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**Members Prepare to Shine at the National FFA Convention**

South Dakota FFA members and teams are actively preparing to represent at the national level. Most of these individuals and teams have already begun their competitive portions to their events as elements to most Career and Leadership Development Events have an online piece that must be completed prior to convention. The final elements will take place, along with final results, at the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo is Oct. 26-29, 2022. These teams and individuals were the first-place winners at SD State Convention and at State Leadership.

**Agricultural Communications:** McCook Central; Abby Wagner, Paul Kaffar, Grace DiGivanni, Tayah McGregor, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Agricultural Issues:** West Central; Josslin Jarding, Grace Harden, Jude Jarding, Wilson Droge, Advisor Mrs. Linda Petersen

**Agricultural Sales:** Tri-Valley; Weston VanDerVliet, Brody Ahlquist, Nolan Schmidt, Hunter Foster, Advisor Mr. Tanner Peterson

**Agricultural Mechanics:** Miller; Dylan Hass, Briggs Runge, Jaden Anderberg, Trevor Werdel, Advisor Mr. Mark Ketelhut

**Agronomy:** McCook Central; Mason Pulse, Samara Wolf, Jonathan Schock, Landon Roling Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Conduct of Chapter Meetings:** McCook Central; Ava Sieverding, Karlie Stiefvater, Madison Lauck, Joseph Grady, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Creed Speaking:** Sturgis; Bennett Gordon, Advisor Ms. Meagan Jensen

**Dairy Evaluation:** Parker; Natalie Haase, Vanessa Dunkelberger, Paige Haase, Neil Haase, Advisor Mrs. Kelly Dunkelberger

**Employment Skills:** Hot Springs; Megan Sanders, Advisor Mrs. Tanna White

**Natural Resources:** McCook Central; Landon Flogstad, Brode Dennis, Mathew Krempges, Derek Schock, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** Deubrook; Ellie Olsen, Advisors Mrs. Ashley Weisen and Mr. Reuben TenBrink

**Agriculture Business Management:** Hitchcock-Tulare; Caden Bottum, Jedidiah Waldner, Andrew Brooker, Danielle Nowell, Advisor Mr. Shane Gross

**Floriculture:** Wolsey-Wessington; Faith Nelson, Hailey Clarke, Giyahna Richmond, Mya Boomsma, Advisors Mrs. Leah Hofer and Mr. Andrew Boersma

**Food Science:** Freeman; Emily Knodel, Riley Knittel, Ava Anderson, Vaida Ammann, Advisor Ms. Malynda Penner

**Horse Evaluation:** Brookings; Kennedi Gerjets, Jaxon Bowed, Heather Rudd, Jordyn Tibbs, Advisor Mr. Joshua Johnson

**Livestock Evaluation:** Bridgewater-Emery; Cash Lehrman, Quinton Berg, Landon Berg, Ryan Wollman, Advisor Mr. Alex Toupal

**Marketing Plan:** Garretson; Autumn Gaspar, Drew Pederson, Hannah Frewaldt, Advisor Ms. Alysha Kientopf

**Meats Evaluation and Technology:** McCook Central; Ryann Blagg, Noah Schnee, Brock Nordlund, Weston Remmers, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Milk Quality and Products:** McCook Central; Isabela Jimenez, Vivian Koepsell, Grace Stoffel, Shea Klinkhammer, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Nursery Landscape:** West Central; Andrew Rick, Jack Linneman, Bennett Sebert, Connor Siemonsma, Advisor Mrs. Linda Petersen

**Parliamentary Procedure:** Belle Fourche; Olivia Furrow, Ava McLennan, Nicole Kraft, Reese McKenna, Kyrstin Hayworth, Dustin Kolb, Advisor Mr. Austin Bishop

**Poultry Evaluation:** Chester; MaKaylyn Borecky, Brayden Schut, Lauren Roberts, Cadence Olivier, Advisor Mrs. Sarah Kretchman

**Prepared Public Speaking:** Sturgis; Matea Gordon, Advisor Ms. Meagan Jensen

**Vet Science:** Brookings; Janine Warne, Tara Feucht, Ava Thvedt, Hailey Graham, Advisor Mr. Joshua Johnson