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## **The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Dairy Foods 2009**

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Dairy Foods Career Development Event (CDE) were announced Saturday at the annual awards banquet. The event was held in conjunction with the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Freddie Scott of Arkansas served as superintendent of this year's event.

The top three individuals and the national winning team members received scholarships to further their education at a post-secondary institute of their choice. The scholarships and the dairy foods event are sponsored by Schreiber Foods of Green Bay, Wisconsin and the National FFA Foundation. The milk and cheese products used for the event were provided by Fair Oaks Farms of Fair Oaks, Ind.

The team from Fair Play FFA in Fair Play, Missouri placed first in the National FFA Dairy Foods Career Development Event at the 82nd National FFA Convention. The team members were Mason Gjerde, Cody Rash, Jacob Wallen and Caleb Whaley and were coached by Randy Lightfoot. The Missouri team placed first in competition against 34 other teams.

This year's participants were:

### **Top Placing Teams**

1st Place--Missouri	Mason Gjerde, Cody Rash, Jacob Wallen, and Caleb Whaley, all of Fair Play FFA
2nd Place--Washington	Alexis Brendible, Kevin Warren, Tristan Hanon, and Annie Elias, all of Sumner FFA
3rd Place--Arkansas	Amber House, Kayla Copeland, Jessica Nichols, and Stephanie McElroy, all of Greenbrier HS FFA
4th Place--California	Mirna Alcala, Lacey Landeros, Michelle Moules, and Jessica Jordan, all of Hilmar HS FFA

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5th Place--North Carolina	Terri Lane Frazier, Adam Frazier, Jessica Davis, and Dylan Henley, all of Randleman HS
6th Place--Kansas	Sennett Hermreck, Brandon Wiederholt, Jesica Steele, and Kevin Yoder, all of Anderson County HS FFA
7th Place--Oregon	AshlyAnn Lemhouse, Kaitlyn Allen, and Sheri Bash, all of Junction City HS FFA
8th Place--Ohio	Toby Culler, Morgan Kanzig, Mikayla Marett, and Makenzie Sauder, all of Lucas HS FFA
9th Place--Illinois	Jessica Keys, Brooke Smith, Lauren Schabacker, and Riley Hintzsche, all of Rochelle HS FFA
10th Place--Idaho	Katelyn Clifton, Amanda Wensveen, Cade Nelsen, and Shelby Allen, all of Jerome HS-FFA

### **Top Placing Individuals**

- 1st Place-- Jacob Wallen of Fair Play FFA, MO
- 2nd Place-- Caleb Whaley of Fair Play FFA, MO
- 3rd Place-- Mason Gjerde of Fair Play FFA, MO
- 4th Place-- Kayla Copeland of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR
- 5th Place-- Tristan Hanon of Sumner FFA, WA
- 6th Place-- Toby Culler of Lucas HS FFA, OH
- 7th Place-- Alexis Brendible of Sumner FFA, WA
- 8th Place-- Stephanie McElroy of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR
- 9th Place-- AshlyAnn Lemhouse of Junction City HS FFA, OR
- 10th Place-- Jessica Davis of Randleman HS, NC

