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96TH KANSAS FFA CONVENTION | MAY 29-31, 2024

Congratulations on being selected as one of the Kansas FFA 2023 Agricultural Proficiency Award finalists! This is indeed a special honor and you have worked significantly to achieve this level of excellence. We will be recognizing up to the top three finalists in the agricultural proficiency award areas. Attached is a list of the award finalists by area.

The agricultural proficiency award program recognizes students for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. Thank you for committing to your Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) where your goals and real-world experiences in a chosen area of the agriculture industry will be beneficial in your future career choices and decisions.

Please consider this note to be your official encouragement to invite those people who are special to you to attend this part of the convention. This exciting event is scheduled on the convention program for Thursday, June 2nd at the Kansas State University McCain Auditorium in Manhattan. Please feel welcome, and even encouraged, to invite such persons as parents, grandparents, brothers/sisters, other relatives, your local school administrators (principal, superintendent, board members, etc.), those special teachers, your bankers or others who might enjoy sharing these special moments in your life.

Below are the items that will need to occur before and during the convention as a part of your special recognition.

Hall of Achievement

We will again be hosting the Hall of Achievement in the lobby of McCain Auditorium to further recognize the achievements of our chapters and our members. The application you submitted will be included in this recognition.

Our intention with the Hall of Champions is two-fold. First, we want to recognize the accomplishments of members and chapters. These achievements require a great deal of effort and dedication, and we want to celebrate the investment members have made. Secondly, we hope the Hall of Champions is an inspiration and learning opportunity for all members. We know that convention can be an inspiring time for members to set higher goals or seek out opportunities they were previously unaware of.

Please use the following [link](https://forms.gle/m4uhf63DPcFKYpwc7) (<https://forms.gle/m4uhf63DPcFKYpwc7>) to complete your information for the Hall of Achievement by **Friday, May 19th**. If you are a finalist in two areas, please complete the information for both areas. Responses to the questions should reflect the area of recognition.

State Convention – Recognition & Luncheon

A highlight of the State FFA Convention is the ceremonies featuring the state agricultural proficiency awards. We are excited that we will be recognizing up to three finalists in each proficiency area during the Kansas FFA Agricultural Proficiency Award pageant. The winner will be announced “live” on the convention stage during the recognition.

Recognition

The finalists will be recognized, and the state winner will be announced on stage. The finalists in each proficiency area are expected to participate in the main stage recognition. Finalists are requested to appear in FFA official dress.

Before the session starts, please be seated in the seating section reserved for the proficiency award finalists. Each finalist will have one seat reserved for themselves. Parents and advisors are asked to be seated in general seating. ***New in 2023 all proficiency award finalists will be seated in the balcony to streamline the movement of award winners to the stage.***

The Agricultural Proficiency awards are announced in alphabetical order by area name during the two sessions.

Thursday, June 1

Second Session – 8:30 a.m.

Areas included: *Agricultural Communications through and including Environmental Science and Natural Resources*

Third Session – 2:00 p.m.

Areas included: *Equine Science – Entrepreneurship through and including Wildlife Production and Management*

Luncheon

There is a luncheon, especially for state agricultural proficiency award finalists and their respective sponsors. Your lunch, as well as your parents, will be paid for by the sponsor of your proficiency area. Reservations for the lunch may be made via your advisor on the Convention Registration form on the Kansas FFA website until **Friday, May 19th**. The luncheon will occur between the Second and Third Sessions of the convention on *Thursday, June 1st* at 12 noon in the K-State Alumni Center. Additional meals will cost \$25.00 each.

Again, congratulations on your accomplishment of being recognized as one of the Agricultural Proficiency Award finalists. Have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you soon!

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2024 State Proficiency Award Finalists

Award Name	Name	Chapter Name	District	Session
Agricultural Communications	Logan Graber	Pretty Prairie	South Central	Third
Agricultural Education	Carson Fouard	Ell-Saline	North Central	Third
	Nora Bosse	Wamego	Northeast	Third
Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication	Bryson Schull	Paola	East Central	Third
	Andrew Garman	Pike Valley	North Central	Third
	Clancy Cummings	West Elk	Southeast	Third
Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Placement	Jackson Freeman	Shawnee Heights	East Central	Third
	Luke Metzger	Sabetha	Northeast	Third
Agricultural Processing	Madeline Bontrager	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Joel Zillinger	Norton	Northwest	Third
	Micah Kessinger	West Elk	Southeast	Third
Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship	Delaney New	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Brady Ketzner	Cheylin	Northwest	Third
Agricultural Sales - Placement	Kara Helms	Paola	East Central	Third
	Kourtney Dibben	Junction City	North Central	Third
	Madelyn Schiltz	Oakley	Northwest	Third
Agricultural Services	Eli Meyers	Paola	East Central	Third
	Dane Haverkamp	Nemaha Central	Northeast	Third
	Creyo Koop	West Elk	Southeast	Third
Agriscience Research - Animal Systems	Ava Oentrich	Junction City	North Central	Third
Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	Hannah Gideon	Russell	Northwest	Third
	Jory Ratzlaff	Canton-Galva	South Central	Third
	Maggie Chandler	Neodesha	Southeast	Third
Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	Isabel Huddleston	Junction City	North Central	Third
	Elle Jacobs	Smith Center	Northwest	Third
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Creed Caldwell	Prairie View	East Central	Third
	Aidan Mingus	Perry-Lecompton	Northeast	Third
	Emma Karst	Russell	Northwest	Third
Beef Production - Placement	Adelaide Haverkamp	Nemaha Central	Northeast	Third
	Jackson McCurry	Andale	South Central	Third
	Cecillia Newby	Labette County	Southeast	Third

Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship	Gavin Carson	White City	North Central	Third
	Alexandria Kester	Royal Valley	Northeast	Third
Dairy Production - Placement	Lauren Benfer	Clay Center	North Central	Third
	Laura Metzger	Sabetha	Northeast	Third
	Krysten Hamby	Buhler	South Central	Third
Diversified Agricultural Production	Josie Kueser	Ellsworth	North Central	Third
	Lucas White	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Lane McMannis	Canton-Galva	South Central	Third
Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship	Paxton Voet	Marysville	Northeast	Third
	Ean Doane	Smith Center	Northwest	Third
	Clayton Wagner	Labette County	Southeast	Third
Diversified Crop Production - Placement	Wyatt Shields	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Karsen Kroupa	Centre	South Central	Third
	Hallie Sutherland	Iola	Southeast	Third
Diversified Horticulture	Candace Lippe	Clay Center	North Central	Third
	Jacob Huyett	Holton	Northeast	Third
Diversified Livestock Production	Maggie Bohl	Ellsworth	North Central	Third
	Lora Larison	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Kierra Eck	Russell	Northwest	Third
Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management	Graham Foley	Tonganoxie	East Central	Third
	Colton Bettenbrock	Ellsworth	North Central	Third
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Piper L. Whildin	Prairie View	East Central	Second
	Laura Goodman	Sabetha	Northeast	Second
	Emerson Hoppes	Canton-Galva	South Central	Second
Equine Science - Placement	Kairi Quinn	Spring Hill	East Central	Second
	Cadence Togersen	Ellsworth	North Central	Second
	Claudia Grimm	Sabetha	Northeast	Second
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Noah Wiley	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Forage Production	Levi Judd	West Franklin	East Central	Second
	Jacob Wendland	Riley County	North Central	Second
	Tatum Rountree	Wellington	South Central	Second
Forest Management and Products	Dergan True	Southern Coffey County	East Central	Second
	Lucas White	Holton	Northeast	Second
Fruit & Nut Production	Clare McKain	Minneapolis	North Central	Second
	Timothy Ames	Uniontown	Southeast	Second
Goat Production	Chesnie Dickinson	Beloit	North Central	Second
	Olivia Sprang	Valley Falls	Northeast	Second
	Abigail Meiwes	Iola	Southeast	Second
Grain Production	Kourtney Dibben	Junction City	North Central	Second
	Emerson Montgomery	Sabetha	Northeast	Second
	Cason Leonard	Sublette	Southwest	Second

Landscape Management	Noah Bartel	Holton	Northeast	Second
	Jenna Bittle	Centre	South Central	Second
	Grady Gleason	Garden City	Southwest	Second
Nursery Operations	Dylan Ruger	Spring Hill	East Central	Second
	Jansen Gerstner	Frankfort	Northeast	Second
	Emilee Remmers	Centre	South Central	Second
Outdoor Recreation	Kara Helms	Paola	East Central	Second
Poultry Production	Grady Oentrich	Junction City	North Central	Second
	Jaydon Morrison	Iola	Southeast	Second
	Kaylen Langhofer	Southwestern Heights	Southwest	Second
Service-Learning	Hayley Hines	Paola	East Central	Second
	Carson Fouard	Ell-Saline	North Central	Second
	Zoie Crupper	West Elk	Southeast	Second
Sheep Production	Jacob Wendland	Riley County	North Central	Second
	Lora Larison	Holton	Northeast	Second
	Tate Crystal	Fort Scott	Southeast	Second
Small Animal Production and Care	Corbett Hinck	Mission Valley	East Central	Second
	Alyssia Brown	Chapman	North Central	Second
	Kaylee Dillow	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Specialty Animal Production	Jason Mader	Chapman	North Central	Second
Swine Production - Entrepreneurship	Kyler Stephenson	Mission Valley	East Central	Second
	Tyson Parks	Royal Valley	Northeast	Second
	Kyser Nemecek	Iola	Southeast	Second
Swine Production - Placement	Jyllian Stapleton	Sabetha	Northeast	Second
	Landon Baetz	Lakeside	Northwest	Second
	Tucker Leck	Neodesha	Southeast	Second
Turf Grass Management	Rhett Jackman	Prairie View	East Central	Second
	Noah Bartel	Holton	Northeast	Second
Vegetable Production	Rebekah Vague	Ellsworth	North Central	Second
	Kennedy Smith	Holton	Northeast	Second
	Karsen Kroupa	Centre	South Central	Second
Veterinary Science	Adalyn Pfizenmaier	Clay Center	North Central	Second
	Katelyn Haines	Wellington	South Central	Second
	Madison Seyb	Stanton County	Southwest	Second
Wildlife Production and Management	Trent Haag	West Elk	Southeast	Second