

**STEP
UP**
**STAND
OUT**

The FFA logo is a circular emblem featuring a central figure of a person holding a sheaf of wheat, surrounded by the words "FFA" and "CULTURE EDUCATION". The emblem is topped with an eagle with spread wings.

***81st Annual
Nebraska FFA
Convention***

Theme: Step Up - Stand Out

April 1—3, 2009 - Lincoln, Nebraska

2009 Nebraska FFA Convention Results

Attendance: 3,222 members registered

2009-2010 Nebraska State FFA Officers

The State Officer Selection Process is sponsored by Consolidated Telephone Company.

President: Katie Frenzen, Fullerton
Secretary: Danielle Saathoff, Franklin

Vice Presidents:

- Jordan Anderson, Burwell
- Lance Atwater, Blue Hill
- Amanda Docter, Norris
- Sydney Paige, Northwest
- Tyler Spilinek, Elba

Special Guests and/or Speakers

- Governor Dave Heineman, State of Nebraska
- Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy, State of Nebraska
- Greg Ibach, Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture
- Keith Olsen, President, Nebraska FFA Foundation
- Hannah Crossen, National FFA Officer, Ohio
- Keynote Speaker: Shawn Harper
Sponsored by the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Brady Revels, Past National FFA Officer, Florida
- Dustin Baker, Michigan State Officer
- Brian Gottlab and Maria Skoglund, South Dakota State Officers
- Andy Bartlett, Eric Wellman and Logan Wilkins, Colorado State Officers
- Gene Englerth, Convention Organist
- Jill Goedeken, Chorus Director and Music Director, Lakeview High School, Columbus

Gary Scharf Helping Hand Award

This award is sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation.

- Steve Schmit, Osceola

Nebraska FFA Advisors of the Year

These awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

- Christy Hodges, Johnson County Central
- Kurt Wissenburg, Tri County

2009 Distinguished Service Awards

- **Monsanto** is a major sponsor of Nebraska FFA through their support of the COLT Conference, the Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship and Placement Proficiency Awards and the FFA/4-H Golf Benefit. In addition, Monsanto has exhibited at the Career Fair the past two years and conducted a t-shirt promotion for chapters attending Husker Harvest Days. Monsanto is involved with local chapters conducting test plots and events and continues to find ways for employees to become personally involved in FFA events.
- The **Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)** has supported the Governor's Award of Excellence for Nebraska FFA Chapters for over 10 year. Each year, NIFA provides \$25,000 in grants to local chapters. These grants allow chapters to expand their growth in community development projects, technology upgrades and agricultural education curriculum in schools and communities.

2009 VIP Award—Mike LePorte KRVN Radio

Mike LePorte has been a supporter of the Nebraska FFA Association and Nebraska FFA Foundation activities for many years. He currently works with KRVN and the Nebraska Rural Radio Network. Mr. LePorte credits FFA with starting his career—he worked at a local radio station during high school. For the past two years, Mr. LePorte was instrumental in developing the True Blue Memories program on Nebraska Rural Radio Network during National FFA Week. He interviews past FFA members and supporters throughout the state. Mr. LePorte is always willing to support Nebraska FFA and the Nebraska FFA Foundation.

2009 Nebraska Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients

FFA Advisors:

- Kevin Anderson—Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- Richard Eisenhauer—Bloomfield
- Kristyn Harms—Norris
- Trisha Hunter—Sioux County
- Matt Kreifels—Blair
- Amy Rasmussen—Centennial

Friends and Supporters:

- Rich Herink, Nebraska FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board Member and First National Bank, Lincoln.
- Rick Keith, Nebraska FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board Member and Producers Livestock Marketing Association, Omaha.
- Maury Salz, Nebraska FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board Member and CLAAS of America, Inc., Omaha.
- Scott Swisher, Superintendent, Hartington Public Schools.
- Art Tanderup, Tekamah-Herman Schools.
- Ray Ward, Nebraska FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board Member and Ward Laboratories, Inc., Kearney.
- Ron Wulfkuhle, Nebraska FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board Member and GreenLeaf Genetics LLC, Omaha.

Recognition of Long-time Sponsors and Supporters of the Nebraska State Fair-FFA Division

- Joseph McDermott, Executive Director, Nebraska State Fair. Joseph supports and promotes Nebraska agriculture and the recognition of Nebraska youth through FFA and 4-H competitions during the State Fair.
- Craig Frederick. Craig is the former Nebraska State Director of Agriculture Education. Craig is a supporter of the Fair and currently works for the National FFA Organization.

- Cheryl and Bill Landon. They sponsor a Market Beef Carcass trophy and co-sponsor Champion and Reserve Champion Maintainer Female trophies. Cheryl served as the Beef Superintendent for the past four years.
- The Nebraska Corn Board under the direction of Don Hutchens. The Corn Board sponsors the Champion and Reserve Champion Yellow Corn Grain trophies.
- The Nebraska Soybean Board under the direction of Victor Bohuslavsky. The Soybean Board sponsors the Champion and Reserve Champion Soybean Seed trophies and co-sponsor Beef Pit sandwiches for beef and dairy exhibitors.
- The Nebraska Wheat Board under the direction of Royce Schaneman. The Wheat Board sponsors the Champion and Reserve Champion Wheat trophies.
- The Nebraska Chapter of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. This organization co-sponsors the Nebraska State Fair T-shirt and the Champion and Reserve Champion Grass Board trophies. They also partnered with the Norris FFA Chapter in the Norris Prairie Project.

Cornerstone Awards

Our school administrators are people that share insight, wisdom, and guidance with FFA members, chapters, and communities. For the past seven years, an award has been provided to a very elite group of people. The Nebraska FFA Cornerstone Award is presented to school administrators who support their local agricultural education programs and FFA chapters. The strength and growth of our organization would not be possible without the hard work and dedication that these administrators give to their communities and schools.

These awards are sponsored by Cornerstone Bank.

- Doug Ackles, St. Paul
- Timothy DeWaard, Centennial
- Ken Kujath, Broken Bow
- Mike Lucas, Franklin
- Damon McDonald, Arapahoe
- Paul Sheffield, Shickley
- John Weitzel, St. Paul

National Chapter Awards

Nebraska FFA chapters devote time and energy serving their members, chapters and communities.

The National Chapter Awards are sponsored by Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, N.A., Inc.

Receiving a Superior Certificate and Gold Emblem recognition in the National Chapter Program:

- Blue Hill
- Broken Bow
- Centennial
- Central
- Fairbury
- Franklin
- Hartington
- Holdrege
- Humphrey
- Imperial
- Leigh-Clarkson
- Mead
- Norris
- Palmyra
- Pender
- Plainview

- Ravenna
- Rock County
- Schuyler
- Seward
- Shickley
- Southwest
- Stuart
- Superior
- Sutton
- Syracuse-Dunbar-Avooca
- Verdigre

Receiving Superior Chapter Certificates and Silver Emblem recognition:

- Ainsworth
- Alliance
- Arapahoe
- Cedar Rapids
- Conestoga
- Fullerton
- Gothenburg
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- Northwest
- Red Cloud
- York

Receiving Superior Chapter Certificates and Bronze Emblem recognition:

- Waverly
- Wheeler Central

Receiving a Certificate of Recognition for being a Superior Chapter:

- Aurora
- Creighton
- David City
- Diller-Odell
- McCool Junction
- Nebraska City
- Osceola
- Randolph

Premier Chapter Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Alumni.

