harvests corn and soybeans. He also does equipment maintenance, and applies fertilizer. King plans on attending a 4 year college to become an agronomist.

The second place winner in the area of Grain Production-Placement is Craig Christofferson from the Atlantic FFA Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Bruce Johnck.

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

**Proficiency Area: Home and/or Community Development -
Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Luke Stein

School: Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Description: Luke Stein, of the Benton Community FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Home and/or Community Development. Stein has invested over 850 hours into his SAE which entailed building a brand new house for his family. With the guidance of his father, Stein was an integral part of planning and building the house. Stein learned skills from electrical to building a retaining wall. Upon graduation Stein plans to attend Iowa State University and major in engineering.

The second place winner in the area of Home and/or Community Development is Ben Paxton from the Albia FFA Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Daryl Schofield.

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

Proficiency Area: Landscape Management - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Andy Jennett

School: Creston FFA, Creston

Description: Andy Jennett, of the Creston FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Landscape Management. Jennett has invested over 1,500 hours into his Supervised Agricultural Experience project, working for his family's landscaping business. Through his involvement, he has become proficient in a variety of skills from mulching and planting trees to installing irrigation systems. Jennett is currently enrolled at Iowa State University pursuing a degree in Ag Engineering.

The second place winner in the area of Landscape Management is Joshua Richards from the Wapsie Valley FFA chapter at Fairbank. His advisor is Mrs. Ellen Doese.

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

Proficiency Area: **Nursery Operations - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Laura Knobloch

School: West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Description: Laura Knobloch, of the West Lyon FFA Chapter, is the winner in the area of Nursery Operations. Knobloch's project includes placement at her parent's greenhouse where she has worked over 1,365 hours over the last three years. Knobloch's skills gained include: proper seeding and sticking of cuttings, proper transplanting technique, labeling, and merchandising. She also has had great experience with customer service and cash register operations. Knobloch plans to attend Colorado Technical University for business.

The second place winner in the area of Nursery Operations is Emily Hansen from Boone. Her advisor is Mr. Doug Dodd.

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

Proficiency Area: **Outdoor Recreation - Entrepreneurship/Placement**

State Winner: Kate Oler

School: LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Description: Kate Oler, of the LaPorte-Dysert FFA chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Outdoor Recreation. Although she is a young FFA member, her communication skills show that she has learned many skills and is knowledgeable in the area of horse hitching, driving, and care. Oler enjoys working with people and has a desire to communicate and educate them about animals and the great outdoors. Oler was also very careful to emphasize safety in her work and in the outdoors.

The second place winner in the area of Outdoor Recreation is Randy Halbur from the Guthrie Center Tiger FFA. His advisor is Mr. Jim Calvert.

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

Proficiency Area: Poultry Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement**State Winner:** Kyle Keehner**School:** Tri-Star FFA**Description:** Kyle Keehner, of the Tri-Star FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Poultry Production. Keehner started his production with 45 broilers, 19 layers, and 2 roosters. He worked with his family in preparing facilities to raise his poultry and has developed local marketing strategies in broilers and eggs. This past year he expanded his operation to 284 broilers and 18 laying hens. Some skills that attributed to his success are providing adequate floor space, adding vitamins and electrolites to the water, and free ranging the birds during the day. Keehner is currently a junior at Clayton Ridge High School. His parents are Darryl and Teresa Keehner of Guttenburg and his advisor is Steve Zaruba.

The second place winner in the area of Poultry Production is Brandon Buck from the West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center. His advisor is Jason Carolan.

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

Proficiency Area: Sheep Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement**State Winner:** Leslye Bailey**School:** Nashua-Plainfield FFA, Nashua**Description:** Leslye Bailey, of the Nausha-Plainfield FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Sheep Production. Bailey has developed an excellent sheep enterprise, beginning with 9 ewes in 2003 and increasing to a total of 34 ewes in 2006. Throughout her involvement, Bailey has demonstrated skills in animal care, feeding, grooming, and exhibiting. Her application displayed her extensive experience and knowledge in the sheep project area. Bailey is currently a college freshman at Hawkeye Community College, studying to be an executive assistant. Her advisor is Mr. Ronald Zelle.

