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## *SD FFA Stars Awarded for Outstanding Projects*

Five South Dakota FFA members were awarded for project excellence at the 87th South Dakota State FFA Convention.

The South Dakota FFA Star Awards recognize FFA members who have demonstrated exemplary work in their Supervised Agriculture Experience; these FFA members have mastered skills in agriculture production, finance, management and research.

After an extensive review of their Supervised Agricultural Experience program and records, the following members were selected as finalists for State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Ag Placement, Star in Agriscience and Star Greenhand. On April 12th, 2015, the finalists met in Brookings where they discussed their projects in an oral interview with a panel of industry judges.

### **A. State Star Farmer:**

Adam Eichacker, McCook Central  
Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

#### **Finalists:**

Jonathan Linke, Sanborn Central-  
Woonsocket  
Wyatt Forbes, Arlington  
Dakota Flint, Viborg-Hurley

### **B. Star in Agribusiness:**

Adam Eichacker, McCook Central  
Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

#### **Finalists:**

Grant Sweeter, Lennox  
Keagan Mallon, Hitchcock-Tulare  
Mark Streff, McCook Central

### **C. Star in Ag Placement:**

Tristin Fliehe, Hitchcock Tulare  
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#### **Finalists:**

Jordanne Howe, Redfield  
Bo Peterson, McCook Central  
Taylor Larson, Howard

### **D. Star in AgriScience:**

Taylor Knudson, Florence

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LLC.

#### **Finalists:**

Lexy Gimbel, Miller  
Kiera Leddy, Milbank  
Tim Gassman, McCook Central

### **E. Star Greenhand:**

Caleb Wobig, McCook Central  
Sponsored by Central Farmers  
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#### **Finalists:**

Dylan Fulton, Miller  
Ashlynn Beninga, Harrisburg  
Cole Schock, McCook Central



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# Peterson Farm Brothers Convention Speakers

Seen by millions all over the world, the Peterson Brothers have accumulated an impressive collection of fans. After uploading a YouTube parody video that quickly went viral, their career as Internet sensations, but more importantly, agricultural advocates, was quickly launched. On Sunday, April 12th, they were in Brookings to help kick off the 87th South Dakota State FFA Convention. During the opening session, Greg, Nathan, and Kendal spoke of the importance of telling the real story of production agriculture to those who don't know what goes into growing the world's food. In addition to giving advice on how to be an "Ag-Vocate," the group performed several of their popular YouTube

parody videos.

The following day, the trio put on a workshop to a standing room only crowd. Giving a more in-depth insight into the work that it takes to create their viral videos, the brothers spoke on how each individual has the capacity to tell their personal story in a way unique to them.

Encouraging advocacy, individuality, and transparency in the name of promoting agriculture is something the Peterson Farm Brothers are extremely passionate about, and the South Dakota FFA Association is grateful to them for their message and entertainment!

## SD FFA Awards WLC Scholarships

The South Dakota FFA Foundation recently awarded four \$500 travel scholarships to South Dakota FFA members who will be attending National FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. this summer.

The Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) is a National FFA program that is completely service-orientated. In addition to taking part in community service activities while at the conference, FFA members also leave WLC with a better understanding of their own personal leadership styles and a community service action plan to implement in their own home communities. This year's recipients are:

Hannah Noonan, Howard Georgiale Quail, Deuel Jennifer Tonak, Willow Lake Logan Hoffman, Bridgewater-Emery

The South Dakota FFA Foundation sponsored these awards.



## Honorary Degrees Awarded at SD State FFA Convention

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 87th South Dakota State FFA Convention. These awards recognize outstanding contributions to the South Dakota FFA.