The awards honor chapters whose applications will go on to compete at the National level. These chapters have worked hard all year to improve their students, chapter and community.

The Thirteen Premier Nebraska Chapters are:

- Centennial
- Franklin
- Hartington
- Holdrege
- Humphrey
- Imperial
- Mead
- Norris
- Seward
- Stuart
- Superior
- Sutton
- Syracuse

Chapter Safety Awards

This award recognizes those chapters that have taken the initiative to educate people in their schools and communities about safety.

The state awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

Receiving a Gold Merit Certificate and a plaque for being one of the Top Ten Chapters in Safety are:

- Broken Bow
- Central
- Fairbury
- Franklin
- Hartington
- Holdrege
- Schuyler
- Stuart
- Superior

Gold Merit Awards:

- Centennial
- Creighton
- Ravenna
- York

Silver Merit Awards:

- Arapahoe
- Red Cloud
- Shickley
- Sutton
- Verdigre

Governor's Award of Excellence

Chapters across the state apply for grants available through the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority. The grants were worth \$1,000 or \$2,500 and were put to use to complete projects focusing on everything from technology to landscaping to community improvement.

Sponsored by Nebraska investment Finance Authority (NIFA).

Those receiving grants this year were:

- Amherst
- Arapahoe
- Bloomfield
- Cody-Kilgore
- Conestoga
- David City
- Fillmore Central
- Hayes Center
- Johnson County Central
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- McCool Junction
- Mead
- Norris
- North Bend
- Ravenna
- Sandy Creek
- Schuyler
- Stuart
- Superior

New Nebraska FFA Chapter Charter

Chapter Officer Symbols are sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation.

- Mullen

Million Can Challenge Chapter Recognition

This year, the National FFA Alumni Association, in partnership with Toyota, sponsored the Million Can Challenge. The activity encourages chapters to conduct food drives to meet the needs of local food pantries. This service project provides a great way for FFA members and alumni to connect and stand out in supporting their communities.

Receiving First Place and a Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship is:

- Norris

Receiving Second Place and a Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship is:

- Wheeler Central

Receiving Third Place and a \$100 Gift Card to FFA Unlimited is:

- Superior

Receiving Gold Merit Recognition and a \$50 Gift Card to FFA Unlimited are:

- Alliance
- Conestoga
- Emerson-Hubbard
- Fullerton
- Hartington
- Johnson County Central
- Seward
- Shickley

Receiving Gold Merit Recognition are:

- Amherst
- Bloomfield

- Central City
- Cody-Kilgore
- David City
- East Butler
- McCool Junction
- Pender
- Pierce
- Scottsbluff
- Stuart

Natural Resources Awards

Every year, FFA chapters and members give their time and effort to preserve our natural resources. Chapters participate in conservation activities and events to improve their knowledge of how to preserve our environment.

The state awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts.

Gold Emblem Certificates and plaques for being the Top Ten Chapters in the state in Natural Resources Educational Activities:

- Broken Bow
- Central
- Fairbury
- Lewiston
- Norris
- Ord
- Ravenna
- Schuyler
- Superior
- Verdigre

Gold Emblem Certificates:

- McCool Junction
- Osceola
- Red Cloud

Community Development Awards

These chapters definitely know what it means to serve and develop their communities. They spent long hours planning ways to improve their communities and become involved in a wide array of activities to promote a sense of community pride.

The state awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Gold Certificate and plaque as one of the Top Ten Chapters in Community Development:

- Centennial
- Hartington
- Mead
- Norris
- Schuyler
- Seward
- Stuart
- Superior
- Sutton
- Syracuse-Dunbar-Avooca

Gold Emblem Recognition:

- Broken Bow
- Central
- Creighton
- East Butler
- Fairbury
- Franklin
- Holdrege
- McCool Junction
- Plainview
- Ravenna
- Rock County
- York

Silver Emblem Recognition:

- Arapahoe
- Leigh/Clarkson
- Red Cloud
- Verdigre

Agriscience Awards

The following students were recognized by working to improve agriculture and our lives through the application of science and research.

2009 State Agriscience Winner: Rachael Arkfeld, Lourdes Central

Rachael's agriscience project was a comprehensive study of woody florals propagation techniques.

State Runner-Up: Evan Ibach, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller

State AgriEntrepreneurship

These members have taken on responsibilities of developing their own business and using their hard work and dedication to manage that business. They have developed these businesses through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Programs and have gone above and beyond expectations.

2009 State AgriEntrepreneurship Winner: Rachael Arkfeld, Lourdes Central

Rachael started Arbor Country Meats. It is a sausage company that sells specialty apple bratwurst. All products are produced from antibiotic residue free pork.

State Runner-Up: Sarah Wheeldon, Schuyler

Gold:

- Colton Hansen, Syracuse
- Matthew Shafer, Superior
- Dillon Ochsner, Sutton

Ag Technology Participants

Every day, our lives are influenced by the new and emerging technology that is being introduced and constantly improved. The agricultural industry has harnessed technological advances to enhance everyone that is involved. These students have bettered themselves and those around them due to their applications of technology.

The state awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

First Place: John Reeves, Southern Valley

State Runner-Up: Katie Umland, Fairbury

Gold:

- Patrick Arkfeld, Lourdes Central
- Rachael Arkfeld, Lourdes Central

Silver:

- Chelsea Sonderup, Fullerton
- Grant Aden, Syracuse

Bronze:

- Cody Welsh, Fairbury
- Cody Butler, Superior

2009 State FFA Degree

The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the State Association can bestow. There were 411 candidates selected by the State Degree Selection Committee to receive the State FFA Degree in 2009.

The State FFA Degree is sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America.

Nebraska Stars Over Nebraska

The state awards are sponsored by Syngenta Seeds—NK, Garst and Golden Harvest.

2009 Nebraska Star in Agribusiness: Sarah Wheeldon, Schuyler

Sarah Wheeldon is the daughter of Tom and Rogene Wheeldon. Her FFA Advisors are Tom Wheeldon and Ryan Schroeder. Sarah's SAE included owning a mowing and landscape management business, owning and operating a greenhouse and developing her own dehydrated food product. Sarah developed skills in sales, marketing, customer relations, landscape design and plant identification. She plans to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University and major in mathematics.

