



# FFA's

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## Reaping the Rewards of Hard Work at National Convention

As the school year gets underway and the leaves begin to fall, FFA members are preparing for the National FFA Convention. This year, South Dakota has two national finalists, signifying their accomplishments within their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Adam Eichacker and Hadley Stiefvater each began their journey to the national spotlight years ago as middle school students when they joined the McCook Central FFA Chapter.



**Adam Eichacker** is an American Star Farmer finalist. This is one of FFA's highest achievement awards and the four finalists represent the best of the best among thousands of American FFA Degree recipients.

Adam started his project at age eight, when his grandpa bought him his first show heifer as a 4-H project. He now has a full herd of registered Simmental and Sim/Angus and 82 acres of tillable crop ground. Adam has two favorite parts about his SAE. The first is connecting with customers directly when

his family hosts their annual bull sale on the first Friday in March. When fall rolls around and harvest is in full swing, he relishes in his other favorite time of the year. According to Adam "There is nothing better than looking at my father when we give each other the "yield bump" after a successful growing season." This upcoming National FFA Convention will not be the first time he has been honored for success within his SAE: in 2016 Adam was selected as the Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship national proficiency winner.



**Hadley Stiefvater** is a National Proficiency Award Finalist in the Agriscience Research - Animal Systems Area, and will also be competing at convention. When Hadley was six years old she bought her first Angus heifer from an angus futurity sale. Fast forward ten years, she now has 60 head of poultry, two market hogs, 12 pigeons, four Hereford cows, and 20 sheep. When not busy with her animals, her SAE also consists of 118 hours of work and research on an agriscience fair project

and approximately 500 hours of veterinarian science services. Tracking everything Hadley does in her SAE is her biggest challenge, but continually managing it has been one of her biggest areas of gain. She takes time out every day to update record books and write down detailed information. She will put those time management skills to work at the 2018 National FFA Convention as she competes in Livestock Judging, as an Agriscience Fair national finalist, and interviews as one of four finalists within her proficiency area.

Both Adam and Hadley work under the guidance of McCook Central FFA advisors, Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase. Congratulations to Adam and Hadley on their award honors, and for the work they continue to do within South Dakota to strengthen agriculture and youth leadership! Good luck at National Convention!



## Experience the Magic at the Ag Adventure Center



The Ag Adventure Center at the 2018 South Dakota State Fair was filled with new experiences for both children and adults. The mission to showcase modern agriculture practices, communicate commitment to natural resources, and demonstrate safe and wholesome food production to the public was achieved this year through variety of displays, exhibits and booths. Exciting new features included a buffalo bottle calf and a virtual reality pig chair. Additional livestock featured this year included two bottle dairy calves, a beef cow with twin calves born in March, two sows who farrowed during the fair, feeder pigs, laying hens, chicks that hatched throughout the weekend, and our fiberglass dairy cow for kids to milk. The Ag Adventure Center was also proud to sport a new welcome desk, a soybean from field to supper display, and an NRCS station to learn about soil health.

The Ag Adventure Center was a highlight for the multitude of visitors that stopped by, including VIP guest Mark Miller of the band Sawyer Brown. All who made their way through the building had the opportunity to

experience the excitement of new life through the sows farrowing onsite and the baby chickens hatching. Helping all those who visited to know more about production agriculture, District Officers and member volunteers were on hand to answer any questions that may have arisen, and to share their own experiences.

Theme days were a big hit once again with activities provided for guests. South Dakota Women in Ag spent a day helping children make their own personal ear tag while explaining the importance that ear tags have in identifying cattle. Riverview used an afternoon for a craft table for visitors to make their own take home dairy calf artwork while telling them about the work that goes into caring for calves on the farm. A unique activity was also held where visitors could watch what went into preparing a sheep for a show, and explanation was provided into how a sheep is groomed for both livestock exhibiting and daily life on the farm.

Additional video exhibits highlighted commercial dairy, beef poultry and swine production, and hands on computer applications allowed individuals to break down their final food products and see how it's all made. Interesting displays highlighted soil, key to all food production - grain and livestock. These interactive booths and various hands on activities helped demonstrate the importance of all parts of agriculture.

The Ag Adventure Center would not be as impactful without countless individuals, volunteering their financial support, time and talents to promoting agriculture. We hope to continue to growing our impact with new exhibits and displays in the future. continue supporting agriculture through the Ag Adventure Center in the coming years!



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## Members Earn Blue Jackets - Bright Futures

To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. This October the SD FFA Foundation awarded 316 FFA members from 68 FFA chapters jackets through the SD FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program - carrying forward that long-standing tradition of pride, dignity and honor. Thank you to our 2018 jacket sponsors, who welcomed new members into the fabric of FFA:

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## SD FFA Members Prepare for National Competition

The following chapter teams and individuals will be competing and representing South Dakota at the National FFA Convention October 24-27th in Indianapolis, IN. They won their state level events at State Convention or State Leadership to advance.



