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**Award winner photos available to download at:** [**https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16CXYBIHU6MrPiJ7XijS6JQTXwXNISKYP?usp=drive\_link**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16CXYBIHU6MrPiJ7XijS6JQTXwXNISKYP?usp=drive_link)

**FFA Members Recognized for Achievement at the South Dakota State Fair**

HURON, S.Dak. — From August 31 until September 4, 2023, 366 FFA members from 71 FFA chapters competed in livestock exhibitions, farm safety quiz bowl, agriscience fair, and a variety of agricultural displays. In addition, 47 district FFA officers and 8 state FFA leaders coordinated with industry volunteers to provide educational experiences to fair attendees at the Ag Adventure Center.

The top awards and results through various competitions are listed below with many pictures being available:

**Chapter Sweepstakes Top 5 Results:**

1st – McCook Central

2nd – Beresford

3rd – Bridgewater-Emery

4th – Doland

5th – Mitchell

**Chapter Display Results Top 5:**

1st – Bridgewater-Emery

2nd – Arlington

3rd – Beresford

4th – Wolsey-Wessington

5th – Doland

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**Agricultural Exhibit Results:**

1st Equipment Restoration – Landon Roling, McCook Central

1st Large Metal Project – Colton Michalek, Wessington Springs

1st Medium Metal Project – Taylor Howley, Bridgewater-Emery

1st Small Metal Project – Arlington FFA

1st Medium Wood Project – Gavin Mattson, Deuel

1st Small Wood Project – Doland FFA

1st Home Accessory Project – Bradley Dangel, Andes Central

1st Pallet Board Construction – McCook Central

1st Horseshoe Project – Bradley Dangel, Andes Central

1st Metal Art & Plasma Cut Design – Gavin Mattson, Deuel

1st Cut Floral Arrangements – Beresford FFA

1st Hanging Baskets/Decorative Planters – Arlington FFA

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**Agriscience Exhibit Results:**

1st Division 1 – Doland FFA

1st Division 2 – Bobbi Eide, Gettsburg

1st Division 3 – McCook Central FFA

1st Division 4 – McCook Central FFA

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**Beef Cattle Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Breeding Heifer** – Kenidey Effling, Highmore

**Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer** – Brooklyn Ludens, Viborg-Hurley

**Top 5 Breeding Heifer Showman** – (1) Cash Lehrman, Bridgewater-Emery, (2) Creighten Werning, Bridgewater-Emery, (3) Payton Beare, Highmore, (4) Chance Blum, Chamberlain, and (5) Paton Coyle, Miller

**Grand Champion Market Heifer** – Cody Eich, Howard

**Reserve Champion Market Heifer** – Seth Sundal, Tri-Valley

**Grand Champion Market Steer** – Ty Bergh, Florence

**Reserve Champion Market Steer** – Cailey Sime, Milbank

**Top 5 Market Beef Showman** – (1) Sawyer James, Estelline, (2) Jayna Blume, Pierre, (3) Nate Struck, West Central, (4) Seth Smith, Doland, and (5) Hannah Heezen, Wessington Springs

*Breeding and Market Beef Showmanship sponsored by Kevin & Amber Blagg & C & R Supply, Inc..*

**Sheep Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Ram** – Carissa Scheel, Wessington Springs

**Reserve Champion Ram** – Kasandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

**Grand Champion Breeding Ewe** – Tayden Miller, Estelline

**Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe** – Raesa Zelinsky, Brookings

**Top 5 Breeding Sheep Showmen** – (1) Josie Nold, Brookings, (2) Olivia Newell, Lennox Sundstrum, (3) Carissa Scheel, Wessington Springs, (4) Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central, and (5) Colton Michalek, Wessington Springs

**Grand Champion Market Lamb** – Tyson Miller, Estelline

**Reserve Champion Market Lamb** – Riley Pankratz, Parker

**Top 5 Market Sheep Showmen** – (1) Drew Pederson, Garretson, (2) Landon Berg, Bridgewater-Emery, (3) Taya Chelmo, Kimball, (4) Andrea Miller, Canton, and (5) Chanel Mohrhauser, Tri-Valley

*Breeding and Market Sheep Showmanship sponsored by Knutson Suffolks & C & R Supply, Inc.*