2009 Nebraska Star in AgriScience: Rachael Arkfeld, Lourdes Central

Rachael Arkfeld is the daughter of Tim and Luanne Arkfeld. Her FFA Advisor is Tim Arkfeld. Rachael's SAE includes her propagation experiments on woody florals. Rachael has developed many skills including building a hydroponics unit, forcing plants and even micropropagating bitter sweet. She plans to attend Coffeyville Community College and major in Agricultural Education.

2009 Nebraska Star in Placement: Jordan Anderson, Burwell

Jordan Anderson is the daughter of Arne and Ruth Anderson. Her FFA Advisor is Arne Anderson. Jordan's horse skills include training horses for show competition, preparing young Thoroughbreds for the racetrack, hand-breeding Thoroughbreds and show and sales preparation. Jordan works to improve her grooming and conditioning of horses by balancing feed rations and varying workout programs.

2009 Nebraska Star in Production: Kyle Schultz, Superior

Kyle Schultz is the son of Kevin and Ann Schultz. His FFA Advisor is Dave Barnard. Kyle's SAE consists of 10 cow/calf pairs, 100 head of Boer breeding nannies and 40 head of market hogs. Kyle also has a placement enterprise with Schultz Farms. Kyle developed Diversified Livestock Production skills in rotational grazing management, animal health practices and supplemental mechanics operations.

Leadership Skills Events

Creed Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank.

The creed speaking event provides an opportunity for first year FFA members to develop their speaking ability.

Student Name	FFA Chapter	District	Placing
Kylie Schwindt	Ainsworth	10	Gold
Kelli Hohensee	Ashland-Greenwood	2	Bronze
Natasha Hongsermeier	Aurora	6	Bronze
Becca Broders	Bloomfield	4	Bronze
Ashley Sweitzer	Broken Bow	9	Gold
Kendall Gierhan	Centennial	7	Bronze
Lindsay Adamson	Cody-Kilgore	12	Bronze
Laura Gorecki	Elba	9	Gold
David Bolte	Franklin	8	Silver
Caitlin Lane	Fullerton	6	Bronze
Ernie Gavin	Gothenburg	11	Silver
Tori Reader	Kimball	12	Bronze
Harley Hamernik	Leigh-Clarkson	5	Silver
Sam Herink	Leigh-Clarkson	5	Silver
Samantha Rice	Norris	1	Gold
Maci Lienemann	Norris	1	Silver
Andrew Ambriz	Pender	3	Silver
Jordan Vandeburg	Pender	3	Silver
Sara Lennemann	Southern Valley	11	Silver
Kelli Green	Sutton	8	Gold
Cynthia Sokol	Verdigre	4	Bronze
Trent Ronhovde	Waverly	2	First
Kristen Reiman	West Boyd	10	Third
Bekah Spader	York	7	Second

Earning First Place and the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Creed Speaking Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the National FFA Convention this October: Trent Ronhovde, Waverly

Second Place: Rebekah Spader, York

Third Place: Kristen Reiman, West Boyd

Junior Public Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank.

Student Name	FFA Chapter	District	Placing
Nikki Wheeler	Ainsworth	10	Bronze
Ashley McCoy	Arapahoe	11	Silver
Ashley VanDeWalle	Cedar Rapids	6	Bronze
Caitlin Ohnoutka	Central	2	Bronze

Jais Ford.....	Cody-Kilgore.....	12.....	Gold
Austin Baldwin.....	Creighton.....	4.....	Silver
Chelsea Nealon.....	Elba.....	9.....	Gold
Lydia Smith.....	Fillmore Central.....	7.....	Second
Allyn Nissen.....	Hampton.....	6.....	Silver
Casey Steiner.....	Hartington.....	4.....	Gold
Zach Brandl.....	Humphrey.....	5.....	Silver
Ryan Reichmuth.....	Leigh-Clarkson.....	5.....	Silver
Jud Hoffschneider.....	Logan View.....	3.....	Gold
Hannah Meeks.....	Loup County.....	9.....	Bronze
Jessica Easter.....	Lourdes Central.....	1.....	Bronze
Don Treptow.....	Mead.....	2.....	Bronze
Jessy Eggerling.....	Milford.....	7.....	Silver
Elizabeth Boender.....	Norris.....	1.....	First
Emerald Buhr.....	Pender.....	3.....	Silver
Shelby Peters.....	Red Cloud.....	8.....	Silver
Mollie Bose.....	Southern Valley.....	11.....	Gold
Angela Haun.....	West Boyd.....	10.....	Third

First Place: Elizabeth Boender, Norris
Second Place: Lydia Smith, Fillmore Central
Third Place: Angela Haun, West Boyd

Cooperative Speaking Awards

State awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Cooperative Council.

Student Name	FFA Chapter	District	Placing
Jordyn Lechtenberg.....	Ainsworth.....	10.....	Second
James Burkland.....	Central.....	2.....	Bronze
Jana Nollette.....	Cody-Kilgore.....	12.....	Silver
Cory Schlichtemeier.....	Conestoga.....	1.....	Third
Sara Wilmes.....	Creighton.....	4.....	Bronze
Brandi Roehrs.....	Hampton.....	6.....	Silver
Jody Wendt.....	Leigh-Clarkson.....	5.....	First
Brooke Ellerman.....	Logan View.....	3.....	Silver
Rachael Arkfeld.....	Lourdes Central.....	1.....	Gold
Jenna Schutt.....	Mead.....	2.....	Silver
Johanna Nutt.....	Medicine Valley.....	11.....	Bronze
Lauren Ibach.....	SEM.....	9.....	Gold
Katie Thrailkill.....	Seward.....	7.....	Silver
Kyle Dvorak.....	Stuart.....	10.....	Bronze
Andrew Brittenham.....	Superior.....	8.....	Gold
Amanda Grim.....	Verdigre.....	4.....	Bronze

First Place: Jody Wendt, Leigh/Clarkson
Second Place: Jordyn Lechtenberg, Ainsworth
Third Place: Cory Schlichtemeier, Conestoga

Natural Resources Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Brainard Café – Don Maxson.

