

National Proficiency Award Finalists & Winners

1977

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Allan Rieck	Lake Preston	Agricultural Mechanics	Central Region Winner

1982

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Heidi Christner	Lennox-Sundstrom	Poultry Production	Central Region Winner
Grant Shearer	Wall	Horse	Central Region Winner

1986

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Melodi Hurst	Harrisburg	Horse	Central Region Winner

1989

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Mark Gross	Bridgewater	Diversified Crop Production	National Finalist & National Winner
Wade Musick	Mitchell	Horse	National Finalist

1990

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Shawn Hofer	Marion	Home and/or Farmstead Improvement	National Finalist

1993

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Daniel Davis	Marion	Agricultural Production Placement	National Finalist

1994

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Chad Wosje	Sioux Valley	Agricultural Sales and/or Service	National Finalist
Jeremy McGregor	McCook Central	Dairy Production	National Finalist

1995

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Neil Smeenk	Harrisburg	Agricultural Processing	National Finalist
Susan Stoterau	Harrisburg	Diversified Livestock Production	National Finalist
Ben Roling	McCook Central	Oil Crop Production	National Finalist
Mark Brenneman	West Central	Outdoor Recreation	National Finalist
Mike McIntyre	Lake Central	Sheep Production	National Finalist & National Winner

1996

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Chad Lambert	Clark	Agricultural Processing	National Finalist
K.C. Gregg	McCook Central	Beef Production Placement	National Finalist & National Winner
Shane McGregor	McCook Central	Dairy Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Josh Sakry	Garretson	Feed Grain Production Placement	National Finalist
Chris Howard	Miller	Swine Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Ben Rolling	McCook Central	Diversified Crop Entrepreneurship	National Finalist

1997

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Justin Retzlaff	Groton	Agricultural Sales and Service	National Finalist
Cade Peterson	Chamberlain	Beef Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Mike Schock	McCook Central	Oil Crop Production Placement	National Finalist
Kari Horsley	Wessington Springs	Soil and Water Management	National Finalist
Brock Streff	McCook Central	Swine Production Placement	National Finalist

1998

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Kara Nagel	Gettysburg	Cereal Grain Production	National Finalist
Matt DeMent	McCook Central	Dairy Production Placement	National Finalist
Melissa Streff	McCook Central	Diversified Livestock Production	National Finalist
Paul Roling	McCook Central	Feed Grain Production Placement	National Finalist
Kristen Wallenstein	Harrisburg	Food Science and Technology	National Finalist
Dustin Preheim	Harrisburg	Landscape Management	National Finalist
Scott Peterson	McCook Central	Oil Crop Production Placement	National Finalist
Nicholas Streff	McCook Central	Swine Production Placement	National Finalist & National Winner

1999

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Jeff DeRouchey	Chamberlain	Diversified Livestock Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Tiffany Anderson	Lemmon	Agricultural Communications	National Finalist
Chad Oddens	Harrisburg	Landscape Management	National Finalist
Nicholas Nielson	Lennox	Wildlife Management Entrepreneurship	National Finalist

2000

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Kimberly Rieckman	McCook Central	Agricultural Communications	National Finalist
Roxanne Wagner	Tulare	Beef Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Matt Rogers	Miller	Beef Production Placement	National Finalist
Clay Edwards	Artesian-Letcher	Diversified Livestock Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Emilie Torenberg	Harrisburg	Equine Science	National Finalist
Kent Peterson	McCook Central	Feed Grain Production Placement	National Finalist & National Winner
Curt Smith	Harrisburg	Forest Management Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Erin Huffman	Harrisburg	Home and/or Community Development	National Finalist
Melissa Eichacker	McCook Central	Specialty Animal Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Scott Peterson	McCook Central	Swine Production Placement	National Finalist
Jeremy Pulse	McCook Central	Wildlife Management Entrepreneurship	National Finalist

2001

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Renee Burns	Harrisburg	Diversified Crop Production	National Finalist
Valeree Holzwarth	Gettysburg	Emerging Agricultural Technologies	National Finalist
Steve Kuecker	Webster	Fiber and Oil Production	National Finalist
Sandi Shape	McCook Central	Home & Community Development	National Winner

