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# South Dakota FFA Foundation Provides Chapters with FFA Jackets

**Bath, SD** – (November 2, 2021) – The FFA jacket is the team "uniform," to be worn at all official FFA events and competitions; a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. Ideally, each FFA member has his/her own jacket, however members come from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds, and many of them cannot finance an FFA jacket. Chapter-owned jackets, that FFA members can borrow as needed, can aide these situations for generations of students.

Farm Credit Services of America, as a special project of the South Dakota FFA Foundation has provided funding for five FFA chapters to receive sets of ten FFA jackets for their chapters. Through a competitive application process of the SD FFA Foundation, **the following FFA chapters have been selected to receive the Farm Credit Services of America funds: Alcester-Hudson, Gregory County, Kadoka, Montrose and Timber Lake.**

SD FFA Foundation Executive Director, Gerri Ann Eide says, “Having chapter-owned jackets will help encourage students to become involved and give FFA a try. They can experience the pride, dignity and honor of wearing a blue corduroy FFA jacket, as well as be inspired to become more involved and purchase their own jacket. We are so thankful for Farm Credit Services of America’s commitment to help local FFA chapters meet these needs.”

The SD FFA Foundation supports the interests of FFA members; creating awareness of agriculture careers, agri-business opportunities and the needs of a growing and diversified industry. We financially support leadership development for 8,000 SD agriculture education students; support activities of 102 SD FFA Chapters and members; and reward FFA members and chapters for their successes.

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