### The following individuals received Honorary State Degrees:

- Don Sutera, ag instructor and FFA advisor at Sioux Valley
- Martin & Marian Andersen, Jr., Woonsocket, SD Brian Nelson, Salem, SD
- Gary Elsinger, ag instructor and FFA advisor at Rutand
- Michelle Jacobson, Winfred, SD
- Carol Hallock, Sturgis, SD

- Lori Fods, Colton, SD
- Marvin Wastell, Omaha, NE
- Jon & Rhona Albrecht, parents of a state officer
- Justin Eisenbraun, parent of a state officer
- Lisa Alishouse, parent of a state officer
- Tim Minihan, parent of a state officer
- Val Minihan, parent of a state officer
- Scott & Paula Hamilton, parent of a state officer
- Wayne & Melanie Shull, aunt and uncle of a state officer
- Todd & Nancy Collins, parents of a state officer

### The following individuals received the Distinguished Service Awards:

- Hammerstrom Arena, Lennox, SD
- Dan & Karen Streff, Salem, SD
- John & Judy Heisler, Newell, SD

# FFA Chapters Receive National Chapter Awards

Three South Dakota FFA chapters were recognized with National Chapter Awards at the 87th South Dakota State FFA Convention. The purpose of the National Chapter Award is to encourage chapters to develop and use a strong Program of Activities. These chapters plan and carry out activities centered around three key areas: student, chapter and community development.

In the areas of student development, chapters focus on developing activities to enhance students' life skills. Some examples of these activities include: CDE's, scholarship programs, SAE's, and mentorship activities with elementary students. The area of chapter development stresses the importance of providing opportunities to the chapter's members. Within this area, chapters take part in activities such as hosting recruitment events, developing alumni groups, and planting and harvesting crop test plots for both educational and financial purposes. The final area, community development, encourages FFA chapters to give back to their community through service and by developing partnerships with local organizations. In doing this, chapters participate in activities such as developing a community garden, expanding local parks and volunteering to assist with community events.



## Mark Your Calendars for Leadership Retreat!

Summer is just around the corner and that means the fun and excitement of FFA Leadership Retreat! Leadership Retreat offers FFA members the chance for students from all areas of the state to gather and gain useful leadership knowledge and skills to apply in their local chapters and meet a multitude of friends from different chapters. From working in small groups to the excitement of the dance and games on the green, this is an experience of a lifetime. FFA Leadership Retreat provides the experiences needed for personal growth and the opportunity to grow connections that will last beyond high school. There will be two opportunities to attend camp: July 9-12th at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer and July 16-18th at Swan Lake in Viborg. Ask your advisor for more information and register by June 20th! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Star National Chapter Awards, sponsored by Reinke Gray Wealth Management, were presented to the top three FFA Chapters:

1. Garretson
2. McCook Central
3. Arlington

Five other FFA chapters were also recognized for outstanding student, chapter and community development.

- Viborg-Hurley
- Howard
- Beresford
- Mitchell
- Madison Central

Three chapters were also recognized with the Governors Citation for Community Development. This recognition centers around community development, is sponsored by Patsy Reickman and daughters, and is given to the FFA chapters with the top community interaction and activities in South Dakota.

1. Arlington
2. McCook Central
3. Garretson

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**Congratulations** to all FFA members and chapters on a successful SD State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to advocate for FFA, agriculture, and our diversity. We are fortunate to have the SD Secretary of Agriculture, several legislators, and the SDSU President as supporters who attended. Continue to share the value of agricultural education with them!

**Thank you** to all of the individual and business sponsors that made all aspects of convention possible! Without dedicated sponsors, the SD FFA would not be able to provide the "**LIMITLESS**" opportunities which help members **build leadership, grow their communities and strengthen agriculture for the future**. In this time of lean school budgets, sponsors are crucial in keeping Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources programs in our schools.

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# SD FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships

South Dakota FFA is dedicated to premier leadership, personal growth, and career success and is therefore proud to support South Dakota FFA members in their post-secondary education. The following scholarships were awarded as part of the South Dakota FFA Foundation's collegiate scholarship program.

**Agricultural Education Scholarship** - awarded to a senior FFA member studying Agricultural Education SDSU. This year's \$750 scholarship goes to Madison Fuegen, Rapid City.

**Blue & Gold Scholarships** - awarded to graduating seniors enrolling in ag-related fields at a South Dakota institutions. This year's \$750 scholarships go to: Kiera Leddy, Milbank; Jonathan Linke, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket; and Jordanne Howe Redfield.

**Bob Titus Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Bob Titus, father of past state FFA officer Jenny Titus-Jacobson and sponsored by Sioux Falls Ford. This \$500 scholarship goes to Daniel Johanson, Flandreau.