### **Team Emblems Listed**

#### **Gold Emblem Teams**

Greenbrier HS FFA, AR

Fair Play FFA, MO

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Hilmar HS FFA, CA

Jerome HS-FFA, ID

Rochelle HS FFA, IL

Anderson County HS FFA, KS

Randleman HS, NC

Lucas HS FFA, OH

Junction City HS FFA, OR

Sumner FFA, WA

### **Silver Emblem Teams**

Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT

Caesar Rodney HS FFA, DE

Warsaw HS FFA, IN

Tri Star FFA, IA

Walkersville HS FFA, MD

Perry HS FFA, MI

New London-Spicer HS FFA, MN

Carthage HS FFA, MS

Leeds HS FFA, ND

Garden Spot HS FFA, PA

Milbank FFA, SD

Cross Plains FFA, TX

Clay Co HS FFA, WV

Hillsboro FFA, WI

### **Bronze Emblem Teams**

Yuma HS FFA, AZ

White River, NV

Seacoast Sch Of Technology FFA, NH

Newton HS FFA, NJ

Copenhagen, NY

Ripley HS FFA, OK

Abbeville HS FFA, SC

Mount Juliet FFA, TN

Hurricane HS FFA, UT

Vergennes Union HS-FFA, VT

Sherando HS FFA, VA

### **Individual Emblems Listed**

#### **Gold Emblem Individuals**

Kayla Copeland of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR

Stephanie McElroy of Greenbrier HS FFA,  
AR

Jessica Nichols of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR

Mirna Alcalá of Hilmar HS FFA, CA

Jessica Jordan of Hilmar HS FFA, CA

Jacob Wallen of Fair Play FFA, MO

Caleb Whaley of Fair Play FFA, MO

Jessica Davis of Randleman HS, NC

Adam Frazier of Randleman HS, NC

Terri Lane Frazier of Randleman HS, NC

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Michelle Moules of Hilmar HS FFA, CA  
Sarah Duchesne of Lyman Memorial HS  
Lebanon Reg, CT

Taylor Harrington of Caesar Rodney HS FFA,  
DE

Katelyn Clifton of Jerome HS-FFA, ID

Cade Nelsen of Jerome HS-FFA, ID

Amanda Wensveen of Jerome HS-FFA, ID

Riley Hintzsche of Rochelle HS FFA, IL

Jessica Keys of Rochelle HS FFA, IL

Lauren Schabacker of Rochelle HS FFA, IL

Alison Turley of Warsaw HS FFA, IN

Jesica Steele of Anderson County HS FFA, KS

Brandon Wiederholt of Anderson County HS  
FFA, KS

Kevin Yoder of Anderson County HS FFA,  
KS

Kristen Warner of Walkersville HS FFA, MD

Dan Vogt of New London-Spicer HS FFA,  
MN

Mason Gjerde of Fair Play FFA, MO

Cody Rash of Fair Play FFA, MO

Dylan Henley of Randleman HS, NC

Elliott Gunderson of Leeds HS FFA, ND

Logan Gunderson of Leeds HS FFA, ND

Toby Culler of Lucas HS FFA, OH

Mikayla Marett of Lucas HS FFA, OH

Makenzie Sauder of Lucas HS FFA, OH

Kaitlyn Allen of Junction City HS FFA, OR

Sheri Bash of Junction City HS FFA, OR

AshlyAnn Lemhouse of Junction City HS  
FFA, OR

Nicole Buchele of Milbank FFA, SD

Adam Cloos of Milbank FFA, SD

Tiffany Holland of Cross Plains FFA, TX

Alexis Brendible of Sumner FFA, WA

Annie Elias of Sumner FFA, WA

Tristan Hanon of Sumner FFA, WA

Kevin Warren of Sumner FFA, WA

### **Silver Emblem Individuals**

Amber House of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR

Lacey Landeros of Hilmar HS FFA, CA

Normandy Avery of Lyman Memorial HS  
Lebanon Reg, CT

Alyssa Clements of Caesar Rodney HS FFA,  
DE

Kaitlin Mitchell of Caesar Rodney HS FFA,  
DE

Shelby Allen of Jerome HS-FFA, ID

Derek Nicol of Copenhagen, NY

Zach Nicol of Copenhagen, NY

Blake Darling of Leeds HS FFA, ND

Michael Urness of Leeds HS FFA, ND

Morgan Kanzig of Lucas HS FFA, OH

Shelbi Cundiff of Ripley HS FFA, OK

Brooke Smith of Rochelle HS FFA, IL  
Gianna Hartman of Warsaw HS FFA, IN  
Brooklynne Slabaugh of Warsaw HS FFA, IN  
Matt Althoff of Tri Star FFA, IA

Jill Hefel of Tri Star FFA, IA

Tony Hoefler of Tri Star FFA, IA  
Kellie Walters of Tri Star FFA, IA  
Sennett Hermreck of Anderson County HS FFA, KS

Kaitlyn Fuss of Walkersville HS FFA, MD  
Maegan Olson of Walkersville HS FFA, MD  
Clay Zimmerman of Walkersville HS FFA, MD