**Leadership Delegates:** Colton Riley, Grady Gullickson, Marie Robbins, Carolyn Blatchford

**Flag Bearer:** TJ Bigge

**National FFA Chorus:** Corbin Kramer, Philip

**National FFA Band:** Magally Aburto and Jackson McFaden representing the Millbank FFA Chapter

### Leadership and Career Development Events:

**Agriculture Communications:** Northwestern; Alexis Rahm, Sadie Vander Wal, Samantha Olson, Christine Stoltenberg, Advisor Noelle Swanson

**Agriculture Issues:** Wall; Abby Moon, Shelby Ruland, Karlie Dartt, Samantha Deutscher, Cassidy Sawvell, Ash Grenstine, Cooper McLaughlin, Advisor Dani Herring

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**Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems:** Bon Homme; Noah Schenkel, John Kubal, Ethan Sorenson, Dylan Rous, Advisor Mark Misar

**Agronomy:** Sanborn Central/Woonsocket; Wesley Linke, Megan Linke, Carter Linke, Collin Schmiedt, Advisor Jessica Ronning

**Conduct of Meetings:** McCook Central; Abigail Blagg, Paige Peterson, Madison Stroud, Lauren Stiefvater, Jacob Wagner, Kane Muth, Corbin Montreal, Advisors Terry Reickman and Tracy Chase

**Creed Speaking:** Kayle Lauck, McCook Central

**Dairy Cattle Evaluation:** Parkston; Erik Fuerniss, Brady Schoenfelder, Cordell Murtha, Sutton Hohn, Advisor Jacob Englin

**Employment Interview Skills:** Dalton Howe, Redfield

**Environment & Natural Resources:** McCook Central FFA Chapter represented by Robert Koepsell, Avery Feterl, Collin Kolbeck, Dylan Klinkhammer, Advisors Terry Reickman and Tracy Chase

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking:** Bridger Gordon, Sturgis

**Farm & Agribusiness Management:** Willow Lake; Bratland, Cutler Michalski, Mason Burke, Zach Mulder, Advisor Dan Tonak

**Floriculture:** Madison Central; Nichole Peters, Kaitlyn Graff, Allie Kappenman, Jenny Bernard, Advisors Lori Christensen and Austin Kesteloot

**Food Science and Technology:** McCook Central; Taylor Reif, Morgan Erikson, Rylee Klinkhammer, Raygen Randall, Advisors Terry Reickman and Tracy Chase

**Horse Evaluation:** Brookings; Rachel Retterath, Braedon Lueders, Morgan Anderson, Emma Potsma, Advisor Josh Johnson

**Livestock Evaluation:** McCook Central; Hadley Stiefvater, Jackson Nordlund, Ella Stiefvater, Tanner Peterson, Advisors Terry Reickman and Tracy Chase

**Marketing Plan:** Lennox FFA Chapter; Brook Geiken, Naomi Reiss, Sarah Kroeger, Advisor Jim Wilson

**Meats Evaluation and Technology:** Lennox Sundstrom; Kaleb Lunstra, Nicholas Ihnen, Jack Nordmann, Advisor Jim Wilson

**Milk Quality and Products:** Bridgewater-Emery; Joslyn Schranck, Mercedes Mesman, Kristan Kotas, Sydney Hoffman, Advisor Karen Roudabush

**Nursery/Landscape:** McCook Central; Sarah Wegener, Katelyn Winberg, Alexis Jimenez, Rachel Krier, Advisors Terry Reickman and Tracy Chase

**Prepared Public Speaking:** Jensina Davis, Brookings

**Parliamentary Procedure:** McCook Central; Kyle Butzke, Blake Pulse, Melissa Lauck, Ciara Rother, Brandon Lauer, Katie Reif, Advisors Terry Reickman and Tracy Chase

**Veterinary Science:** Highmore; Natalie Leisinger, Brianna Beckler, Taylor Ashdown, Chesney Effling, Advisor Ken Jones

# 20 SD FFA Agri-scientists Advance to National Competition

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is a competition for FFA members interested in the science and technology of agriculture. Students compete in one of six categories: animal systems; environmental services/natural resources systems; food products and processing systems; plant systems; power, structural and technical systems; or social systems. There are Jr. High, 9-10th grade, and 11-12th grade divisions.

State FFA Agriscience Fair winners submit their written research papers to the national level and twelve projects in each division are selected to advance and present their project for competition during the National FFA Convention. SD has 20 individual and team projects that will advance and be competing in Indianapolis:

## Animal Systems

- Michaela McCormick, McCook Central, Division 1
- Hunter Eide, Gettysburg, Division 3
- Sadie Vander Wal & Mitchell Vander Wal, Northwestern Area, Division 6
- Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems Category
- Megan Nash, Northwestern Area, Division 1
- Ava Sandine & Emma Muth McCook Central, Division 2
- Kayle Lauck, McCook Central, Division 3
- Caleb Schentzel, Northwestern Area, Division 5

## Food Products and Processing Systems

- Sydney Grasma, McCook Central, - Division 1
- Gabby Feterl & Aubree Kranz McCook Central, Division 2

## Plant Systems

- Jessica Boekelheide Northwestern Area, Division 1
- Landon Roling & Jayden Doane McCook Central, Division 2
- Hannah Schentzel Northwestern Area, Division 3
- Danielle Houghtaling & Taren Tschetter Doland, Division 6