**Mary Hansen Memorial Scholarships** - for FFA members from Minnehaha or Lincoln Counties. This year's \$750 scholarships go to: Grant Sweeter, Lennox Sundstrom; Jordan Wittrock, Lennox Sundstrom; Sara Waldner, West Central; and Rachel Schartz, West Central.

**Monsanto Star Partner Scholarships** - This year's \$500 recipients: Kyle Kohnen, Hitchcock-Tulare; Riley Jurgensen, Dell Rapids; and Megan Knutson, Webster.

**Northland Ford Star Partner Scholarships** - This year's \$500 recipients: Chet Reed, Flandreau; Alyssa Standifer, Colman-Egan; Cassie Schultz, Hitchcock-Tulare; and Samantha Hagedorn, Lennox Sundstrom.

**Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Wade Lang who served as 1991-1992 SD State FFA Treasurer. This \$500 memorial scholarship goes to Autumn Haan, Lennox Sundstrom.

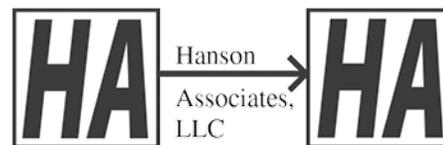
**Marsh Agricultural Scholarship** - sponsored by Doug and Claire Marsh for a student studying agricultural and the \$500 recipient is Cooper Gordon, Hitchcock-Tulare.

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# Students Showcase Career



While attending the 87th SD FFA Convention in Brookings April 12-14th, FFA members competed in State FFA Career Development Events, which develop and refine their abilities to critically evaluate, effectively communicate and ultimately succeed in future careers. The top teams advance to National FFA Convention in October to compete. Results are as follows:



**A. Agricultural Business Management** sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank of South Dakota.

1st Place Team: Kadoka; (L-R): AJ Bendt; Carson Good; Kelsey Lensegrav; Jeremy Ring; Brandy Knutson, Advisor.  
Top Individual: Lucas Sternhagen, Groton



**B. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**

sponsored by CHS Foundation. Welder for the top team sponsored by Lincoln Electric Company, and drills for the top 10 individuals sponsored by CHS Foundation.

1st: Hyde County; (L-R): Ken Jones, Advisor; Lucas Henry; Matthew Pekarek; Logan Single; Kade Hieb.  
Top Individual: Grant Burggraff, Tri-Valley



**C. Agronomy**

sponsored by SD Seed Trade Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Croplan by Winfield and De & Mike Johnson, In Memory of Walt Johnson.

1st: Sanborn Central/Woonsocket; (L-R): Kyle Gustafson, Croplan by Winfield Representative; Shane Gross, Advisor; Nathan Linke; Jonathan Linke; Aaron Linke; Bailey Schmiedt.

Top Individual: Aaron Linke, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket



**D. Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

sponsored by SD Division of the Midwest Dairy Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Sharps Inc, Global Dairy and Royalwood Farms.

1st: Milbank; (L-R): Roger Scheibe, Midwest Dairy Representative; Sarah Jarman; Alisha Madsen; Samuel Jarman; Zach Sousa.  
Top Individual: Nick Achen, Groton

**E. Floriculture**

sponsored by SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Development. Supplies sponsored by Hy Vee, Brookings; and North American Wholesale Florists.

1st: Gettysburg; (L-R): Bradley Cihak, Advisor; Shelby Kilian; Megan Schrempp; Kara Shoup; Megan Geditz.  
Top Individual: Haley Lund, Marion

**F. Food Science and Technology**

sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and Aurora Cooperative; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dan and Sheri Kahnke and Aurora Cooperative.

1st: Milbank; (L-R): Chris Loutsch; Rebekah Tuchscherer; Katie Cannedy; Breanna Schmitt; Brianna Schreurs.  
Top Individual: Anne Mayrose, McCook Central

**G. Horse Evaluation**

sponsored by K Bar J Leather Company.

1st: Groton; (L-R): Adam Franken, Advisor; Kaitlyn Ringgenberg; Katie Miller; Colt Hokana; Kate Helmer.  
Top Individual: Alyssa Standifer, Colman-Egan



# Skills in Convention Events

## H. Livestock Evaluation

sponsored by SD Pork Producers Council; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dakotaland Feeds, Inc. and Nelson Farm and Family.