2002

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Adam Prunty	West Central	Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Michael Gottlob	McCook Central	Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Josh Hehn	Rapid City	Diversified Horticulture - Placement	National Finalist
Aaron Beisch	Webster	Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Kristin Kuhl	McCook Central	Dairy Production - Placement	National Winner
Katie Tornberg	Harrisburg	Equine Science – Placement	National Finalist
Chris Plamp	Mitchell	Forage Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement	National Finalist
Jennifer Tiggelaar	Lennox/Sundstrom	Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship	National Finalist

2003

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Katie Tornberg	Harrisburg	Agricultural Sales	National Finalist & National Winner
James Haas	Harrisburg	Agricultural Processing	National Finalist
Chad Kaiser	Garretson	Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication	National Finalist
Megan Chilson	Florence	Emerging Agricultural Technology	National Finalist
Ryan Brunner	Newell	Environmental Science & Natural Resources	National Finalist
Wayne Robison	Rapid City	Equine Science	National Finalist
Jason Biel	Wilmot	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	National Finalist
Josh Blindert	McCook Central	Swine Production-Placement	National Finalist

2004

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Derek Griesse	Harrisburg	Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Alex Welk	Florence	Emerging Agricultural Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement	National Finalist
Jason Mathiesen	Harrisburg	Home and/or Community Development - Entrepreneurship/Placement	National Finalist
Ashley Streff	McCook Central	Swine Production - Placement	National Winner

2005

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Kristin Marie Youngworth	Harrisburg	Home and/or Community Development	National Finalist & National Winner

Annette Rose Bramstedt	Harrisburg	Nursery Operations	National Finalist & National Winner
Ashley Streff	McCook Central	Diversified Livestock Production	National Finalist
Devin Myren	McCook Central	Diversified Horticulture	National Finalist
Drew Peterson	McCook Central	Grain Production	National Finalist
Duane Pulse	McCook Central	Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems	National Finalist
Josh Chilson	Florence	Emerging Agricultural Technology	National Finalist
Noelle Rist	West Central	Fruit Production	National Finalist

2006

NAME	CHAPTER	AREA	LEVEL
Dan Palmquist	McCook Central	Diversified Agricultural Production	National Finalist & National Winner
Tyson Greese	Harrisburg	Ag. Mechanics – Repair/Maintenance Entrepreneurship	National Finalist & National Winner
Grant Thompson	Harrisburg	Swine Production Placement	National Finalist
Alex Heim	Wessington Springs	Specialty Animal Production	National Finalist
Logan Ward	Harrisburg	Diversified Horticulture	National Finalist
Kayla Melhoff	Brandon Valley	Nursery Operations	National Finalist

2007

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Kyle Zulk	McCook Central	Grain Production	1 st Place National Winner
Ryan Frerichs	Wilmot	Ag mechanics	National Finalist
TJ Amdahl	McCook Central	Beef Production	National Finalist
Stephanie Nussbaum	Garretson	Dairy Production	National Finalist
Tate Tevedal	Wessington Springs	Diversified Crop Prod	National Finalist
Brian Fett	Lennox-Sundstrom	Diversified Horticulture	National Finalist
Tyler Berg	Harrisburg	Forestry Management	National Finalist
Becca Knox	McCook Central	Outdoor Recreation	National Finalist
Calli Ray Beach	Harrisburg	Small Animal Prod	National Finalist
Ryan DeMent	McCook Central	Forage Production	National Finalist
Devin Myren	McCook Central	Turf Grass Management	National Finalist
Dan Long	Harrisburg	Tractor Restoration	National Finalist

Ethan Javers	Harrisburg	Tractor Restoration	National Finalist
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2008

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Jordan Krueger	McCook Central	Diversified Crop Production	1st Place National Winner
Brian Gottlob	McCook Central	Diversified Livestock Production Placement	National Finalist
Steven Zemlicka	Florence	Emerging Agricultural Technology	National Finalist
Daniel Long	Harrisburg	Forest Management and Products	National Finalist
Travis Machmiller	Garretson	Grain Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Paul Westhoff	McCook Central	Grain Production Placement	1st Place National Winner
Tyler Kientopf	Garretson	Landscape Management	National Finalist
Joshua Johnson	Harrisburg	Small Animal Production and Care	National Finalist
Landon Peterson	McCook Central	Swine Production Placement	National Finalist
Zach Hansen	McCook Central	Wildlife Production and Management Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Scott Hoiten	McCook Central	Wildlife Production and Management Placement	National Finalist