The second place winner in the area of Sheep Production is Sam Katzer of the Creston FFA chapter. His advior is Mr. Galen Zumbach.

The sponsor of the Sheep Production Proficiency Award is Iowa Show Lamb Camp through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Small Animal Production and Care - Entrepreneurship**State Winner:** Brad McDonald**School:** West Delaware FFA, Manchester**Description:** Brad McDonald, of the West Delaware FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Small Animal Production and Care-Entrepreneurship. McDonald has exhibited in excess of \$15,000 in return to his investment in 2006. He raises and sells AKC registered Bassett hounds. McDonald has found a niche market in larger cities such as Chicago to sell his puppies. Upon graduation, McDonald plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.

The second place winner in the area of Small Animal Production and Care-Entrepreneurship is Tracey Faust of the Starmont FFA chapter at Arlington. Her advisor is Mrs. Denise Dexter.

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

Proficiency Area: Small Animal Production and Care - Placement

State Winner: Taylor Johnson

School: South Hamilton FFA, Jewell

Description: Taylor Johnson, of the South Hamilton FFA chapter at Jewell, is the first place winner in the area of Small Animal Production and Care-Placement. Johnson has accumulated over 3,800 hours of employment at Companion Animal Clinic in Gilbert. He has gained skills in drawing vaccinations, x-ray, invoicing, and customer relations. Upon graduation, Johnson plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science/Pre-Vet Medicine.

The second place winner in the area of Small Animal Production and Care-Placement is Monica Carlson from Atlantic. Her advisor is Mr. Bruce Johnck.

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

Proficiency Area: Specialty Animal Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Ethan Brinegar

School: Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton

Description: Ethan Brinegar, of the Moulton-Udell FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Specialty Animal Production. Brinegar has quadrupled the number of Jacob Sheep in his flock. His marketing techniques include selling the sheep for breeding stock and trophy horns. He has also bred his flock to increase wool production and the desired trait of 4 horns on the sheep. Brinegar has many skills including the improvement of health, record keeping, and safe facilities. Upon graduation, Brinegar intends to major in Agricultural Business.

The second place winner in the area of Specialty Animal Production is Carmen Parnell of the Mediapolis FFA chapter. Her advisor Mrs. Juile Crozier.

The sponsor of the Specialty Animal Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award is the Iowa FFA Alumni Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Specialty Crop Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Michael McEnany

School: Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo

Description: Michael McEnany, of the Colo Nesco FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Specialty Crop Production. McEnany has worked over 250 hours in 4 years for Pioneer Hybrids. Michael started as a detassler for a summer job to earn some cash, and he quickly advanced to a position of leadership in the detassling department. McEnany has learned how to perform necessary payroll paper work and recruit high school students to work for

pioneer hybrids detassling. Upon graduation, McEnany plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College and major in Ag Studies.

The second place winner in the area of Specialty Crop Production is Karen Whitman from the Dewitt Central FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Mr. Dan Smicker.

The sponsor of the Specialty Crop Production Proficiency Award is Garst Seed Company through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Swine Production - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Benji Moser

School: West Lyon FFA

Description: Benji Moser, of the West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood, is the first place winner in the area of Swine Production-Entrepreneurship. Over the past 2 years Moser has developed a farrow-to-finish commercial Swine Operation which markets 300 pigs annually. Profit from his portion of the operation increased approximately 40% from 2005 to 2006. After high school Moser plans to attend Northwest Iowa Community College and hopes to start his own construction team some day.

The second place winner in the area of Swine Production-Entrepreneurship is Jeremy Elsbernd from the Decorah FFA Chapter. His advisor is Rick Twedt.

