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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Agronomy 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event (CDE) were announced Friday at the annual awards banquet. The event was held in conjunction with the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Harold Brown of Ohio served as superintendent of the event.

The top three individuals and the national winning team members received scholarships to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice. The scholarships and the agronomy event are sponsored by Bayer CropScience of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The team from Washington County HS FFA in Washington, Kansas placed first in the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event at the 82nd National FFA Convention. The team members were Jacob Miller, Trevor Baker, Ryan Fiser and Chelsea Wilkens and were coached by John Kern. The Kansas team placed first in competition against 33 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Kansas	Jacob Miller, Trevor Baker, Ryan Fiser, and Chelsea Wilkens, all of Washington County HS FFA
2nd Place--Missouri	Kylen Byrd, Tyler Linneman, Lydia Manson, and Megan Schupback, all of Keytesville FFA
3rd Place--Ohio	Robert Bevis, Michelle Shepherd, Matt Ross, and Isaac Oman, all of North Union HS FFA

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4th Place--Washington	Brandon Knodel, Grady Gfeller, Ivy Shipley, and Bryson Oneill, all of Lind HS FFA
5th Place--Kentucky	Amanda Martin, Tevin Shouse, Joseph Snider, and Holly Ware, all of Spencer Co HS FFA
6th Place--Illinois	Timothy Hartman, Naomi Knapp, Katie Schaffer, and Abram Zehr, all of Prairie Central HS-FFA
7th Place--Nebraska	Paige Vyhldal, Derek Aden, Blake Gengenbach, and Devin Koch, all of Eustis-Farnam HS FFA
8th Place--Iowa	Kyle Dop, Kevin Wiggins, Colton Keuning, and Mason Lewis, all of Diamond Trail FFA
9th Place--Indiana	Laura Philpott, Andrew Poynter, Aaron King, and Matthew Armbruster, all of Southmont FFA
10th Place--Wyoming	Trinity Holland, Kaydee Good, Garrett Traylor, and Jami Baker, all of Moorcroft HS Whitcomb FFA

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Trevor Baker of Washington County HS FFA, KS
- 2nd Place-- Jacob Miller of Washington County HS FFA, KS
- 3rd Place-- Ryan Fiser of Washington County HS FFA, KS
- 4th Place-- Chelsea Wilkens of Washington County HS FFA, KS
- 5th Place-- Michelle Shepherd of North Union HS FFA, OH
- 6th Place-- Brandon Knodel of Lind HS FFA, WA
- 7th Place-- Robert Bevis of North Union HS FFA, OH
- 8th Place-- Lydia Manson of Keytesville FFA, MO
- 9th Place-- Bryson Oneill of Lind HS FFA, WA
- 10th Place-- Kylene Byrd of Keytesville FFA, MO

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Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL
Southmont FFA, IN
Diamond Trail FFA, IA
Washington County HS FFA, KS
Spencer Co HS FFA, KY

Keytesville FFA, MO
Eustis-Farnam HS FFA, NE
North Union HS FFA, OH
Lind HS FFA, WA
Moorcroft HS Whitcomb FFA, WY

Silver Emblem Teams

Safford HS FFA, AZ
Shirley HS FFA, AR
Grace Davis HS FFA, CA
Wiggins HS FFA, CO
Kuna FFA, ID
Lakeview HS FFA, LA
Dawson HS FFA, MN

Miles City FFA, MT
Minot HS FFA, ND
Silverton HS FFA, OR
Burleson HS FFA, TX
Roane Co FFA, WV
Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI

Bronze Emblem Teams

Christiana HS FFA, DE
Southern Garrett Co HS Oakland, MD
Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm FFA, MI
Belleville Henderson Ctl HS FFA, NY
Bartlett Yancey HS FFA, NC
Mifflinburg Area HS FFA, PA

Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Hitchcock-Tulare HS FFA, SD
Wilson Central HS- FFA, TN
Weber HS FFA, UT
Randolph Henry HS FFA, VA