## Power, Structural and Technical Systems

- Trey Claussen McCook Central, Division 1
- Elliott Chase & Braeden Kerhove McCook Central, Division 2
- Ethan Geraets & Lizabeth Delfs Chester, Division 6

## Social Systems

- Korbin Leddy Milbank, Division 1
- Kyle Schoon & Alex Moen McCook Central, Division 2
- Danika G. Gordon Sturgis, Division 3
- Ella Stiefvater & Hadley Stiefvater McCook Central, Division 4

Finalists receive a travel stipend to assist with expenses as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, sponsored by Jim Chilson, Howe Seeds, Hansmeier & Son, Inc, Eichacker Simmetals, Grain Millers, Florence FFA, McCook Central FFA, and the SD FFA Foundation.



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# South Dakota FFA Foundation Awards \$3,000 in Grants for Local FFA Chapter Service Learning Projects

The FFA motto all FFA members learn includes the words, "Living to Serve", making service a core value taught to SD's over 6,000 high school Agriculture Education students through their FFA participation. With budgets tighter all the time, FFA chapters are forced to choose in which worthwhile activities they can still participate. Sometimes that means service projects do not happen. The SD FFA Foundation recognizes the value of local chapter service learning projects, and wants to enable Agriculture Education programs to focus on student and community development. As a result, we started a program providing up to \$500/chapter for service projects in their local communities. Grants are funded as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, with Wilbur Ellis Company, Inc sponsoring two. Congratulations to the following chapter projects receiving SD FFA Foundation funds this fall for their service projects:

**Brandon Valley** – construct steel panels for hosting a petting zoo and the animal care class hands on learning

**Doland** – conduct "Beef Up your Reading" providing ag books for the elementary library and challenge prizes

**Dupree** – host a petting zoo and youth carnival

**Lemmon** – host a "Cowboy Market" providing elementary students healthy fresh fruits and

**Madison** – Farm safety camp

**Miller** – a landscape beautification project of a patio block planter bed by the Miller Community Center sign

**Mitchell** – make tie blankets for those in need at Christmas and for animals at the local Animal Shelter

**Sunshine Bible** – extend the classroom with an outdoor wildlife center for aquatic safety instruction



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# Oklahoma or Bust



The 2018 National Land and Range Judging contest was held May 1-3 in Oklahoma City, OK with 175 teams competing. South Dakota was well represented with teams in the Homesite, Land and Range contests. Contestants from South Dakota had to adjust to the red soil of the southern United States as well as adapt to the many new plant varieties not found in the northern plains. Early in the week, members had the chance to go through some practice sites and plant lines before digging into the competition. The number behind each individual's name denotes their contest placing. Congratulations!

## Homesite Judging:

McCook Central, 18th, team members: Rachel Krier (24), Emily Bies (54), Caitlyn Eich (118), Alexis Jimenez (152)  
Lennox Sundstrom, 35th, team members: Madeline Lowe (87), Jack Nordmann (89), Naomi Riess (146), Nathan Renz (166)  
Sturgis, 45th, team members: John Petersen (94), Maggie Reeve (163), Jordan Burge (174), Jayda Cammack (190)

## Land Judging:

Highmore, 23rd, team members: Riley Aasby (22), Chesney Effling (119), Sydney Marso (150), Halle Tvedt (250)  
Lennox Sundstrom, 32nd, team members: Madeline Lowe (66), Naomi Riess (101), Nathan Renz (154), Jack Nordmann (326)  
Willow Lake, 52nd, team members: Jacob Prouty (40), Wyatt Burk (190), Abbie Bratland (217), Ashlynn Burke (241)  
McCook Central, 66th, team members: Emily Bies (36), Rachel Krier (201), Alexis Jimenez (335), Caitlyn Eich (362)  
Sturgis, 84th, team members: Maggie Reeve (233), John Petersen (279), Jayda Cammack (319), Jordan Burge (358)

## Range Judging:

Kadoka, 14th, team members: Sage Keegan (43), Savannah Solon (47), Jarred Hicks (54), Naomi Thayer (64)  
Hitchcock-Tulare, 15th, team members: Bailey Cole (49), Grant Hamilton (51), Anthony Anderson (58), Zach Binger (60)  
Webster, 18th, team members: Allison Duerre (61), Brandon Kretzschmar (65), Cheyanne Deibert (75)

As a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, Hefty Seeds, Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange, Philip Livestock Auction, Lyle Perman, Wes & Tottie Hotchkiss, Society for Range Management, and Titan Machinery provided travel scholarships to assist the student as they participated and learned in a hands-on setting. Naomi Riess, a junior at Lennox Sundstrom comments "National Land Judging was so much fun! I learned a tremendous amount about the land while meeting some incredible people."

