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**South Dakota FFA Members Named National Proficiency Finalists**

(Bath, SD) – South Dakota FFA members are being recognized for hard work and career success through the National FFA Proficiency Award program. Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward future careers. Nationally there are 45 award areas, ranging from Fruit Production to Beef and Swine Entrepreneurship.

State FFA Proficiency winners submit their applications to the national level and four members in each category are selected to advance and interview at the national level. Finalists will give a presentation on their project over zoom to judges and the winners will be announced and recognized on stage during the National FFA Convention. South Dakotas National Proficiency Finalists are:

**Matea Gordon, Sturgis, Agriscience Research- Integrated Systems**

**Kaylee Bosma, Lennox-Sundstrom, Poultry Production, Entrepreneurship**

Finalists receive a travel stipend to assist with expenses as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, sponsored by South Dakota Poultry Industries Association, Valley Queen Cheese, Josh Johnson, and Terry Jaspers.

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