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Sam Emmert of Kuna FFA, ID

Brent Larson of Dawson HS FFA, MN

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Marcy Winger of Kuna FFA, ID
Timothy Hartman of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL

Naomi Knapp of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL
Katie Schaffer of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL
Abram Zehr of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL
Aaron King of Southmont FFA, IN

Laura Philpott of Southmont FFA, IN
Andrew Poynter of Southmont FFA, IN
Kyle Dop of Diamond Trail FFA, IA
Colton Keuning of Diamond Trail FFA, IA
Trevor Baker of Washington County HS FFA, KS
Ryan Fiser of Washington County HS FFA, KS

Jacob Miller of Washington County HS FFA, KS

Chelsea Wilkens of Washington County HS FFA, KS

Tevin Shouse of Spencer Co HS FFA, KY
Joseph Snider of Spencer Co HS FFA, KY
Holly Ware of Spencer Co HS FFA, KY
Wayland Morgan of Lakeview HS FFA, LA

Dustin Johnson of Dawson HS FFA, MN

Kylen Byrd of Keytesville FFA, MO
Tyler Linneman of Keytesville FFA, MO

Lydia Manson of Keytesville FFA, MO
Megan Schupback of Keytesville FFA, MO
Derek Aden of Eustis-Farnam HS FFA, NE
Blake Gengenbach of Eustis-Farnam HS FFA, NE

Devin Koch of Eustis-Farnam HS FFA, NE
Robert Bevis of North Union HS FFA, OH
Isaac Oman of North Union HS FFA, OH
Matt Ross of North Union HS FFA, OH
Michelle Shepherd of North Union HS FFA, OH

Jessica Crecelius of Burleson HS FFA, TX

Grady Gfeller of Lind HS FFA, WA

Brandon Knodel of Lind HS FFA, WA

Bryson Oneill of Lind HS FFA, WA
Ivy Shipley of Lind HS FFA, WA
Peter Chou of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI
Trinity Holland of Moorcroft HS Whitcomb FFA, WY