# New Teams Selected for Oklahoma Experience

Fall is the time FFA members learn to identify land characteristics and slope, range plants and growth patterns, and how to be good stewards of these resources, managing them for the future. Congratulations to the 5 Land teams: Lyman, Wolsey-Wessington, Willow Lake, McCook Central, and Rutland, and 3 Range teams: Wessington Springs, Kadoka, and Milbank that won their Regional FFA events. They will advance to national competition next May in Oklahoma City. Thanks to LeRoy and Cathie Draine, Black Hawk, SD, for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place range judging individuals (Chloe Munsen, Wessington Springs; Madison Weishaar, Lemmon and Wylie Mursu, Milbank) and the SD Soil Health Coalition for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place land judging individuals (Jalen King- Winner; Hunter Eide, Gettysburg; Garrett Warkenthien, Willow Lake; Kayle Lauck, McCook Central.) **We are seeking sponsors for travel scholarships for these teams.**

## Chapter Chatter:

**Howard FFA** will be hosting a tailgate before a football game. Half of the proceeds will be donated to TSU2C, a fundraiser for cancer awareness in the month of October that the entire student body has put on for the last two years.

**Yankton FFA** is currently working on building a greenhouse to use to provide food for people in the community that may need it.

**Newell FFA** will be having an annual steak feed October 13th and taking FFA chapter officers to National Convention.

**Flandreau FFA** is working with local businesses monthly to promote FFA around the community and will be taking a group of members to National Convention.

**Sanborn Central/Woonsocket FFA** hosted a barbeque before a Friday night football game and enjoyed seeing members of the community there.

**Brookings FFA** is preparing to compete at National Convention with our horse judging team and prepared public speaking. They are also busy recruiting new chapter members and preparing a float for the Hobo Day parade!

**Northwestern Area FFA** held an Ag Bowl, where companies worked directly with students and others to teach farm safety. They also had a chapter picnic and are planning to distribute "Thank a Farmer" goody bags to local farmers.

**Bridgewater-Emery FFA Chapter:** "Our chapter is sending their first ever team to National Convention and we will also be hosting our annual "Harvest Meal" fundraiser where we deliver meals to farmers in their fields."

**Madison FFA Chapter:** "We are going to host a SOFY (Save Our Farm Youth) day for fourth graders where we'll teach about farm safety. On top of this, we are taking a group to National Convention where our Floriculture team will compete."

**Hoven FFA Chapter:** "We are doing a Feed a Farmer sack lunch event to give back to our community, as well as preparing to host a Haunted House for elementary students to visit during parent teacher conferences."

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## Living to Serve: Bringing Leadership Home from Washington

FFA's Washington Leadership Conference is an annual summer event in Washington, D.C., where 2,000 FFA members, including numerous SD members, were taught selfless leadership, growth, and the importance of agriculture! It focuses on student growth in four areas: We, Do, Serve, and Me. As the areas build on each other, students become engaged citizens, ready to make a positive difference. Throughout the week, members engage in the vivid history of Washington, DC., attending the changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery; touring monuments, Capitol Hill, and the Newseum; and participating in service projects. All in all, FFA members have an enriched experience that creates memories for a lifetime. Sydney Hoffman, member of the Bridgewater-Emery FFA Chapter, said: "It was a life changing experience for me. I have been to numerous leadership events, but this one went more in depth as the week went on to really change your perspective on life. Since that conference, I have been trying to stand up as a leader in everyday situations and not just in clubs and sports." This is a prime example of the impact it has on its attendees. Washington Leadership Conference emphasizes a "living to serve mindset". Like Sydney, attending members return to their communities ready and willing to serve.

Photo: McCook Central FFA members met with Senator John Thune while at WLC this summer.



## Service is Sorum's Goal



Clayton Sorum, 2017- 2018 South Dakota FFA Vice President, will vie for a National FFA office at the National FFA Convention, Oct. 24-27, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN. As South Dakota's candidate, Sorum is one of about 40 seeking to serve in the 6 national officer positions. A tremendous commitment, Sorum says he wishes to serve, "To me it is one of the many ways to give back to an organization that has given me so much over the years. Plus, I would get to take my love for working with students and advocating for agriculture and combine them into one thing. What more could someone ask for?"

Sorum grew up on his family farm south of Canton, SD, and was a member of the Canton FFA chapter. He is the son of Cliff and Janet Sorum, and is a sophomore at South Dakota State University, majoring in Agriculture Education. If selected to serve as one of the six 2018-2019 National FFA Officers, Sorum will begin two months of training. After those two months, the National Officers begin their year of traveling over 100,000 miles visiting FFA chapters and associations nationwide. A few activities of note include: spending up to four weeks at different State FFA Conventions presenting workshops, speeches, and meeting FFA members; three weeks traveling to, touring and meeting with agricultural businesses and sponsors; and 11 days in Japan touring agricultural industries, schools and learning about cultural similarities and differences. The National FFA Officers will also spend time in Washington, D.C., but their home office is in Indianapolis. Sorum will begin interviews on October 19th, and will continue with those interviews and National Officer Candidate activities until the 2017-2018 National FFA Officer Team is announced on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 at the final session of the 91st National FFA Convention.