**Meat Goat Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Breeding Doe** – Peyton Bischoff, Huron

**Reserve Champion Breeding Doe** – Cooper Bischoff, Huron

**Top 5 Breeding Meat Goat Showmen** – (1) Kacy Goehring, Parkston, (2) Vanessa Dunkelberger, Parker, (3) Peyton Bischoff, Huron, (4) Emma Pierce, Estelline, and (5) Elle Goehring, Parkston

**Grand Champion Wether Dam Doe** – Ashlyn Tangen, Sioux Valley

**Reserve Champion Wether Dam Doe** – Jana Stearns, Hot Springs

**Grand Champion Market Goat** – Tanner Van Asselt, Tri-Valley

**Reserve Champion Market Goat** – Derek Van Asselt, Tri-Valley

**Top 5 Market Meat Goat Showmen** – (1) Matea Gordon, Sturgis, (2) Carley Crist, Beresford, (3) Danika Gordon, Sturgis, (4) Delaney Zoss, Mitchell, and (5) Tye McGraw, Clark

*Breeding and Market Meat Goat Showmanship sponsored by Lazy J Bar Ranch and C & R Supply, Inc.*

**Rabbit Show Results:**

**Champion Best in Show** – Hunter Masterson, Menno

**Reserve Best in Show** – Hunter Masterson, Menno

**Top 5 Showmen** – (1) Julia Tinker, Brandon Valley, (2) Brianna Gilchrist, Winner, (3) Michael Freeman, Ethan, (4) Hunter Masterson, Menno, and (5) Hannah Schoenfelder, Huron

*Rabbit Showmanship sponsored by Woehl’s Rabbits. Best of Show and Reserve sponsored by Mark and Staci Schloe.*

**Dairy Goat Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Doe** – Trevon Cross, Garretson

**Reserve Champion Doe** – Maddisyn Thompson, Elkton

**Grand Champion Milking Doe & Supreme** – Trevon Cross, Garretson

**Reserve Champion Milking Doe & Reserve Supreme** – Trevon Cross, Garretson

**Top 5 Showmen** – (1) Trevon Cross, Garretson, (2) Makayla Cross, Dell Rapids, (3) Tayber Hansen, Doland, (4) Maddisyn Thompson, Elkton, and (5) Lane Thompson, Elkton

*Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Boldt Farms*

**Swine Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Breeding Gilt** – Jonathan Moe, Estelline

**Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt** – Nolan Eichler, Lake Preston

**Top 5 Breeding Showmen** – (1) Nolan Eichler, Lake Preston, (2) Sutton Murphy, Arlington, (3) Jovie Wirt, Lennox Sundstrum, (4) Dawson Plagmann, Bridgewater-Emery, and (5) Jocelyn Wagner, Hichcock-Tulare

**Grand Champion Market Hog** – Jonathan Moe, Estelline

**Reserve Champion Market Hog** – Treyson Zeigler, Gettysburg

**Top 5 Market Showmen** – (1) Melanie Calmus, Howard, (2) Khloie Klinkhammer, McCook Central, (3) Clayton Weber, ORR, (4) Lacie Weber, ORR, and (5) Hadlie Johnson, Montrose

*Swine Showmanship awards sponsored by Thompson Family and C & R Supply, Inc..*

**Dairy Cattle Show Results:** Showmanship Sponsored by Valley Queen

**Supreme Champion** – Braylon Plucker, Lennox Sundstrum

**Champion** **Holstein** – Grace Norling, Beresford

**Champion AOB** – Braylon Plucker, Lennox Sundstrum

**Top 5 Showmen** – (1) Steven Paulson, Groton, (2) Grace Norling, Beresford, (3) Sutton Plucker, Lennox Sundstrum, (4) Estelle Schweer, Milbank, and (5) Katie Scherff, Dell Rapids

*Dairy Showmanship sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese****.***

**Adopt-an-Animal Results:**

Sow with piglets – Bode Sweeter, Lennox Sundstrum

Sow with piglets – Max Klein, Wessington Springs

Laying hens – Colton Stiefvater, McCook Central

Laying hens & chicks – Mercedes Jones, Wessington Springs

Laying hens & chicks – Madison Hofer, Freeman

Chicks – Kayeleigh Bowden, Huron

Bucket calf – Grace Rowen, Wolsey-Wessington

Feeder pigs – Aedan Klawonn, Madison Central

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