Garrett Traylor of Moorcroft HS Whitcomb FFA, WY

Silver Emblem Individuals

Claudia Castro of Safford HS FFA, AZ

Kolt McKinney of Safford HS FFA, AZ

Kayla Pearce of Safford HS FFA, AZ
Danielle Berry of Shirley HS FFA, AR

Jonathon Pearson of Bartlett Yancey HS FFA, NC

Andrew Steffan of Bartlett Yancey HS FFA, NC

Brita Martin of Minot HS FFA, ND
Abigail Shaw of Minot HS FFA, ND

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Gwen Bradley of Shirley HS FFA, AR	Kelsey Shaw of Minot HS FFA, ND
Taylor Burgess of Shirley HS FFA, AR	Leah VanTilborg of Minot HS FFA, ND
Cory Ward of Shirley HS FFA, AR	Kelsey Potter of Silverton HS FFA, OR
Arturo Barajas of Grace Davis HS FFA, CA	Colby Qualey of Silverton HS FFA, OR
Chris Beach of Grace Davis HS FFA, CA	Megan Schmaltz of Silverton HS FFA, OR
Diana Camarena of Grace Davis HS FFA, CA	Riane Towery of Silverton HS FFA, OR
Nicole Hyatt of Grace Davis HS FFA, CA	Chelynn Bingaman of Mifflinburg Area HS FFA, PA
Losha Frihauf of Wiggins HS FFA, CO	Dennis Boop Jr. of Mifflinburg Area HS FFA, PA
Shelly Riblett of Wiggins HS FFA, CO	Kara Brock of Hitchcock-Tulare HS FFA, SD
Nichelle Williams of Wiggins HS FFA, CO	Garrett Masat of Hitchcock-Tulare HS FFA, SD
Brandi Hukill of Kuna FFA, ID	Erika Roeber of Hitchcock-Tulare HS FFA, SD
Summer Lowe of Kuna FFA, ID	Jacob Everett of Wilson Central HS- FFA, TN
Matthew Armbruster of Southmont FFA, IN	James Bobo of Burleson HS FFA, TX
Mason Lewis of Diamond Trail FFA, IA	Katie Burchfield of Burleson HS FFA, TX
Kevin Wiggins of Diamond Trail FFA, IA	Graham Pugh of Randolph Henry HS FFA, VA
Amanda Martin of Spencer Co HS FFA, KY	Briana Marks of Roane Co FFA, WV
Robert Mathews of Lakeview HS FFA, LA	Jessica Rucker of Roane Co FFA, WV
Evan Warren of Lakeview HS FFA, LA	Calvin Saunders of Roane Co FFA, WV
Rebecca Winegardner of Southern Garrett Co HS Oakland, MD	Colter Taylor of Roane Co FFA, WV
Katie Partridge of Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm FFA, MI	Lisa Chou of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI
Cole Robertson of Dawson HS FFA, MN	Brittany Iverson of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI
Joel Pratt of Miles City FFA, MT	Bryce Iverson of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI
Shawna Pratt of Miles City FFA, MT	Jami Baker of Moorcroft HS Whitcomb FFA, WY
Paige Vyhlidal of Eustis-Farnam HS FFA, NE	Kaydee Good of Moorcroft HS Whitcomb FFA, WY

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Luke Menges of Safford HS FFA, AZ	Andrew Sterling Carter of Bartlett Yancey HS FFA, NC
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Nathan Frihauf of Wiggins HS FFA, CO
Kaitlyn Ennis of Christiana HS FFA, DE
Peter Groft of Christiana HS FFA, DE

Jessye Crews of Bartlett Yancey HS FFA, NC
Scott Benfer of Mifflinburg Area HS FFA, PA
James Mapes of Mifflinburg Area HS FFA, PA

Tyler Keen of Christiana HS FFA, DE
Caleb Lathem of Christiana HS FFA, DE
Pamala Blake of Lakeview HS FFA, LA
Mollie O'Brien of Southern Garrett Co HS
Oakland, MD

Jennifer Haynie of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Casey Powell of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Brittany Sumner of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Shawn Doren of Hitchcock-Tulare HS FFA,
SD

Jeremy Tichinel of Southern Garrett Co HS
Oakland, MD

Zachary Gray of Wilson Central HS- FFA, TN

Rachel Winegardner of Southern Garrett Co
HS Oakland, MD

Kaitlyn Hargrove of Wilson Central HS- FFA,
TN

Shannon Brown of Lenawee Vo Tech Center
Pm FFA, MI

Jacob Hooper of Wilson Central HS- FFA, TN

Amy Welke of Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm
FFA, MI

Katelyn Garcia of Burleson HS FFA, TX

John Wielfaert of Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm
FFA, MI

Taylor Boehme of Weber HS FFA, UT

Tim Dessonville of Dawson HS FFA, MN

Krishnah Day of Weber HS FFA, UT

Jordan Larson of Miles City FFA, MT

Brent Hales of Weber HS FFA, UT

Electra Rickett of Miles City FFA, MT

Dakota Pray of Weber HS FFA, UT

Paul Bond of Belleville Henderson Ctl HS
FFA, NY

Luke Balmer of Randolph Henry HS FFA, VA

Spencer Patterson of Belleville Henderson Ctl
HS FFA, NY

Jim Carlton of Randolph Henry HS FFA, VA

Joe Thomas of Belleville Henderson Ctl HS
FFA, NY

Reed Duffer of Randolph Henry HS FFA, VA

Staci Walts of Belleville Henderson Ctl HS
FFA, NY

The National FFA Agronomy CDE is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Participants' knowledge of agronomic sciences was tested through several levels of competition including developing solutions for

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problematic scenarios; identification of seeds, insects, soil and crops; and other management practices.

The event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons taught in agricultural education classes.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members - all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture - as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U. S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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