## Foundation Feature – October 2018

### I CAN. WE WILL ... TOGETHER we are STRONG.

FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow and are making a difference by sharing their stories of agricultural education and FFA. Together, the SD FFA Foundation and Association will continue the tradition of **growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture.**

We want FFA members to proudly say **I CAN** own and wear my own FFA jacket. **Help new members** experience the honor and sense of belonging by owning the blue corduroy. **Sponsor a jacket for \$75.**

### WE WILL share the message about agriculture.

The future of agriculture is strong and as the population continues to grow, the **FFA Ag Adventure Center at the SD State Fair** is one way FFA is educating and empowering the public to value today's agriculture. We're not done - we need to engage consumers more regarding ag's message.

### WE WILL give back to others in the community.

Service has always been important to FFA members. Throughout the year, members **make their communities stronger** by completing projects and lending a helping hand in a variety of ways. **The SD FFA Foundation funds Chapter Service grants to aid chapters in their action.**

### Your opportunity is now ... TOGETHER we can make a difference ...

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# 2018 South Dakota State Fair FFA Results

Members of the South Dakota FFA participated in a wide range of educational activities during the 2018 South Dakota State Fair held August 30th - September 3rd in Huron. At the State Fair, there were 328 FFA members who exhibited 1010 exhibits. Results were as follows:

## CHAPTER SWEEPSTAKES

1st - McCook Central

## CHAPTER EXHIBITS:

1st place - Howard; 2nd place - Northwestern Area; 3rd place - Bridgewater Emery

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## TOP AG EXHIBITS CHAPTER:

1st place - McCook Central

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## TOP AGRISCIENCE EXHIBITS:

1st place - Ella & Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central, BlockChain Technology

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## BEEF SHOW

Champion Market Steer - Jaxon Schrag, Freeman

Reserve Champion Market Steer - Lane Miller, Howard

Champion Market Heifer - Payton Beare, Highmore

Reserve Champion Market Heifer - Matthew Bogue, Beresford

Market Beef Showmanship - 1st: Payton Beare, Highmore; 2nd Kylie Harriman, Parker; 3rd Bryce Beitelspacher, Bowdle; 4th Mitchell Schmidt, Willow Lake; 5th Evie Madison, Selby

Champion English Breeding Heifer - Kenidey Effling, Highmore

Reserve Champion English Breeding Heifer - Drew Pederson, Garretson

Champion Exotic Breeding Heifer - Cagney Effling, Highmore

Reserve Champion Exotic Breeding Heifer - Alexa Montagne, Viborg-Hurley

Breeding Beef Showmanship - 1st: Jackson Nordlund, McCook Central; 2nd: Calah Covey, Winner; 3rd: Tessa Pederson, Garretson; 4th: Paislee Carlson, Canton; 5th: Paton Coyle, Miller

Breeding and Market Beef Showmanship sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen



**Champion English Breeding Heifer**  
**Kennidy Effling**



**Market Beef Showmanship**  
**Payton Beare &**  
**Bryce Beitelspacher**



**Champion Market Heifer**  
**Payton Beare**



**Breeding Heifer Showmanship**  
**Jackson Nordlund,**  
**Calah Covey & Jessa Pederson**



**Champion Exotic Breeding Heifer**  
**Cagney Effling**



**Champion Market Steer**  
**Jaxon Schrag**

# 2018 SD State Fair FFA Results (cont.)

## SWINE SHOW

Champion Market Gilt – Brent Nelson, Arlington  
 Reserve Champion Market Gilt – Chesney Effling, Highmore  
 Market Gilt Showmanship- 1st: Calvin Rasmussen, Viborg-Hurley; 2nd: Carter Ross, Lennox-Sundstrom; 3rd: Tate Johnson, Beresford; 4th: Ashton Ross, Lennox-Sundstrom; 5th: Hunter Eide, Gettysburg  
 Champion Market Barrow – Chesney Effling, Highmore  
 Reserve Market Barrow – Carter Calmus, Howard  
 Market Barrow Showmanship – 1st: Tanner Calmus, Howard; 2nd Kaitlyn VanderWal, Milbank FFA; 3rd: Grace DiGiovanni, Bridgewater-Emery; 4th: Trevor Johnson, Beresford FFA; 5th: Derek Van Asselt, Tri-Valley  
 Swine Showmanship sponsored by Thompson Family, Harrisburg

## SHEEP SHOW

Champion Breeding Ewe – Faith Houghtaling, Doland  
 Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe – Katelyn Vizecky, Deubrook  
 Champion Ram – Alison Knutson, Viborg-Hurley FFA  
 Reserve Champion Ram– Alison Knutson, Viborg-Hurley FFA  
 Breeding Sheep Showmanship – 1st : Emily Nold, Rutland, 2nd: Logan Tlam, Mitchell; 3rd: Amya Swett, Kimball; 4th: Logan Slack, Viborg-Hurley FFA; 5th: Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

Champion Market Lamb – Brianna Larson, Brookings  
 Reserve Champion Market Lamb – Paige Peterson, McCook Central (shown by Tanner Peterson)  
 Market Lamb Showmanship – 1st: Taya Chelmo, Kimball; 2nd: Colton Michalek, Kimball FFA; 3rd: Sydney Tlam, Mitchell; 4th: Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central; 5th: Drew Peterson, Garretson  
 Breeding and Market Sheep Showmanship sponsored by Knutson Suffolks, Centerville

