

2025 Proficiency Finalists

Please note all finalist are listed in alphabetical order by last name. Official placings will be announced at State Convention.

Ag Communications

Mallory Gant, Platte-Geddes

Hayden Hofer, Bridgewater-Emery

Cash Lehrman, Bridgewater-Emery

Agriculture Education

Elena Andrews, Beresford

Bobbi Eide, Gettysburg

Lacie Weber, Howard

Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication

Keegan Kettwig, Parker

Gabriel Stern, Brookings

Holden Wolloman, Bridgewater-Emery

Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance

Brady Braaten, Tri-Valley

Reece Gerlach, West Central

Mason Jacobson, Howard

Agriculture Processing

Abbie Chase, McCook Central

Austin Severson, Howard

Dylan Wollman, Bridgewater-Emery

Agriculture Sales – Entrepreneurship

Ava Sieverding, McCook Central

Agriculture Sales – Placement

Isabella Jimenez, McCook Central

Ethan Koopman, Tri-Valley

Noah Severson, Howard

Agriscience Research – Animal Systems

Atlee Olson, Belle Fourche

Colton Stiefvater, McCook Central

Kelsey Vockrodt, West Central

Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems

Zoe Dissing, Tri-Valley
Addison Ecklein, McCook Central
Paul Kaffar, McCook Central

Agriscience Research – Plant Systems

Alexa Pulse, McCook Central

Beef Production – Entrepreneurship

Ireland McAreavey, Tri-Valley
Cash Lehrman, Bridgewater- Emery
Caden Phelps, Arlington

Beef Production – Placement

Ryan Blagg – McCook Central
Dylan McGregor, McCook Central
Karlie Stiefvater, McCook Central

Diversified Ag Production

Elena Andrews, Beresford
Cash Lehrman, Bridgewater-Emery
Karlie Stiefvater, McCook Central

Diversified Crop Production

Thomas Halverson, Howard
Ridge Roduner, Wessington-Springs
Jason Zeeb, Bridgewater-Emery

Diversified Horticulture

Kenasyn Johnson, West Central
Kaylee Klinkhammer, McCook Central

Diversified Livestock Production

Kylie Mockler, Beresford
Caden Phelps, Arlington
Delany Zoss, Mitchell

Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship

Brityn Davis, Lake Preston
Lauren Klitzke, McCook Central
Skyler Plucker, Lennox Sundstrom

Dairy Production – Placement

Paige Haase, Parker
Aiden Healy, West Central

Blake Klitzke, McCook Central

Environmental Science and Natural Resource Management

Luke Horstman, McCook Central

Equine Science – Entrepreneurship

Elle Goehring, Parker

Josie Nold, Brookings

Taten Twedt, Beresford

Equine Science – Placement

Cash Martinez, Bridgewater-Emery

Shayda Ness, Kimball

Taya Wettlaufer, Howard

Fiber/Oil Crip Production

Ridge Roduner, Wessington Springs

Karlie Stiefvater, McCook Central

Briella Wettlaufer, Howard

Forest Management and Production

Daraby Boersma, Sunshine Bible Academy

Lawden Haak, Howard

Forage Production

Karlie Stiefvater, McCook Central

Jason Zeeb, Bridgewater-Emery

Fruit Production

Luke Larson, Wessington Springs

Isabella Smithback, Harrisburg

Renee Uberty McCook Central

Grain Production

Lauren Roling, McCook Central

Karlie Stiefvater, McCook Central

Jason Zeeb, Bridgewater-Emery

Goat Production

Ryan Blagg, McCook Central

Carley Crist, Beresford

Cash Martinez, Bridgewater-Emery

Home and Community Development

Vivian Koepsell, McCook Central
Katrina Thon, Bridgewater-Emery
Breana Zapp, McCook Central

Landscape Installation

Avery Alley, McCook Central
Daraby Boersma, Sunshine Bible Academy
Nolan Mentele, Howard

Nursery Operations

Macie Weber, Bridgewater-Emery

Outdoor Recreation

Robert Hine, Wessington Springs
Connor May, Brookings
Lacie Weber, Howard

Poultry Production

Josie Nold – Brookings
Preston Singrey – Arlington
Katrina Thon – Bridgewater-Emery

Service-Learning

Lauren Roling, McCook Central
Katrina Thon, Bridgewater-Emery

Sheep Production

Melanie Calmus, Howard
Josie Nold, Brookings
Carissa Scheel, Wessington Springs

Small Animal Production

Taylor Hawley, Bridgewater-Emery
Alyssa Roling, McCook Central
Katrina Thon, Bridgewater-Emery

Specialty Animal Production

Abbie Chase, McCook Central
Joseph Kayser, Bridgewater-Emery

Swine Production – Entrepreneurship

Addison Fedeler, Howard
Caden Phelps, Arlington
Dawson Plgmann, Bridgewater-Emery

Swine Production – Placement

Elena Andrews, Beresford

Melanie Calmus, Howard

Chase Jones, Tri-Valley

Turf/Landscape Maintenance

Isaac Boden, Beresford

Kaylee Klinkhammer, McCook Central

Gracie Pederson, Tri-Valley

Vegetable Production

Parker Burke, Bridgewater Emery

Ava Couser, Brookings

Bobbi Eide, Gettysburg

Vet Science

Hope Baysinger, Mitchell

Karmen Iverson, Chester

Colton Stiefvater, McCook Central

Wildlife Production/Management

Joseph Grady, McCook Central

Kennedy Nemitz, Brookings

Korbin Shumaker, Howard

Ag Service

Josie Johnson, Buffalo Christian

James Kahnke, Florence

Mikalyn Kelly, Brookings