1st: Clark; (L-R): Stacey Sorlien, South Dakota Pork Council Representative; Joslyn Hurlbert; Jennifer Hurlbert; Savannah Fisher; Hudson Steffen; Greg Janisch, Advisor.

Top Individual: Cagney Effling, Hyde County

## I. Meats Evaluation and Technology

sponsored by John Morrell & Company; team travel scholarship sponsored by Justin and Crissa Fruechte. Supplies sponsored by Roxanne & Eric Knock, Duane & Ann Wulf, Tyson, Clark Hanson, SD Angus Association, Bruce Paterson, and Tri-Valley FFA Alumni.

1st: Redfield; (L-R): Lynn Brace, Advisor; Kris Blume; Alan Masat; Jordanne Howe; Dalton Howe.

Top Individual: Jordanne Howe, Redfield

## J. Milk Quality and Products

sponsored by Land O' Lakes; team travel scholarship sponsored by The Family of Justin Maass.

1st: McCook Central; (L-R): Terry Rieckman, Advisor; Ryan Butzke; Julia Loudenburg; Taylor Johnson; Leslie Kolbeck.

Top Individual: Taylor Johnson, McCook Central

## K. Natural Resources

sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition; team travel scholarship sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition and Jeff Vander Wilt.

1st: West Central; (L-R): Linda Petersen, Advisor; Weston Hanisch; Austin Ideker; Quinn Hanisch; Benjamin Miles.

Top Individual: Sharon Folk, Milbank

## L. Nursery/Landscape

sponsored by Intermountain Stihl; team travel scholarship sponsored by SODAK Gardens of Clear Lake and Northern Plains Landscaping. Chainsaw for first place individual sponsored by Intermountain Stihl.

1st: Lennox Sundstrom; (L-R): Jim Wilson, Advisor; Katie Daugherty; Autumn Haan; Haley Mendel; Samantha Hagedorn.

Top Individual: Natalie Gottlob, McCook Central

## M. Range Plant Identification

sponsored by SDSU Range Club.

1st: Kadoka; (L-R): Hunter Johnson; Tyra Fugete; Vanessa Buxcel; Jory Rodgers; Brandy Knutson, Advisor.

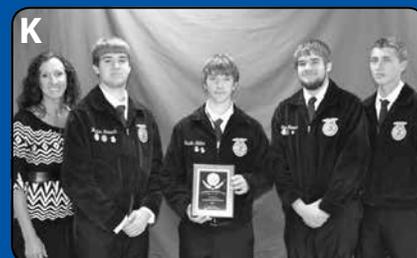
Top Individual: Elle Moon, Wall

## N. Veterinary Science

sponsored by Mike McIntyre, D.V.M. and Sioux National Pet Clinic; team travel scholarship sponsored by SD Veterinary Medical Association.

1st: Lennox Sundstrom; (L-R): Craig Dybedahl, SD FFA Foundation Representative; Kolby Reinke; Brady Klock; Alyssa Becker; Brady Jandl; Jim Wilson, Advisor.

Top Individual: Alyssa Becker, Lennox Sundstrom



# South Dakota FFA Agriscience Fair Results Announced

The South Dakota FFA Association hosted its annual Agriscience Fair during the 87th State FFA Convention. Grain Millers, DuPont Pioneer, Jim Chilson and the SD FFA Foundation sponsored the Agriscience Fair. This event features exhibits in six different categories.

The top projects in the junior (grades 7-9) and senior (grades 10-12) divisions for each category will advance for a chance to compete at the National FFA Agriscience Fair at National Convention in Louisville, KY this fall. The top exhibits are as follows:

## Animal Systems

Jr. Indv. – 1st Place – Bailey Schlotterbeck, Watertown Area  
Sr. Indv. – 1st Place – Will Knudson, Florence  
Sr. Team – 1st Place – Patrick Reiter & Bryan Reiter, Florence

## Environmental Systems

Jr. Indv. – 1st Place – Nathan Hulscher, Florence  
Sr. Team – 1st Place – Casey Narrid & Windsor Barry, Winner

## Food Products & Processing

Sr. Indv. – 1st Place - Alec Paulson, Florence

## Plant Systems

Jr. Team – Harlie Gulbraa & Kylee Backer, Florence  
Sr. Team – Clay Busskohl & Chase Peterson, Florence