## GOAT SHOW

Champion Breeding Meat Goat – Colton Michalek, Kimball  
 Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat – Matea Gordon, Sturgis  
 Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – 1st: Drew Pederson, Garretson; 2nd: Kahlil Gall, Freeman 3rd: Kacy Goehring, Parkston; 4th: Reid Leischner, Parkston; 5th: Tessa Pederson, Garretson  
 Champion Market Meat Goat – Colton Michalek, Kimball  
 Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat – Riley Larson, Wessington Springs  
 Market Meat Goat Showmanship – 1st: Kaylen Stearns, Hot Springs; 2nd: Danika Gordon, Sturgis; 3rd: Riley Larson, Wessington Springs; 4th: Jared Stearns, Hot Springs; 5th: Tessa Erdmann, Groton  
 Breeding and Market Meat Goat Showmanship sponsored by Lazy J Bar Ranch, Mina



**Market Barrow Showmanship**  
 Tanner Calmus, Kaitlyn VanderWal  
 & Grace DiGiovanni



**Champion Market Barrow**  
 Chesney Effling



**Market Gilt Showmanship**  
 Calvin Rasmussen,  
 Carter Ross & Tate Johnson



**Champion Market Gilt**  
 Brent Nelson



**Market Lamb Showmanship**  
 Taya Chelmo, Colton Michalek  
 & Sydney Thar



**Champion Market Lamb**  
 Brianna Larson



**Grand Champion Ram**  
 Allison Knutson



**Champion Breeding Ewe**  
 Faith Houghtaling



**Breeding Goat Showmanship**  
 Drew Pederson, Kahlil Gall  
 & Kacy Goehring



**Champion Breeding Meat Goat**  
 Colton Mahalik



**Market Goat Showmanship**  
 Kaylen Stearns, Danika Gordon  
 & Riley Larson



**Champion Market Meat Goat**  
 Colton Michalek

## DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Champion Milking Doe - Ashley Engel, Chamberlain  
Reserve Champion Milking Doe - Blake Pulse, McCook Central  
Champion Dairy Goat - Ashley Engel, Chamberlain  
Reserve Champion Dairy Goat - Blake Pulse, McCook Central FFA  
Dairy Goat Showmanship- 1st: Blake Pulse, McCook Central; 2nd: Bailey Schlotterbeck, Florence; 3rd: Lane Thompson, Elkton; 4th: Paityn Schulte, Sioux Valley; 5th: Ashley Engel, Chamberlain  
Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Boldt Farms, Arlington

## RABBIT SHOW

Grand Champion Rabbit - Avery Miles, Doland  
Reserve Champion Rabbit - Grant Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom  
Rabbit Showmanship - 1st: Grant Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom; 2nd: Corissa Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom; 3rd: Taylor McMartin, West Central FFA  
Rabbit Showmanship sponsored by Rusty JAK, LLC/Jon and Alex Kahnke, Florence.

## DAIRY SHOW

Supreme Champion Female - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley  
Champion Holstein Female - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley  
Senior Champion Holstein - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley  
Senior Reserve Champion Holstein - Sydney Triebwasser, Sioux Valley  
Junior Champion Holstein Heifer - Elissa Oyen, Tri-Valley

Junior Reserve Champion Holstein Heifer - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley  
Champion All Other Breed Female - Sydney Triebwasser, Sioux Valley  
Senior Champion All Other Breed - Sydney Triebwasser, Sioux Valley  
Senior Reserve Champion All Other Breed - Nolan Triebwasser, Sioux Valley  
Junior Champion All Other Breed Heifer - Sydney Triebwasser, Sioux Valley  
Junior Reserve Champion All Other Breed Heifer - Jessica Jaeger, Bridgewater-Emery

Dairy Showmanship: 1st: Sydney Triebwasser, Sioux Valley; 2nd: Travis Sharp, Aberdeen Central; 3rd: Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley; 4th: Nolan Triebwasser, Sioux Valley; 5th: Steven Paulson, Groton

Dairy Showmanship and Supreme Champion Dairy Female sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Milbank.

## ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

1st Place - Emily Nold, Rutland  
2nd Place - Drew Peterson, Garretson  
Round Robin Showmanship sponsored by Odden Cattle Company and Odden Trucking, Ree Heights.

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**Round Robin Showmanship**  
Emily Nold &  
Drew Pederson



**Dairy Goat Showmanship**  
Blake Pulse, Bailey Schlotterbeck  
& Lane Thompson



**Champion Milking Doe  
& Champion Dairy Goat**  
Ashley Engel



**Rabbit Showmanship**  
Taylor McMartin,  
Corissa Sweeter & Grant Sweeter



**Dairy Showmanship**  
Sydney Treibwasser,  
Travis Sharp & Bethany Rennich



**Supreme Champion Female**  
Bethany Rennich



**Jr. Champion Holstein Heifer**  
Elyssa Oyen

# Hunt your Race – Bag your Bird while Supporting SD FFA

We've added a challenge to this fall, for members, parents and supporters - join our virtual race! It's all about getting out there in the name of the SD FFA, and telling our story.