Student Name	FFA Chapter	District	Placing
Brad Hohwieler.....	Aurora.....	6.....	Bronze
John Bader.....	Centennial.....	7.....	Gold
Hannah Brey.....	Central.....	2.....	Gold

Kalby Wehrbein	Conestoga	1	First
Ally Von Seggern	Creighton	4	Bronze
Kimmie Gyhra	Fullerton	6	Bronze
Brennan Costello	Gothenburg	11	Silver
Zeb Braun	Humphrey	5	Silver
James Safarik	Hyannis	12	Silver
Brooke Jindra	Leigh-Clarkson	5	Gold
Kristin Witte	Logan View	3	Gold
Tell Deatrich	Medicine Valley	11	Silver
Jessica Stephenson	Norris	1	Silver
Rochelle Calderon	Pender	3	Bronze
Emily Ibach	SEM	9	Bronze
Sara Simmons	SEM	9	Silver
Sarah Garbers	Seward	7	Silver
Megan Olson	Stuart	10	Gold
Victoria Simonsen	Superior	8	Silver
Angela Boggs	Verdigre	4	Third
Katie Zabel	Waverly	2	Second

First Place: Kalby Wehrbein, Conestoga

Second Place: Katie Zabel, Waverly

Third Place: Angela Boggs, Verdigre

Extemporaneous Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Student Name	FFA Chapter	District	Placing
Matt Reisen	Ashland-Greenwood	2	Silver
Mickey Doerr	Bloomfield	4	Silver
Chelsea Fullerton	Cody-Kilgore	12	Bronze
Denae Martin	Conestoga	1	Bronze
Ashley Spilinek	Elba	9	Silver
Eric Kamler	Fillmore Central	7	First
Aaron Black	Gothenburg	11	Gold
Tyler Meirose	Hartington	4	Silver
Cassie Cech	Howells	5	Silver
Heather Kampschnieder	Howells	5	Silver
Liz Fortune	Milford	7	Bronze
Amanda Docter	Norris	1	Third
Miranda Baxter	Northwest	8	Silver
Michael Happ	Palmer	6	Gold
Tara Baker	Pender	3	Bronze
Jordan Johnson	Perkins County	11	Second
Jerad Murphy	Stuart	10	Gold
Amy Cox	Sutton	8	Gold
Zach Czarnick	Twin River	6	Gold
Shane Hennessy	Waverly	2	Bronze
Brooke Reiman	West Boyd	10	Silver
Alex Brahmer	Wisner-Pilger	3	Bronze

Earning First Place and the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association in the National Extemporaneous Speaking Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the National FFA Convention this October: Eric Kamler, Fillmore Central

Second Place: Jordan Johnson, Perkins County
 Third Place: Amanda Docter, Norris

Job Interview Event

State awards are sponsored by Central Valley Ag.

Student Name	FFA Chapter	District	Placing
Amy Breinig	Arapahoe	11	Silver
Ben Peard	Aurora	6	Bronze
Julia Klinkebiel	Cambridge	11	Silver
Sidney Kment	Centennial	7	Bronze
Shelby Luettel	Centennial	7	Silver
Jennifer Laflan	Creighton	4	Gold
Linsey Bode	Elgin	10	Silver
Shelby Wetovick	Fullerton	6	Bronze
Krystal Wilke	Kimball	12	Gold
Tyler Engstrom	Lakeview	5	Bronze
Ellen Hoffschneider	Logan View	3	Gold
Abby Poulas	Logan View	3	Silver
Kayli Hopper	Norfolk	4	Silver
Meradith Ganow	Norris	1	First
Madison Lee	Norris	1	Silver
Amanda Duvall	Ord	9	Silver
Cody Stowe	Osceola	5	Bronze
Jaimee Rogers	Scottsbluff	12	Gold
Travis Buchanan	St. Paul	9	Bronze
Bethany Brittenham	Superior	8	Gold
Samantha Overturf	Sutton	8	Bronze
Amanda Beeson	Waverly	2	Second
Andrew Filipi	Waverly	2	Third
Chaney Black	West Boyd	10	Bronze

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Job Interview Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the National FFA Convention this October: Meradith Ganow, Norris

Second Place: Amanda Beeson, Waverly
 Third Place: Andrew Filipi, Waverly

Senior Public Speaking Event

State awards are sponsored by NC+ Hybrids and nationally by Monsanto.

Student Name	FFA Chapter	District	Placing
Brent Bartak	Ainsworth	10	Gold
Norma Diaz	Arapahoe	11	Silver
Jacee Pilkington	Bayard	12	Silver
Melissa Winkelmann	Centennial	7	Silver
Rebecca Laflan	Creighton	4	Silver
Kristen Andersen	Freeman	1	Silver
Katie Frenzen	Fullerton	6	Silver
Jayde Keiser	Gothenburg	11	Gold
Emma Lammers	Hartington	4	Bronze
Lacey Brandt	Humphrey	5	Gold
Boone McAfee	Leigh/Clarkson	5	Second
Hope Hemme	Logan View	3	Bronze

Lisa Kraus	Loup County.....	9	Bronze
Eric Miller.....	Lyons-Decatur-Northeast.....	3	Gold
Sydney Paige	Northwest.....	8	Third
Debra Wray	Ord.....	9	First
Torri Dethlefs	Ravenna	8	Bronze
Sydney DeBoer	Seward.....	7	Silver
Shelby Zimmerman.....	Tri County	1	Silver
Jacy Beeson.....	Waverly.....	2	Bronze
Beth Olson.....	West Holt	10	Gold

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Senior Public Speaking Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the National FFA Convention this October: Debra Wray, Ord

Second Place: Boone McAfee, Leigh/Clarkson

Third Place: Sydney Paige, Northwest

Junior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska FFA Alumni.

Chapter.....	District	Placing
Central.....	2	Bronze
Central City.....	6	Silver
Chase County.....	11	Gold
Crofton	4	Bronze
Franklin	8	Gold
Fullerton	6	Gold
Gothenburg	11	Silver
Hartington.....	4	Silver
Heartland.....	7	Bronze
Howells.....	5	Silver
Kimball	12	Silver
Leigh-Clarkson	5	Bronze
Norris.....	1	First
Pender 1.....	3	Bronze
Pender 2.....	3	Second
Scottsbluff.....	12	Silver
SEM	9	Bronze
Seward	7	Bronze
Stuart.....	10	Silver
Superior.....	8	Gold
Waverly	2	Gold
West Boyd.....	10	Gold
Wheeler Central.....	9	Silver

First Place and State Winning Gold Emblem: Norris

Second Place and State Runner-Up: Pender 2

Senior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Jack Nemec.

Chapter.....	District	Placing
Ainsworth.....	10	Gold
Central.....	2	Gold
Central City.....	6	Bronze
Chase County 1	11	Silver

Crofton	4	Gold
Fairbury	7	Silver
Franklin	8	First
Fullerton	6	Bronze
Gothenburg	11	Silver
Kimball	12	Silver
Leigh-Clarkson	5	Silver
Norris.....	1	Silver
Ord.....	9	Bronze
Pender 1.....	3	Bronze
Pender 2.....	3	Gold
Seward.....	7	Bronze
Stuart.....	10	Gold
Verdigre.....	4	Gold
Waverly	2	Second
Wheeler Central.....	9	Bronze

Earning First Place and the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association in the National Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the National FFA Convention this October: Franklin

Second Place and State Runner-Up: Waverly

Ag Demonstration

State awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Chapter.....	District	Placing
Blair.....	2	Silver
Centennial	7	Bronze
Creighton.....	4	Bronze
Fairbury.....	7	Silver
Franklin	8	Silver
Hartington.....	4	Gold
Howells.....	5	Second
McCook.....	11	Silver
Norris.....	1	Bronze
Ord.....	9	Bronze
Pender.....	3	Bronze
Schuyler	5	Gold
Scottsbluff.....	12	Silver
SEM	9	Bronze
Stuart.....	10	First
Superior.....	8	Silver
Twin River 1.....	6	Silver
Twin River 2.....	6	Silver
Valentine	10	Gold
Wallace	11	Gold
Waverly	2	Gold
Wisner-Pilger.....	3	Gold

First Place: Stuart

Second Place and State Runner-Up: Howells

UNL FFA Alumni Awards Scholarships

An active campus organization, the UNL FFA Alumni provides opportunities for past FFA members to stay involved and give back through selfless service. Each year, the UNL FFA Alumni awards scholarships to assist FFA chapters in taking their officer teams to the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference.