## Power, Structural & Technology Systems

Jr. Indv. – Adam Ronke, Florence  
Sr. Team – Seth Bach & Evan Thorson, Florence

## Social Systems

Jr. Indv. – Callie Mueller, Florence  
Sr. Indv. – Taylor Knudson, Florence  
Sr. Team – Kiera Leddy & Kadon Leddy, Milbank



L-R Taylor Knudson, Florence- Social Systems Senior Individual Winner;  
Kiera Leddy & Kadon Leddy, Milbank Social Systems Senior Team.



Alec Paulson, Florence- Food Products Senior Individual Winner

## FFA Members Test Their Safety Knowledge

The South Dakota Farmers Union hosted the 6th annual Team Up to Safety Quiz Bowl at the 87th SD State FFA Convention. Team members needed to know all aspects of the agricultural industry and have extensive knowledge on farm safety and why it is important. The top four teams earned their seats to compete in the final round at the 2015 South Dakota State Fair. Howard came in fourth place, Viborg-Hurley took third place, Deuel finished in second place, and in first place was Parker.

## Webster Receives Image Builder Award

The Webster FFA Chapter was recognized as the 2014-2015 Image Builder Award winner at the 87th South Dakota State FFA Convention. The Image Builder Award encourages FFA chapters across South Dakota to develop a strong partnership with the local media through public relations. This award is given to those FFA chapters that have strived to build a positive image through their partnership. This award is sponsored by Paulsen Marketing.

# FFA Members Receive National FFA Scholarships

The National FFA Organization has had a long history of a dedicated and generous scholarship program. This past year, 22 South Dakota FFA members received scholarships in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. These students have devoted time and effort to their academic studies, FFA, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, leadership, and community activities. The South Dakota FFA Association commends all of these members for their leadership and hard work. The scholarship recipients are:

**Brock Anderson, McCook Central**

BNSF Railway Foundation ... \$5,000

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## Ag Industry meets FFA

This spring break, the South Dakota state FFA officers traveled across the state to visit with agricultural businesses. Through this experience, they discovered more about what some of our agricultural businesses do, informed them on what FFA is, and how the FFA can help their business succeed and grow. They also discussed how their business can help the South Dakota FFA Association as an organization. Many industry leaders had their own stories of their FFA experience to share and what opportunities their organization may have in terms of internships and scholarships to ensure that FFA members will have an ample amount of opportunities to find successful careers within South Dakota.

The people the state officers met during their business and industry visits were hard working and served as leaders within their areas. Many of them have partnered with the South Dakota FFA Association and Foundation to ensure our organizations continued success. These businesses realize that FFA members are skilled in areas that will help lead their companies in the future with a strong work ethic and passion toward the agricultural industry honed through FFA experiences.

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# Outstanding Student SAE's Recognized at Convention

Students work all year on Supervised Agricultural Experience project to learn agricultural & life skills. Congratulations to the winners in the 49 Proficiency areas!

**Agriculture Communications** - sponsored by the Tri-State Neighbor.

1. Nicole Roth – McCook Central
2. Kiera Leddy – Milbank

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1. Victoria Kremppes – McCook Central
2. Nathan Harmer – Harrisburg
3. Shelby Riggs – Mitchell

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1. Ethan Schallenkamp – McCook Central
2. Tate Ketelhut – Miller
3. Aidyn Feldhaus – Howard

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1. Patrick Petree – McCook Central

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Entrepreneurship - sponsored by Butler Machinery Company and Jesse Larson.