Katie Bowers of Perry HS FFA, MI  
Lindsay Canfield of Perry HS FFA, MI  
Eric Hendzel of Perry HS FFA, MI  
Tom Duscher of New London-Spicer HS FFA, MN

Jon Haverly of New London-Spicer HS FFA, MN

Hayden Tanner of New London-Spicer HS FFA, MN

Landon Adams of Carthage HS FFA, MS  
Corey Bell of Carthage HS FFA, MS  
John Gross of Carthage HS FFA, MS  
Sarah Walstad of Seacoast Sch Of Technology FFA, NH

Sam Casquiera of Newton HS FFA, NJ  
Eric Nelson of Newton HS FFA, NJ  
Eric Nunn of Newton HS FFA, NJ  
Wendy Colton of Copenhagen, NY

Sarah Mattheyer of Ripley HS FFA, OK  
Erin Tilley of Ripley HS FFA, OK  
Olivia Moyer of Garden Spot HS FFA, PA  
Dana Newswanger of Garden Spot HS FFA, PA  
Katherine Lawrence of Abbeville HS FFA, SC

Chandler Saylor of Abbeville HS FFA, SC  
Megan Johnson of Milbank FFA, SD  
Brandi Niedert of Milbank FFA, SD

Curtis Hickman of Mount Juliet FFA, TN  
Jessica Knox of Mount Juliet FFA, TN  
Terrah Augustine of Cross Plains FFA, TX

Emma Bennett of Cross Plains FFA, TX  
Zach Snell of Cross Plains FFA, TX  
McCarty Amy of Hurricane HS FFA, UT  
Kody Davis of Hurricane HS FFA, UT

Samantha Marszalkowski of Vergennes Union HS-FFA, VT

Alyson Howard of Sherando HS FFA, VA

Chris Perry of Sherando HS FFA, VA  
Jennifer Cummings of Clay Co HS FFA, WV  
Sierra Rogers of Clay Co HS FFA, WV  
India Ross of Clay Co HS FFA, WV

Joshua Dank of Hillsboro FFA, WI  
Brittany Dziki of Hillsboro FFA, WI  
Vaughan Harris of Hillsboro FFA, WI  
Brienne Shaker of Hillsboro FFA, WI

### **Bronze Emblem Individuals**

Alexandria Eatherly of Yuma HS FFA, AZ

Ryan Willits of Copenhagen, NY

Sarah Land of Yuma HS FFA, AZ	Kelly Gray of Ripley HS FFA, OK
William Schultz of Yuma HS FFA, AZ	Katelyn Trimble of Garden Spot HS FFA, PA
Sara Vining of Yuma HS FFA, AZ	Chesnee Gray of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Ian Beck of Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT	Megan Sumner of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Heidi Rechlin of Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT	Kirstin Crockett of Mount Juliet FFA, TN
Beau Bennett of White River, NV	Logan Harmon of Mount Juliet FFA, TN
JayDee Carter of White River, NV	Kitre Anderson of Hurricane HS FFA, UT
Jack Gibson of White River, NV	Lisa Medina of Hurricane HS FFA, UT
Luke Hair of White River, NV	Gary Grant of Vergennes Union HS-FFA, VT
Jessica Bick of Seacoast Sch Of Technology FFA, NH	Cody Hawkins of Vergennes Union HS-FFA, VT
Margaret Daley- Dolloff of Seacoast Sch Of Technology FFA, NH	Savannah Dillender of Sherando HS FFA, VA
Lillian Hufmann of Seacoast Sch Of Technology FFA, NH	Anthony Masiello of Sherando HS FFA, VA
Brett Olsen of Newton HS FFA, NJ	

The National Dairy Foods CDE is a competitive activity that allows students to prove their knowledge about the recognition, selection and management necessary for quality dairy foods. Participants must complete a written exam on milk production and marketing, evaluate milk samples for flavor and quality, identify cheeses, evaluate milk sediment pads and milker parts for defects and distinguish dairy and non-dairy products. Each team competed at local and state levels to earn the privilege to represent their state at the national FFA convention.

This event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national convention in which FFA members apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

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

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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](http://www.ffa.org) for more information.

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