Scholarship recipients:

- Mead
- Southern Valley

Proficiency Award Winners

First Name	Last Name	Area	FFA Chapter	Sponsor	Biography
Megan	Rice	Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Norris	Nebraska AgRelations Council	Megan Rice, a member of the Norris FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dan and Brenda Rice. Megan’s skills include advertising and conducting milk promotions. She also organizes Dairy Fun Day at Prairieland Dairy. Megan’s agricultural education instructors are Doug Malone and Kristyn Harms.
Sarah	Oltjenbruns	Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Bloomfield	Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (AgLEC), University of Nebraska – Lincoln	Sarah Oltjenbruns, a member of the Bloomfield FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Paul and Caroline Oltjenbruns. She has spent the past three years assisting her advisors in chapter educational and leadership activities and also enjoys working with the junior high students. Her agricultural education instructors are Amber Endres and Richard Eisenhauer.
Jerad	Murphy	Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	Kruger Seeds, Inc.	Jerad Murphy, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the son of Jerome and Beth Murphy. Jerad’s SAE involved employment with Murphy Construction. Jerad developed skills in framing, dry walling, sheet rocking, roofing and masonry work. Jerad’s agricultural education instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Ben	Vanderheiden	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship	Laurel-Concord	NMC, Inc.	Ben Vanderheiden, a member of the Laurel-Concord FFA Chapter, is the son of Eldon and Michelle Vanderheiden. Ben’s repair skills include bicycle brake and derailer cable adjustments, changing tires and installing new bicycle components. Ben’s agricultural education instructor is Megan Meyer.

Ryan	Schwindt	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement	Ainsworth	NMC, Inc.	Ryan Schwindt, a member of the Ainsworth FFA Chapter, is the son of Karma and Rich Schwindt. Ryan's skills include operating a lathe and milling machine, rebuilding farm and ranch machinery, reading a diagnostic scan tool and restoring his 1977 Chevy pickup. Ryan's agricultural education instructor is Roger Lechtenberg.
Emily	Ibach	Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sumner- Eddyville-Miller	Nebraska FFA Alumni	Emily Ibach, a member of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Greg and Teresa Ibach. Emily works to process 23 different herbs and package them in corn based biodegradable containers. She also develops recipe cards and labels that ensure a professional look of her products. Emily's agricultural education instructor is Boyd Bowder.
Ashley	Nunnenkamp	Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship	Sutton	Monsanto	Ashley Nunnenkamp, a member of the Sutton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Lyle and Deb Nunnenkamp. Ashley is the owner of the Blossom Barn, which produces flowers for local florists. Ashley is responsible for seeding, watering, fertilizing and applying pesticides during the growing season. Ashley's agricultural education instructor is Tom Hofmann.
Megan	Jiskra	Agricultural Sales – Placement	Tri County	Monsanto	Megan Jiskra, a member of the Tri County FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Doug and Diane Jiskra. Through her work at Tractor Supply Company she has acquired skills in constructing product displays, customer service and inventory control. Megan's agricultural education instructor is Kurt Wissenburg.
Preston	Bolte	Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	McCool Junction	Maxwell Agri Service LLC	Preston Bolte, a member of the McCool Junction FFA Chapter, is the son of Greg and Cynthia Bolte. Preston's SAE involved an auto detailing and metal polishing business called S and P Detailing/Metal Polishing. Preston spends time detailing and polishing farm vehicles, combines, tractors, semi trucks and trailers. Preston's agricultural education instructor is Dana Hall.
Chip	Bartos	Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	Verdigre	Nebraska Cattlemen	Chip Bartos a member of the Verdigre FFA Chapter, is the son of Nancy and the late

					Keith Bartos. Chip's proficiency consists of 60 cows with calves and 20 steers. Chip works on the ranch caring for cattle and operating and maintaining equipment. Chip's agricultural education instructor is Kevin Randa.
Austin	Mann	Beef Production – Placement	Crofton	Nebraska Cattlemen	Austin Mann, a member of the Crofton FFA Chapter, is the son of Scott and Stephanie Mann. Austin's SAE involves placement at a 7,000 head beef cattle feedlot. His skills include identification and treatment of sick cattle, dirt and concrete work to build new pens and proper packing of silage. Austin's agricultural education instructor is Stephanie Mann.
Natalie	Johnson	Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	Oakland-Craig	Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI)	Natalie Johnson, a member of the Oakland-Craig FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Alan and Renee Johnson. Through her work with purebred Brown Swiss cattle, Natalie has developed skills in milk production, genetic selection and marketing. Natalie's agricultural education instructor is Don Wallace.
Katie	Fuchtman	Dairy Production – Placement	Creighton	American Dairy Association/Dairy Council of Nebraska	Katie Fuchtman, a member of the Creighton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Jerome and Jerri Fuchtman. Her dairy placement skills include, sanitation and operation of milking equipment, maintaining herd nutrition and health, and keeping accurate records. Her agricultural education instructors are Ron Sukup and Debi Schulz.
Dillon	Mortensen	Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Medicine Valley	Nebraska Corn Board	Dillon Mortensen, a member of the Medicine Valley FFA Chapter, is the son of Allan and Kim Mortensen. Dillon's skills include processing, branding and managing cattle in a large feedlot. Dillon also operates all equipment for production of dryland and irrigated corn and soybeans, winter wheat and hay. Dillon's agricultural education instructor is Tonya Mortensen.
Jacob	Niewohner	Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association	Jacob Niewohner, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the son of John and Joan Niewohner. Jacob's skills focused on production efficiencies, profitability and marketing strategies for 80 acres of corn and soybeans.