## What is a Virtual Race?

A "race" that can be done anywhere you are - no specific starting time or starting place... **Just register by October 31, 2018.**

- Choose your distance! 5K, 10K, or a marathon
- Then grab a friend, your officer team, or a group from town, and find a favorite place to walk, run, swim, bike, or climb (in camo while hunting birds if you like) in support of the SD FFA!
- Funds raised will go toward SD FFA Chapter Service Learning Project Grants, with \$5/entry going to your choice of chapters! Chapter with the most entries receives a prize!

## Register:

<https://bit.ly/2DvhAsV>

You'll receive a race bib/certificate and the VERY cool race medal. You need NOT have been an FFA member to participate! \$25 per student (18 yrs and under) / \$40 per adult (over 18). Once you've reached YOUR finish line, don your medal and post your photo and race recap on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to celebrate the SD FFA!



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# Retreat Attendees Experience Jungle Adventure

South Dakota had a sea of blue on the East and West sides of the state this summer. Swan Lake, Viborg hosted the East River Leadership Retreat, with 59 members and the National FFA Central Region Vice President Piper Merritt attending. Camp Bob Marshall, Custer was our West River location, with 149 members and National FFA President Breanna Holbert present, and all attending a Mt. Rushmore lighting ceremony.

This year's leadership retreat theme was, "Welcome to the Jungle." At camp, members expanded their leadership qualities as well as obtaining lasting friendships. FFA members learned their strengths, have a positive mindset, the different roles of being a leader, diversity in agriculture, and professionalism. During leadership retreat, FFA members had the opportunity to participate in a community service project. Members were involved in numerous community service projects that consisted of picking up trash, pulling weeds, and painting fences and buildings. Members also

developed SMART goals and created Plan of Actions to bring back to their home chapters. The new skills members learned from camp will benefit their communities as well as expand their personal leadership capabilities.

The retreats were directed by the State FFA Officers: Colton Riley, Rapid City; Sarah Kroeger, Lennox; Marie Robbins, Elkton; Grady Gullickson, Flandreau; Carolyn Blatchford, Brookings; TJ Bigge, Parkston and student ambassadors Ariann Vanbockern, Canton; and Connie Ismay Newell. Helpers were Nathan Linke, Brian Duran, and Loretta Simon. FFA Leadership Retreats were sponsored by U.S. Army/ROTC, Agtegra, Twin City Region Northland Ford Dealers, CHS Foundation, Monsanto, Custer Mile High Garden Club, and the SD Department of Agriculture. Attendees received tshirts sponsored by SD Agri-Business Association, Curry Seed, Agnition, Tractor Supply Company, Latham Hi-Tech Seeds, Kibble Equipment, SoDak Labs, Inc, and U.S. Army/ROTC



## SD FFA Members Earn American FFA Degree Golden Key

Congratulations to the 41 SD FFA members who earned the American FFA Degree, the highest degree a member can receive in the National FFA Organization, in 2018. Only FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experiences are eligible for the American FFA Degree. They exemplify true leaders in agriculture.

**Bridgewater Emery** - Logan Hoffman

**Canton** - Clayton Sorum

**Clark** - Jay Foster, Jennifer Hurlbert

**Deuel** - Brittany Knutson, Stephanie Ponto

**Doland** - Faith Houghtaling

**Florence** - Hannah Hintz, Tanner Flemming

**Groton** - Kate Helmer, Emmalea Watje, Trey Wright

**Harrisburg** - Nathan Harmer, Connor McAllister, Benjamin Ostebee, Ethan Roth, Samantha L Peterson, Sawyer Clarence Strand

**Hitchcock-Tulare** - April Michelle Hamilton

**Hoven** - Brooke Lynn DeRouchey

**McCook Central** - Brenden Ecklein, Nathaniel Kremppges, Kohl Miller, Kayla Mentele, Adam Eichacker, Trevor Wilkinson, Kally Pulse

**Milbank** - Trevor Schmidt

**Miller** - Trevor Parmely

**Sanborn Central/Woonsocket** - Aaron Linke

**Wall** - Elle Moon

**West Central** - Nichole L Axelson, Devin j DeMent, McKenzie Henning, Braydon Johnson, Ellie M Krizan, Dalton Larson, Jared Miller, Tyndall Petterson, Trey Struck

**Winner** - Sydnie Peters

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# Welcome Our New State Officers and Ambassadors!



**Colton Riley- State FFA President**

**Chapter:** Rapid City FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Agricultural Education at SDSU  
**Activities:** I enjoy hiking, hammocking, and rock climbing.  
**Why did you become a State Officer?** I enjoyed my time in FFA for being able to further learn about my passion for agriculture and gain leadership skills I can use for the rest of my life. I am most looking forward to making connections with members across the state and helping them reach their goals!  
**FUN FACT:** My favorite aisle in Hy-Vee is the cereal aisle!