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

Proficiency Area: Swine Production - Placement

State Winner: Clint Hillman

School: West Marshall FFA, State Center

Description: Clint Hilleman, of the West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center, is the first place winner in the area of Swine Production-Placement. Hillman has invested over 630 hours assisting in the operations of Hilldale Pork. His responsibilities include artificial insemination of sows and gilts, collecting and extending semen on boars, and grinding and

mixing proper rations for different sizes of pigs. Upon graduation, Hilleman plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Agriculture. After attending Iowa State University, he hopes to build up enough money to buy into Hilldale Pork.

The second place winner in the area of Swine Production-Placement is Brady McNeil from the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Dan Smicker.

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

Proficiency Area: Turf Grass Management - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Alex Kooima

School: Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley

Description: Alex Kooima, of the Rock Valley FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Turf Grass Management-Entrepreneurship. Kooima has started the Procut Lawn Service and Irrigation business. He has both residential and commercial accounts, installed irrigation systems, and started a snow removal business. His Supervised Agricultural Experience grew from 12 residential and 1 commercial to 32 residential, 6 commercial, 3 irrigation, 7 landscaping, and 32 snow removal accounts. Skills and competencies were related to soils, pest control, and business management. Upon graduation, Kooima plans to attain his education from a two year college in turf grass management and landscape design.

The second place winner in the area of Turf Grass Management-Entrepreneurship is Dan Schildroth of the Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter. His advisor is Mr. David Carlson.

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

Proficiency Area: Turf Grass Management - Placement

State Winner: Nick Callahan

School: Cascade FFA, Cascade

Description: Nick Callahan, of the Cascade FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Turf Grass Management-Placement. Callahan has invested over 488 hours performing all phases of Turf Grass Management which include dethatching, aerating, fertilizing, treating for grubs, seeding new lawns, spraying and mowing. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Callahan. His FFA advisor is Mr. Milt Luckstead.

The second place winner in Turf Grass Management-Placement is Miranda Metzger from the West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood. Her advisors are Gary DeVries and Cathy Doorneweerd.

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

Proficiency Area: Vegetable Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

State Winner: Kaitlin Messer

School: LaPorte-Dysert FFA, Dysert

Description: Kaitlin Messer, of the LaPorte-Dyert FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Vegetable Production. Messer plants over 15 different vegetables in her 0.2 acre garden and her return per acre in 2006 was \$2300. Messer's skills gained include planting, application of herbicide, pesticides, and fungicides, controlling garden pests, plant selection for both sale and exhibition, transplanting, and disease diagnosis. In the future, Messer hopes to graduate from Wartburg College and continue her Vegetable Production SAE.

The second place winner in the area of Vegetable Production is Elizabeth Juchems from the Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Ron Zelle.

The sponsor of the Vegetable Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award is 4 Seasons Fund Raising through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Proficiency Area: Wildlife Production and Management - Entrepreneurship

State Winner: Ryan Maxwell

School: Griswold FFA, Griswold

Description: Ryan Maxwell, of the Griswold FFA Chapter, is the winner in the area of Wildlife Production and Management-Entrepreneurship. Maxwell has planted and cared for 4.5 acres of hardwood trees and achieved 92% survivability. He has seeded native prairie grasses on the pond on his parents' acreage. Maxwell plans to attend Iowa State University this fall and major in Agricultural Engineering.

The second place winner in the area of Wildlife Production and Management-Entrepreneurship is Sammy Jo Massman of the North Fayette FFA chapter. Her advisor is Brian Harper.

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

Proficiency Area: Wildlife Production and Management - Placement

State Winner: Casey Tolzin

School: Atlantic FFA, Atlantic

Description: Casey Tolzin, of the Atlantic FFA Chapter, is the first place winner in the area of Wildlife Production and Management-Placement. Tolzin sets traps and snares, sells furs, leads guided pheasant hunting tours, and breeds hunting dogs. In addition, Tolzin spends time every year planting trees and prairie grasses to help create more wildlife habitat. Upon graduation, Tolzin plans to attend Northwestern Iowa Community College to enroll in their electrical program.

The second place winner in the area of Wildlife Production and Management-Placement is Adam Suckow of the Decorah FFA. His advisor is Rick Twedt.

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