					Jacob's agricultural education instructor is Kevin Anderson.
Carter	Haase	Diversified Crop Production – Placement	Valentine	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association	Carter Haase, a member of the Valentine FFA Chapter, is the son of Roscoe and Katrina Haase. Carter has been raising dry-land corn, wheat, sunflowers, alfalfa and hay. He developed skills in crop management, machinery maintenance and personnel supervision. Carter's agricultural education instructor is Greg Nollette.
Kalby	Wehrbein	Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Conestoga	CF Industries, Inc.	Kalby Wehrbein, a member of the Conestoga FFA Chapter, is the son of Doug and Kari Wehrbein. Kalby's horticulture skills include pride in turf grass management and landscape construction. Kalby's agricultural education instructor is Jon Anderson.
Samantha	VanDeWalle	Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship	Cedar Rapids	Nebraska Corn Board	Samantha VanDeWalle, a member of the Cedar Rapids FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Mark and Cam VanDeWalle. Samantha's skills include utilizing Estrus Synchronization and Artificial Insemination to improve the quality of her Polled Hereford and commercial beef operation. Samantha is using a Hampshire Ram to add muscle mass and growth to her cross-bred ewe flock for show lamb production. Her agricultural education instructor is Kevin Wetovick.
William	Steinkruger	Diversified Livestock Production – Placement	Franklin	State Sponsor: Nebraska Corn Board National Sponsor: Behlen Manufacturing Co.	Will Steinkruger, a member of the Franklin FFA Chapter, is the son of Mark and Cindy Steinkruger. Through working at Creekview Dairy and TC Angus Ranch, Will developed skills in cattle health and breeding management, milking procedures, feeding and nutrition management, and pasture and waste control. His agricultural education instructor is Dave Rocker.
Anders	Olson	Emerging Agricultural Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Tekamah-Herman	Nebraska Farmer	Anders Olson, a member of the Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, is the son of Randy and Patty Olson. Anders works at Lee Valley, Inc., and manages their web site by posting sale bills and pictures online. During their live Internet portion of consignment auctions, Anders posts online bids for customers. Anders' agricultural education

					instructor is Don Wallace.
Will	Salisbury	Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Conestoga	Producers Livestock Marketing Association	Will Salisbury, a member of the Conestoga FFA Chapter, is the son of Laura and Pat Hazen. Will helps manage a tree removal service and firewood venture. Will has skills including chainsaw operation and advertising. Will's agricultural education instructor is Jon Anderson.
Joni	Qualm	Equine Science – Entrepreneurship	Wheeler Central	First National Bank – Lincoln	Joni Qualm, a member of the Wheeler Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Joel and Jane Qualm. Joni's SAE is raising horses on Pitzer Ranch. She has learned valuable skills involving all aspects of the equine industry. Joni's agricultural education instructor is Kelly Guggenmos.
Jake	Paxton	Equine Science – Placement	Stuart	Behlen Country	Jake Paxton, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the son of Dale Paxton and Sonya Paxton. His skills involve utilizing a horse in all ranching situations, including doctoring yearlings, fixing fence, monitoring grazing conditions, and sorting cattle for area ranchers. Jake's agricultural education instructors are Patty Hanzlik and Monty Larsen.
Jeremy	Brabec	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	Nebraska Soybean Board/Nebraska Soybean Association	Jeremy Brabec, a member of the Schuyler FFA, is the son of Mark and Sheila Brabec. Jeremy's skills include marketing, land and soil management, and successful record keeping for raising soybeans. His agricultural education instructors are Tom Wheeldon and Ryan Schroeder.
Angela	Brichacek	Floriculture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	Nebraska FFA Alumni	Angela Brichacek, a member of the Schuyler FFA, is the daughter of Stan and Sandy Brichacek. Through her work at McClure's Floral, Angela learned proper plant care, identification and sales techniques. Her agricultural education instructors are Tom Wheeldon and Ryan Schroeder.
Alicia	Dather	Food Science and Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Bloomfield	CHS Foundation and Harchelroad Motors, Inc.	Alicia Dather, a member of the Bloomfield FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dean and Beth Dather. From her interest in food science and processing, Alicia spent two summers at the Upward Bound Math and Science program at Northwest Missouri State studying and

					experimenting with food science issues. Her agricultural education instructors are Amber Endres and Richard Eisenhauer.
Kyle	Dvorak	Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	NMC, Inc.	Kyle Dvorak, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the son of Tom and Peggy Dvorak. Kyle's skills while working for Estes' Hay Company include operating and assuring proper equipment maintenance, and customer service. Kyle's agricultural education instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Cole	Sokol	Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Verdigre	Central Nebraska Wood Preservers, Inc.	Cole Sokol, a member of the Verdigre FFA Chapter, is the son of Jim and Linda Sokol. While working at Big Timber Tree Service, Cole's skills include firewood production, tree management and removal, customer relations, advertising and promotion. Cole's agricultural education instructor is Kevin Randa.
Alissa	Doerr	Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Creighton	James Arthur Vineyards and CHS Foundation	Alissa Doerr, a member of the Creighton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dan and Neva Doerr. Her proficiency consists of the production and sale of various fruits. Alissa's skills include plant identification, proper planting techniques, pest control, recognizing proper harvest maturity and irrigation management. Her agricultural education instructors are Ron Sukup and Debi Schulz.
Landon	Schmidt	Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Fairbury	State Sponsor: Nebraska Wheat Board National Sponsor: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, inc.	Landon Schmidt, a member of the Fairbury FFA Chapter, is the son of Dell and Sandy Schmidt. Landon's skills are in crop production and agronomy for his own 80 acres. Landon's agricultural education instructor is Dennis Kenning.
Kyle	Brozek	Grain Production – Placement	Creighton	State Sponsor: Aurora Cooperative National Sponsor: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	Kyle Brozek, a member of the Creighton FFA Chapter, is the son of Dan and Denise Brozek. His skills include proper irrigation techniques, fertilizer and crop management, and equipment operation and maintenance for 15 quarters of irrigated corn and wheat. His agricultural education instructors are Ron Sukup and Debi Schulz.
Mickey	Doerr	Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Bloomfield	Nebraska Rural Radio Network	Mickey Doerr, a member of the Bloomfield FFA Chapter, is the son of Max and Wendy Doerr. Mickey's SAE included many community service and home

					improvement projects. Mickey's major task was to design and paint the interior of the school gym incorporating the school's mascot and colors. His agricultural education instructors are Amber Endres and Richard Eisenhauer.
Sarah	Wheeldon	Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	Wilber-Clatonia FFA Alumni	Sarah Wheeldon, a member of the Schuyler FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Tom and Rogene Wheeldon. Sarah provides lawn care, power raking, weeding, pruning, trimming, seeding, and landscape design and installation for 11 full-time and three commercial accounts. Her agricultural education instructors are Tom Wheeldon and Ryan Schroeder.
Antonio	Guzman	Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association and Bernard, Jean and Tammy Meyer	Antonio Guzman, a member of the Schuyler FFA, is the son of Antonio and Maria Guzman. Antonio worked at Moore's Garden Center and Bomgaars Supply where his nursery skills included plant propagation and maintenance, and nursery sales. Antonio's agricultural education instructors are Tom Wheeldon and Ryan Schroeder.
Cortney	Weatherby	Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Conestoga	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	Cortney Weatherby, a member of the Conestoga FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Troy and Laura Weatherby. Cortney's skills include lifeguarding, communication and pool management. She manages the local swimming pool and teaches swimming lessons. Cortney's agricultural education instructor is Jon Anderson.
Hannah	Fadschild	Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lakeview	Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Poultry & Egg Division and Smart Chicken	Hannah Fadschild, a member of the Lakeview FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Jeff and Kathy Fadschild. Hannah works to raise high quality broilers and has learned how to sell them in a competitive local market. Hannah's agricultural education instructor is Wade Hilker.
Luke	Zinnell	Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Ravenna	Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association and Northeast Nebraska Sheep Breeders Association	Luke Zinnell, a member of the Ravenna FFA Chapter, is the son of Ron and Linda Zinnell. Luke's skills include selection of market lambs for competition and choosing ewes to maintain in his own flock. Luke provides a balanced ration and a complete health program to