2009

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Maria Skoglund	McCook Central	Agricultural Education	National Finalist
James Haak	Howard	Agriculture Services	National Finalist
Matt Moen	Harrisburg	Landscape Management	1st Place National Finalist
Scott Hoiten	McCook Central	Outdoor Recreation	1st Place National Finalist

Trent Thompson	Harrisburg	Small Animal Production and Care	National Finalist
Zach Hansen	McCook Central	Swine Production	National Finalist

2010

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Ethan VanderWal	Sioux Valley	Agricultural Services	1st Place National Winner
Ali Rist	Viborg-Hurley	Sheep Production	National Finalist
Taylor Osterberg	McCook Central	Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance	National Finalist
Angela Hanson	McCook Central	Diversified Horticulture	National Finalist
Erik Anderson	McCook Central	Grain Production Placement	National Finalist
Jesse Knox	McCook Central	Outdoor Recreation	National Finalist

2011

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Hannah Jackson	Arlington	Ag Education	National Finalist
Cody Hansen	McCook Central	Ag Mechanics Design & Fabrication	National Finalist
Nick Mueller	Garretson	Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance	National Finalist
Mark Huls	McCook Central	Diversified Crop Production	National Finalist
Erik Anderson	McCook Central	Diversified Crop Production	National Finalist
Jessica Faris	Harrisburg	Equine Science	National Finalist
Taylor Osterberg	McCook Central	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	National Finalist
Matt Eichacker	McCook Central	Grain Production	National Finalist
Clayton Wobig	McCook Central	Grain Production	National Finalist

Marshall Spaans	McCook Central	Turf Grass Management	National Finalist
Elle Tornberg	Harrisburg	Vet Medicine	National Finalist
Taylor Osterberg	McCook Central	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	1st National Winner

2012

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Beth Mayrose	McCook Central	Agricultural Education	National Finalist
Nick Mueller	Garretson	Agricultural Sales	National Finalist
Alex Braun	Harrisburg	Diversified Horticulture	National Finalist
Marshall Spaans	McCook Central	Outdoor Recreation	National Finalist
Alicia Rist	Viborg	Sheep Production	National Finalist
Abby Flanders	Harrisburg	Specialty Animal Production	National Finalist
Gavin Gassman	McCook Central	Wildlife & Production Management	National Finalist

2013

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Kelsi Kampshoff	McCook Central	Ag Education	National Finalist
Cooper Eliason	Howard	Ag Mechanics Energy Systems	National Finalist
Tyler Mentele	McCook Central	Diversified Ag Production	National Finalist
Beth Mayrose	McCook Central	Home &/Or Community Development	National Finalist
Morgan Matthaei	McCook Central	Speciality Crop Production	National Finalist

Brandon Reif	McCook Central	Turf Grass Management	National Finalist
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2014

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Shane Mueller	Garretson	Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance	1st Place National Winner
Melissa Nelson	McCook Central	Diversified Livestock	National Finalist
Lan Van Hull	Viborg-Hurley	Swine Production	National Finalist

2015

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Victoria Kremptes	McCook Central	Agricultural Education	National Finalist
Ethan Schallenkamp	McCook Central	Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabric Entrepreneurship	National Finalist
Derek Hight	Viborg-Hurley	Agricultural Services	National Finalist
Adam Eichacker	McCook Central	Beef Production	National Finalist
Cole Schock	McCook Central	Diversified Livestock	National Finalist
Andrew Streff	McCook Central	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	National Finalist
Bo Peterson	McCook Central	Swine Production	National Finalist
Shane Mueller	Garretson	Agricultural Mechanics	1st Place National Winner

2016

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Adam Eichacker	McCook Central	Diversified Crop Production	1st National Winner
Andrew Streff	McCook Central	Grain Production	1st National Winner

Mark Streff	McCook Central	Oil Crop Production	National Finalist
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2017

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Kohl Miller	McCook Central	Diversified Horticulture	National Finalist
Jaclyn Knudson	Viborg	Grain Production- Entrepreneurship	1st Place National Winner

2018

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
Hadley Stiefvater	McCook Central	Ag Science – Animal Systems	National Winner

2019

Name	Chapter	Area	Level
John Loudenburg	McCook Central	Grain Production Entrepreneurship	National Finalist