**Grady Gullickson- State FFA Treasurer**

**Chapter:** Flandreau FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Animal Science Major at SDSU  
**Activities:** In my free time, I enjoy working with my goats and pigeons!  
**Why did you become a State Officer?** I wanted to become a state officer to give back to give back to an organization that has given me so much! I was very excited for leadership retreat because I was never able to attend as a member.  
**FUN FACT:** I raise, race, and show pigeons!



**Sarah Kroger- State FFA Vice President**

**Chapter:** Lennox-Sundstrom FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Agriculture Education SDSU  
**Activities:** I enjoy listening to music, play guitar, and reading.  
**Why did you become a State Officer?** I became a State Officer to give back and am looking forward to district officer training!  
**FUN FACT:** When I was younger, my dream career was being an Olympic Figure Skater!



**Carolyn Blatchford- State FFA Reporter**

**Chapter:** Brookings FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Human Biology at SDSU  
**Activities:** I enjoy riding horses, being with friends, laughing with family, and biking.  
**Why did you become a State Officer?** I went out for state office to make a difference. I am most excited about hearing the stories of FFA members across the state!  
**FUN FACT:** My favorite snack food is pickles and can take a nap anywhere!



**Marie Robbins- State FFA Secretary**

**Chapter:** Elkton FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Ag Business and Animal Science Major at SDSU  
**Activities:** I enjoy being outside, hanging with friends, and biking!  
**Why did you become a State Officer?** I want to become a state officer to advocate for agriculture. I am excited for my year of meeting new people and growing my love of agriculture!  
**FUN FACT:** I want to travel to Australia!



**TJ Bigge- State FFA Sentinel**

**Chapter:** Parkston FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Agriculture Education at SDSU  
**Activities:** I love being with my dog, sleeping, and reading.  
**Why did you become a State Officer?** I ran for State Office because I felt there was more I could do for FFA. I am most looking forward to sharing my passion for agriculture and FFA with every member I meet!  
**FUN FACT:** I can play the viola and want to someday go on a cross country road trip!



**Connie Ismay- State Ambassador**

**Chapter:** Newell FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Ag Business Management at SDSU  
**Activities:** I enjoy riding horses and spending time with my youth group.  
**Why did you become a State Ambassador?** I went out for State Ambassador to step outside my comfort zone and find what life has in store for me. I am most excited to make new friends, practice networking, and make memories for a lifetime!  
**FUN FACT:** During my senior year of high school, I taught over 200 hours of Ag Education!



**Ariann VanBockern- State Ambassador**

**Chapter:** Canton FFA Chapter  
**Major:** Agriculture Education at SDSU  
**Activities:** In my free time, I enjoy running, showing hogs, and fishing!  
**Why did you become a State Ambassador?** I wanted to become an FFA Ambassador because I wanted to stay involved in the FFA, go to camps, and get to meet lots of new people. I am looking forward to all the connections I will keep after her year as a State Ambassador.  
**FUN FACT:** I love cows!



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# Welcome Aboard! New Teachers are Ready to Go!

This year we are excited to welcome many new ag teachers to our Agriculture education family and we cannot wait to see what great things they accomplish. Meet our new teachers and see what has them excited!

## **Austin Bishop- Belle Fourche**

"I am grateful to be back in education and have the opportunity to take a very young program to the next level."

## **Katelyn Todd- Bowdle**

"I teach 3rd through 12th Grade Agriculture and am the FFA Advisor and Junior Class Advisor. There's lots of things to be excited about - National FFA Convention, Fall Leadership Development Events, and my brand new CTE Elementary Class are at the top of my list."

## **Halley Becking – Florence**

"I teach ag, environmental science, biology II, and 7th grade grammar. I am excited to teach my animal science kids about meat science!"

## **Mercedes Lemke – Gettysburg**

"I am looking forward to so many things it is hard to pick just one, but I am looking forward to all the exciting things being an agriculture teacher has to offer from LDEs, CDEs, National Convention and so on."

## **Cade Johnson – Lyman**

"I am closing in on my first full month as a CTE teacher. I can't wait for Fall Leadership Events to start! It's always a great experience for the students to get going on their leadership skills. I am also excited to start coaching middle school wrestling."

## **Austin Kesteloot – Madison**

"I am blessed to have an amazing shop facility, and look forward to expanding my students hands on skills in order to better prepare them for their futures. Go Bulldogs!"

## **Kassandra Champion- Newell**

"I actually started teaching here back in January, and something I am excited about this year is starting to rebuild the chapter with students participating in LDE's and CDE's and successful chapter activities!"

## **Ranae Gebhart- Lemmon**

"I'm happy to be back teaching agriculture after a few years away from the education world and most excited to expose my students to lots of different agriculture experiences."

## **Lindsey Kaufmann- Scotland**

"I am excited to see the light bulb moment with students, excitement when they finish their own shop project, and how cohesive the various FFA teams will work together. The students and I are looking forward to the opportunity to compete in LDE events as individuals and teams."

## **Donna Herrick – Aberdeen Roncalli**

"Our FFA Chapter is looking forward to participating in CDE competitions this year and building a stronger chapter here at Roncalli. The students are excited to explore all FFA has to offer."

## **Nicole Hamilton – Winner**

"I'm super excited to get to know my students and see them succeed throughout this year."