					prevent disease outbreaks. Luke's agricultural education instructor is Heath Ahrens.
Dakota	Olson	Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Boone Central	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association	Dakota Olson, a member of the Boone Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Michael Olson and Judy Merten. Dakota's SAE consists of breeding and raising Shih-Tzu dogs with good confirmation and temperament. Dakota markets her dogs and puppies through the internet, newspapers and radio. Dakota's agricultural education instructor is Dave Olson.
Brandon	Essink	Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Carhartt, Inc.	Brandon Essink, a member of the Syracuse FFA Chapter, is the son of Dennis and Gina Essink. Brandon's SAE consists of a breeding herd of meat goats and he sells the offspring to a specialty meat market. Brandon developed skills in balancing feed rations, marketing his livestock and implementing a herd health plan. His agricultural education instructor is Tim Arkfeld.
Matt	Marcellus	Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Holt	Ward Laboratories, Inc.	Matt Marcellus, a member of the West Holt FFA Chapter, is the son of Dwain and Nadine Marcellus. Matt's skills include planting, harvesting, fertilizer application, and the maintenance of farm machinery and irrigation equipment. Matt's agricultural education instructor is David Gibbens.
Gavin	Jager	Swine Production – Entrepreneurship	Ravenna	Nebraska Pork Producers Association	Gavin Jager, a member of the Ravenna FFA Chapter, is the son of Greg and Pam Jager. Gavin's skills include selection of market swine for competition, choosing gilts to maintain in his own swine herd and providing animal health care. Gavin's agricultural education instructor is Heath Ahrens.
Andrew	Steinhauser	Swine Production – Placement	Rock County	Nebraska Pork Producers Association	Andrew Steinhauser, a member of the Rock County FFA Chapter, is the son of Dale and Kim Steinhauser. Andrew has been employed by Christensen Farms and has gained knowledge in swine nutrition, disease prevention and treatment, and artificial insemination practices. Andrew's agricultural education instructor is Ann Dvorak.

Laurel	Rub	Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Norfolk	Bio Green	Laurel Rub, a member of the Norfolk FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Jeffrey and Jana Rub. Laurel has owned and operated her own lawn mowing business, Rub Lawn Care, for four years. She currently has 20 customers and mows, edges and trims approximately 26 lawns each year. Her agricultural education instructor is Ashley Benes.
Samantha	Overturf	Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sutton	USDA – Nebraska Farm Service Agency	Samantha Overturf, a member of the Sutton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Monte Overturf and Lavina Brodrick. Samantha is the owner of Sami's Salsa, which produces spicy and fruit salsa from home-grown plants. Samantha is responsible for seeding, watering, fertilizing and applying pesticides. Samantha's agricultural education instructor is Tom Hofmann.
Callie	Boyles	Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Superior	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association	Callie Boyles, a member of the Superior FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Todd and Lisa Boyles. Callie's experiences have been through her SAE as an employee of a small dog breeder and a volunteer veterinary assistant. She acquired skills in nearly all aspects of large and small animal veterinary care. Callie's agricultural education instructor is Dave Barnard.
Colton	Hansen	Wildlife Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Syracuse- Dunbar-Avoca	Nebraska Pheasants Forever and Nebraska Quail Forever	Colton Hanson, a member of the Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca FFA Chapter, is the son of Duane and Beth Hansen. Colton's SAE consists of his fur finishing business called Furs by Colton. He developed skills necessary for finishing furs to be sold to wholesalers. Colton's agricultural education instructor is Tim Arkfeld.

2009 Career Development Events – Top Individuals and Teams

Agricultural Communications

Sponsored by the Nebraska Rural Radio Network.

Broadcasting:

- First Place – Lauren Ibach, SEM
- Second Place – Heather Mugrage, Hayes Center

- Third Place – Samantha Drake, Conestoga

Graphic Design:

- First Place – Marissa Grooms, Valentine
- Second Place – Lindsey Drake, Conestoga
- Third Place – Mercedes Thomas, Southern Valley

News Writing:

- First Place – Carlie Redding, Elgin
- Second Place – Kirsten Clawson, Conestoga
- Third Place – Alex Wach, Hayes Center

Press Release:

- First Place – Amy Fosler, Norris
- Second Place – Brooke Fulher, Wisner-Pilger
- Third Place – Miranda Naslund, Holdrege

Teams:

- First Place – Conestoga
- Second Place – Elgin
- Third Place – Hayes Center

Agricultural Issues

Sponsored by NMC, Inc.

Teams:

- First Place – Superior
- Second Place – Pender
- Third Place – Lexington

Agricultural Mechanics

Sponsored by NMC, Inc.

Energy Systems, Individual:

- First Place – Cole Bender, Humphrey
- Second Place – Logun Smolik, Sargent
- Third Place – Patrick Faughn, Waverly

Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Individual:

- First Place – Andy Adam, Diller-Odell
- Second Place – Cory Johnston, Johnson County Central
- Third Place – Shane Hennessy, Waverly

Machine & Equipment Systems, Individual:

- First Place – Craig Teten, Johnson County Central
- Second Place – Casey Reppert, Pender
- Third Place – Ethan Evertt, Nebraska City

Structural Systems, Individual:

- First Place – Josh Wurtele, Nebraska City
- Second Place – Jeff Wilson, Elba
- Third Place – Nick Lease, Scottsbluff

Teams:

- First Place – West Holt
- Second Place – Waverly
- Third Place – Central City

Agricultural Sales

Sponsored by Farmers Cooperative, Dorchester.

Individual:

- First Place – Jake Siel, Franklin
- Second Place – Megan Olson, Stuart
- Third Place – Katie Zabel, Waverly

Teams:

- First Place – Waverly
- Second Place – Chase County
- Third Place – Cody-Kilgore

AgriScience

Sponsored by GreenLeaf Genetics LLC and Midwest Laboratories, Inc.

Individual:

- First Place – Marty Kreitman, Rock County
- Second Place – Kyle Olson, Tekamah-Herman
- Third Place – Laura Gorecki, Elba

Teams:

- First Place – Superior
- Second Place – Sumner-Eddyville-Miller
- Third Place – Rock County

Agronomy

Sponsored by Ward Laboratories, Inc.

