

SUPERVISED AG EXPERIENCE (SAE) WORK-BASED LEARNING

Turf Grass Management FFA Proficiency Award National Champion

Logan Nodine - Cambridge FFA



Logan's SAE, Nodine Lawn Care servicing residential and commercial lawns in his community, is an extensive project that focuses on all aspects of turf grass management to beautify his clients' lawns. As an entrepreneur, his day-to-day tasks include maintaining grass species by operating both riding and push mowers, string trimmers, and leaf blowers. Additionally, Logan takes part in establishing a management plan for customers that includes the application of pesticides and fertilizers as well as initiating a recommended cutting height.

American FFA Star in Agriscience Finalist

Maddie Fugate - Mahomet-Seymour FFA

After a childhood of raising and showing swine, Maddie was introduced to porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) when she was a teen. The only preventative measure that different farms can take to ensure that they do not get the PDV virus is biosecurity. Her first project out of six involved studying PEDV transmission on truck tires. With her research, she determined how animals are vectors and can carry this disease onto farms. Her research on swine biosecurity circles around risk mitigation.



American FFA Star in Ag Placement Finalist

Ely Boulds - Eldorado FFA



When Ely decided to start working in agriculture while he was in high school, he ran into one major issue that his family doesn't farm. He always wanted to be in production agriculture, but these days it is tough to start out farming from the first generation without already being in it. Ely persisted by getting in touch with local farmers and researching what they needed so he could fill a niche in his community's local market. He now owns and operates Dewey Lime Spreading in southern Illinois and parts of Indiana.

FFA STAR AMERICAN, STATE AND DISCOVERY DEGREE WINNERS

AMERICAN DEGREE

153 students were recognized with an American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. **4,136** degrees were awarded nationally. These members demonstrated the highest levels of achievement in the organization.

STAR FARMER

CONNOR ERBSEN, EASTLAND

STAR AG PLACEMENT

ELY BOULDS, ELDORADO

STAR AGRIBUSINESS

NATHAN ERBSEN, EASTLAND

STAR AGRISCIENCE

MADDIE FUGATE, MAHOMET-SEYMOUR

STATE DEGREE

538 students received an Illinois State Degree.

STAR FARMER

TANNER MICKEY, TAYLORVILLE

STAR AG PLACEMENT

LANCE MORITZ, STREATOR

STAR AGRIBUSINESS

ALEA OGLE, STREATOR

STAR AGRISCIENCE

ERIC SCHAFER, TAYLORVILLE

DISCOVERY DEGREE

STAR FARMER

OWEN TORRANCE, WEST PRAIRIE

STAR AG PLACEMENT

PATRICK ROYER, PLEASANT PLAINS

STAR AGRIBUSINESS

SIDNEY STIERS, WILLIAMSFIELD

STAR AGRISCIENCE

KYLIE NEISLER, LINCOLNWOOD

STUDENT SAE AREAS

- Job Placement (Internship) - **59%**
- Entrepreneurship/Ownership - **35%**
- Research - **6%**

STUDENT SAE BY AG SECTORS

- Animal - **36%**
- Plant - **16%**
- Leadership, Education, Communication - **7%**
- Agribusiness - **8%**
- Power, Structural, Technology - **7%**
- Food Products, Processing - **7%**
- Environmental - **3%**
- Natural Resources - **2%**
- Biotechnology - **1%**

TOTAL STUDENT NET EARNINGS \$13,037,128