SAE Area: Specialty Crop Production

Description: Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops not covered in any of the existing award categories such as: native prairie plants, sugar beets, dry edible beans, green peanuts, gourds, tobacco, specialty corns (popcorn, white corn, Indian corn), all grass seed production, herbs and spices, mushrooms, sugar cane, hops, sorghum cane, confectionary sunflowers, production of crop seed or specific floriculture production.

Project Ideas:
- Work with a nature reserve to market and sell prairie grass.
- Start a popcorn enterprise in the school greenhouse.
- Grow and sell gourds at orchards during fall harvest.
- Grow flowers for saleable floral arrangements.
- Raise herbs and spices and sell at a farmer's market.
- Market your brand of crop seed and use in the test plot.
- Own and operate a mushroom enterprise.
- Interview a sugar cane producer.
- Work for a local flower shop.
- Create corsages and boutonnieres for the high school prom.