Individual:

- First Place – Kent Frickel, West Holt
- Second Place – Paige Vyhldal, Eustis-Farnam
- Third Place – Derek Aden, Eustis-Farnam

Teams:

- First Place – Eustis-Farnam
- Second Place – Superior
- Third Place – South Platte

Environmental & Natural Resources

Sponsored by USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Individual:

- First Place – Eric Miller, Lyons-Decatur
- Second Place – Ian Schuster, Norris
- Third Place – Tyler Meirose, Hartington

Teams:

- First Place – Lyons-Decatur
- Second Place – Norris
- Third Place – East Butler

Farm Business Management

Sponsored by T-L Irrigation Company.

Individual:

- First Place – Cody Bodfield, Norris
- Second Place – Craig Teten, Johnson County Central
- Third Place – Ryan Clausen, Twin River

Teams:

- First Place – Norris
- Second Place – Twin River
- Third Place – Johnson County Central

Floriculture

Sponsored by Omaha Agri-Business Club.

Individual:

- First Place – Bethany Brittenham, Superior
- Second Place – Ben Schilling, McCook
- Third Place – Katelyn Fritsche, McCook

Teams:

- First Place – McCook
- Second Place – Centura
- Third Place – Hayes Center

Food Science

Sponsored by the University of Nebraska – Lincoln – Food Science Club.

Individual:

- First Place – Stephanie Teten, Johnson County Central
- Second Place – Rachel Kettelhake, Johnson County Central
- Third Place – Waylan Bellamy, Eustis-Farnam

Teams:

- First Place – Eustis-Farnam
- Second Place – Johnson County Central
- Third Place – Broken Bow

Overall Livestock Management

Sponsored by NMC, Inc.

Overall Teams:

- First Place – St. Paul
- Second Place – Stuart
- Third Place – Lakeview

Livestock Management – Beef

Sponsored by Producers Livestock Marketing Association.

Teams:

- First Place – McCool Junction
- Second Place – Fullerton
- Third Place – McCook

Livestock Management – Dairy

Sponsored by FC Stone.

Teams:

- First Place – Elba
- Second Place – Johnson County Central
- Third Place – Oakland-Craig

Livestock Management – Equine

Sponsored by Nebraska High School Rodeo Association and Bob Clausen Construction.

Teams:

- First Place – Stuart
- Second Place – Johnson County Central
- Third Place – Kimball

Livestock Management – Poultry

Sponsored by Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Poultry & Egg Division.

Teams:

- First Place – Verdigre
- Second Place – Elba
- Third Place – Stuart

Livestock Management – Sheep

Sponsored by Nebraska FFA Alumni.

Teams:

- First Place – Stuart
- Second Place – Oakland-Craig

- Third Place – Logan View

Livestock Management – Swine

Sponsored by the Nebraska Pork Producers Association.

Teams:

- First Place – Lakeview
- Second Place – Franklin
- Third Place – Valentine

Jr. Livestock Selection

Sponsored by The Beel Family – Becky, Adam, Frank, Henry and Valerie – in Memory of Henry C. Beel and Midwest Veterinary Services, Inc.

Individual:

- First Place – Lauren Ibach, SEM
- Second Place – Grant Potadle, Tekamah-Herman
- Third Place – Guy Fenske, Sargent

Teams:

- First Place – Sargent
- Second Place – Lakeview
- Third Place – SEM

Sr. Livestock Selection

Sponsored by the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association.

Individual:

- First Place – Gavin Jager, Ravenna
- Second Place – Kane Warren, Blair
- Third Place – Cody Burke, Lakeview

Teams:

- First Place – Blair
- Second Place – David City
- Third Place – McCook

Marketing Plan

Sponsored by Party Time Fundraising and Relevant Classroom.

Teams:

- First Place – Alliance
- Second Place – Syracuse-Dunbar-Avooca
- Third Place – Eustis-Farnam

Meats Evaluation & Identification

Sponsored by Wimmer's Meat Products, Inc., F&M Bank and Jack Nemec.

Individual:

- First Place – Miranda Schurr, Eustis-Farnam
- Second Place – Jaimee Easterday, Eustis-Farnam
- Third Place – Ashley Pleschourt, Eustis-Farnam

Teams:

- First Place – Eustis-Farnam
- Second Place – Gothenburg
- Third Place – Sargent

Nursery and Landscape Management

Sponsored by Crader Distributing Co., authorized STIHL Outdoor Power Equipment Distributor. In addition to sponsoring these awards, they are providing four \$1,000 College Scholarships for each of the First Place Team Members.

Individual:

- First Place – Taylor Randall, Franklin
- Second Place – Becky Frerichs, West Holt
- Third Place – Sarah Wieskamp, Norris

Teams:

- First Place – West Holt
- Second Place – Franklin
- Third Place – Conestoga

Welding

Sponsored by Duo Lift Mfg Co., and Linweld, Inc.

ARC:

- First Place – Manuel Pargas, Lexington
- Second Place – Michael Nelson, Gordon
- Third Place – Matt Wallen, Palmyra

MIG:

- First Place – Brett Houston, Scottsbluff
- Second Place – Ryan Brownlow, Gordon
- Third Place – Dylan Wagner, Norris

OXY-A:

- First Place – Alex Morris, Scottsbluff
- Second Place – Chris Conroy, Gordon
- Third Place – Calvin Rupe, Eustis-Farnam

Teams:

- First Place – Gordon
- Second Place – Scottsbluff
- Third Place – Lexington

Second Annual Career Fair Participant List

- Ag Processing Inc., a Cooperative (AGP)
- Aurora Cooperative
- Bartlett Grain Company
- Central Valley Ag
- CF Industries, Inc.
- Channel Bio Corp.
- College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) – University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (AgLEC) – University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- Farmers Cooperative
- Fontanelle Hybrids
- Frenchman Valley Coop
- Gottsch Feeding Corporation
- Kaplan University
- LandMark Implement Inc.
- Land O'Lakes Ag Business Placement
- Monsanto
- Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing Coalition – Dream It. Do It.
- Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association
- Nebraska College Of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) – Curtis
- Nebraska Department of Agriculture – Beginning Farmer Program
- Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)
- Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association
- Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
- NMC, Inc.
- Northeast Community College
- NPP, LLC
- Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Cornhusker Booth Participants

- Alpha Gamma Nu/Ag Men Fraternity
- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Alpha Gamma Sigma
- Central Community College
- Chadron State College
- College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) – University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- Heartland Express
- Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council – Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute
- Nebraska Army National Guard
- Nebraska College Of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) – Curtis
- Nebraska Corn Board
- Nebraska Department of Agriculture – Animal Identification Program
- Nebraska Farm Bureau
- Nebraska Pork Producers Association
- Nebraska Wheat Board
- Northeast Community College
- Northwest Missouri State University – Agricultural Education
- Ozark Delight Lollipops
- Party Time Fundraising
- Southeast Community College

- Tulsa Welding School
- UNL Sigma Alpha

Dates of 2010 Nebraska FFA Convention

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