1. Mark Streff – McCook Central
2. Elijah Hofer – Hitchcock – Tulare

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1. Taylor Larson – Howard
2. Nate Kremppes – McCook Central
3. Bo Peterson – McCook Central

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1. Alex Toupal – Kimball
2. Clayton Keck – Miller
3. Josh Hidalgo – McCook Central

**Ag Sales Ent.** - sponsored by Legend Seeds, Inc

1. Jordan VanHout – McCook Central
2. Jordan Scheier – McCook Central

**Ag Sales Pl.** - sponsored by Wilbur-Ellis Company.

1. Braedon D. Hinker – Huron
2. Ashley Wilson – Brookings
3. Rowdy Hillmer – Harrisburg

**Ag Services** - sponsored by Midwest Cooperative in Pierre and Northern Plains Cooperative, of Gettysburg.

1. Derek Hight – Viborg-Hurley
2. Shane Mueller – Garretson
3. Samantha Peterson – Harrisburg

**Agriscience Research** – Animal Systems sponsored by CHS Foundation.

1. Shane Mueller – Garretson

**Agriscience Research** – Integrated Systems - sponsored by ADM Benson Quinn.

1. Taylor Knudson – Florence, 2. Kiera Leddy – Milbank

**Agriscience Research** – Plant Systems sponsored by Monsanto.

1. Kiera Leddy – Milbank
2. Brooke Thorson – Florence

**Beef Ent.** - sponsored by Jensen, Stewart, Odden and Vedvei Charolais, Mike McIntyre, DMV of Winfred, and the South Dakota Shorthorn Association.

1. Adam Eichacker – McCook Central
2. Hanna Peterson – Howard
3. Brandon Jacobson – Howard

**Beef Pl.** - sponsored by the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association.

1. Haley DeJong – Howard
2. Jacob Smith – Freeman
3. Caleb Wobig – McCook Central

**Dairy Ent.** - sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

1. Cole Schock – McCook Central

**Dairy Pl.** - sponsored by Associated Milk Producers Inc.

1. Brandon Stone – McCook Central
2. Shane Mueller – Garretson

3. Kylar Hansen – McCook Central  
**Diversified Ag** - sponsored by Sioux Nation Ag Center of South Dakota.

1. Jonathan Linke – Sanborn Central/Woonsocket
2. Brock Anderson – McCook Central
3. Cole Schock – McCook Central

**Diversified Crop Ent.** - sponsored by Cargill, Inc.

1. Mark Streff – McCook Central
2. Adam Eichacker – McCook Central

**Diversified Crop Pl.** - sponsored by North Central Farmers Elevator.

1. Brandon Schwader – Howard
2. Brock Anderson – McCook Central
3. Amanda Jandl – Harrisburg

**Diversified Horticulture** - sponsored by First Premier Bank.

1. Cooper Seamer – McCook Central
2. Mark Streff – McCook Central
3. Sydney Gibson – Harrisburg

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1. Cole Schock – McCook Central
2. Adam Eichacker – McCook Central
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**Emerging Ag Technology** - sponsored by Kimball Livestock Exchange.

1. Brock Anderson – McCook Central
2. Jaclynn Knutson – Viborg Hurley

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1. Andrew Streff – McCook Central

**Equine Science** – Ent. - sponsored by Amani Arabians – Tim Anderson and Kim Niven of Milbank.

1. Hunter Rother – McCook Central
2. Sawyer Strand – Harrisburg
3. Peyton Eagle – Winner

**Equine Science** – Pl. - sponsored by Scott Cammack, Dawn Nagel, Susan Stoterau, Roger DeRouche and the Webster FFA chapter.

1. Shelby Strand – Harrisburg
2. Jordan Wittrock – Lennox
3. Cara Rabenhorst – McCook Central

**Fiber and/or Oil Crop** - sponsored by the SD Soybean Research and Promotion Council.

1. Andrew Streff – McCook Central
2. Mark Streff – McCook Central
3. Adam Eichacker – McCook Central

**Food Science & Technology** - sponsored by Candidus and Londa (Vanderwal) Nwadike and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

1. Isabelle Becker – Howard
2. Nicole Schultz – Howard
3. Josh Hidalgo – McCook Central

**Forage** - sponsored by Kuecker Seed Farm, Inc. of Webster.

1. Tristan Ashdown – Highmore Harold
2. Cole Schock – McCook Central
3. Alex Aman – Bowdle

**Forest Management & Products** - sponsored by Harrisburg FFA Chapter.

1. Adonis Ruml – Howard
2. Jordan Michlitsch – Hitchcock

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1. Sydney Hirschhorn – Harrisburg
2. Andrew Streff – McCook Central
3. Mark Streff – McCook Central

**Goat** - sponsored by Hamilton Farms of Hitchcock, South Dakota

1. Michaela Jacobsen – Howard
2. Hanna Peterson – Howard
3. Allison Schallenkamp – McCook Central

**Grain Ent.** - sponsored by South Dakota Wheat Commission.

1. Andrew Streff – McCook Central
2. Adam Eichacker – McCook Central

**Grain Pl.** - sponsored by the McCook Central FFA Chapter.

1. Amanda Jandl – Harrisburg
2. Brock Anderson – McCook Central
3. Mark Streff – McCook Central

**Home &/or Community Development** - sponsored by the 1974-1975 South Dakota State Officer Team in memory of Galen Keller.

1. Anna McAllister – Harrisburg
2. Anne Mayrose – McCook Central
3. Jordanne S. Howe – Redfield

**Landscape Management** - sponsored by the South Dakota Wheat Growers.

1. Julia Loudenburg – McCook Central
2. Patrick Reiter – Florence

**Nursery Operations** – sponsored by Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Dealers.

1. Sydney Gibson – Harrisburg
2. Brooke Gortmaker – McCook Central

**Outdoor Recreation** - sponsored by Jack's Campers of Mitchell, Nedved Guide Service, Central Dakota Guide Service and South Dakota Walleye Charters.

1. Nathan Harmer – Harrisburg
2. Kendra Northdurft – McCook Central

**Poultry** - sponsored by Mr. Josh Johnson and Runnings of Pierre.

1. Jesse Muth – McCook Central
2. Shane Mueller – Garretson
3. Alex Toupal – Kimball

**Sheep** - sponsored by the Newell Ram Sale.

1. Shane Mueller – Garretson
2. Michaela Jacobsen – Howard
3. Carolyn Koepsell – Howard

**Small Animal Production and Care** - sponsored by Robert Rennolet of Mennow, Mike McIntyre, D.V.M. of Winfred and the SD Veterinary Medical Association.

1. Alyssa Becker – Lennox
2. Karlie Westall – Harrisburg
3. Allison Schallenkamp – McCook Central

**Specialty Animal** - sponsored by R&R Pheasant Hunting.

1. Allison Schallenkamp – McCook Central
2. Alyssa Becker – Lennox
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**Specialty Crop** - sponsored by Hansmeier & Son, Inc. of Bristol and Howe Seeds of McLaughlin.

1. Andrew Streff – McCook Central
2. Jade Wittstruck – McCook Central
3. Mark Streff – McCook Central

**Swine Ent.** - sponsored by South Dakota Pork Producers Council.

1. John Ellertson – Rutland
2. Karley Litterick – Howard
3. Landon Gatzke – Hitchcock-Tulare

**Swine Pl.** - sponsored by Murphy-Brown LLC, Lester Moeller, Kevin & Sandy Ortberg and Wally & Kathy Knock.

1. Bo Peterson – McCook Central
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3. Taren W. Odegaard – Lake Preston

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1. Brandon Jacobson – Hitchcock-Tulare
2. Kurt Mentele – McCook Central
3. Ben Otebee – Harrisburg

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1. Dani Forster – McCook Central
2. Mark Streff – McCook Central
3. Alexandra Gimbel – Miller

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1. Kristina Laska – Centerville
2. Megan Rawstern – Huron

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# New FFA Leaders Elected for 2015-16

To culminate the 87th South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 14th, 2015, in Brookings, six members – five high school seniors and one freshman in college – were elected to serve as the 2015-2016 South Dakota State FFA officer team.

Sixteen candidates interviewed for the six South Dakota FFA leadership roles. The individuals elected to the South Dakota State FFA officer team will travel across the state throughout the next year presenting speeches, facilitating workshops, hosting camps, holding conferences and conducting business for the South Dakota FFA Association.

## 2015-2016 State FFA Officers

- President – Jordanne Howe – Redfield
- Vice President – Kiera Leddy – Milbank
- Secretary – Jeanette Klein – Deubrook
- Treasurer – Jonathan Linke – Sanborn Central Woonsocket
- Reporter – Andrea Schubloom – De Smet
- Sentinel – Shane Mueller – Garretson

## These individuals will assist State Officers in hosting events throughout the year.

2015 – 2016 State FFA Ambassadors

- Anne Stenberg – Brookings
- Madison Fuegen – Rapid City



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