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

HURON, S.Dak. — From August 28 until September 2, 2024, 362 FFA members from 71 FFA chapters competed in livestock exhibitions, farm safety quiz bowl, agriscience fair, and a variety of agricultural displays. In addition, 56 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 Results:**

1st – McCook Central

2nd – Beresford

3rd – Bridgewater-Emery

4th – Arlington

**Chapter Display Results Top 5:**

1st – McCook Central

2nd – Bridgewater-Emery

3rd – Beresford

4th – Miller

5th – Arlington

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**Agricultural Exhibit Results:**

1st Equipment Restoration – McCook Central FFA

1st Medium Metal Project – Tom Connor, Howard

1st Small Metal Project – Jaxen Dockter, Wilmot

1st Medium Wood Project – McCook Central FFA

1st Small Wood Project – Bentlee Holt, Lake Preston

1st Home Accessory Project – Isaac Boden, Beresford

1st Pallet Board Construction – Arlington FFA

1st Horseshoe Project – Isaac Boden, Beresford

1st Metal Art & Plasma Cut Design – Michael Freeman, Ethan

1st Router Signs - Arlington FFA

1st Corsages/Boutonnieres - Anna Arhart, Wessington Springs

1st Cut Floral Arrangements – Anna Arhart, Wessington Springs

1st Hanging Baskets/Decorative Planters – Bridgewater-Emery FFA

1st Ag Education Models - Arlington FFA

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**Agriscience Exhibit Results:**

1st Division 1 – McCook Central FFA

1st Division 2 – Taylor Hawley, Bridgewater-Emery

1st Division 3 – Bobbi Eide, Gettysburg

1st Division 4 – McCook Central FFA

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**Beef Cattle Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Breeding Heifer** – Alayna Caulfiend, Florence

**Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer** – Ty Bergh, Florence

**Top 5 Breeding Heifer Showman** – (1)Kyla Peskey, Huron, (2)Creighten Werning, Bridgewater-Emery , (3)Sienna Kessler, Northwestern Area, (4)Chance Blum, Chamberlain, and (5) Ireland McAreavey, Tri-Valley

**Grand Champion Market Heifer** – Payton Beare, Highmore

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

**Grand Champion Market Steer** – Cassandra Twedt, Beresford

**Reserve Champion Market Steer** – Jenna Eich, Howard

**Top 5 Market Beef Showman** – (1)Payton Beare, Highmore, (2)Cassandra Twedt, Beresford, (3)Seth Smith, Doland, (4)Cailey Sime, Milbank, and (5)Nate Struck, West Central

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

**Sheep Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Ram** – Colton Stiefvater, McCook Central

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

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

**Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe** – Katelyn Dorsey, Highmore

**Top 5 Breeding Sheep Showmen** – (1)Carissa Scheel, Wessington Springs, (2)Olivia newell, Lennox-Sundstrom, (3)Josie Nold, Brookings, (4)Katelyn Dorsey, Highmore, and (5)Kasandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

**Grand Champion Market Lamb** – Elizabeth Albrecht, Howard

**Reserve Champion Market Lamb** – Andrew Johnson, Harrisburg

**Top 5 Market Sheep Showmen** – (1)Landon Berg, Bridgewater-Emery, (2)Peyton Bischoff, Huron, (3)Quinton Berg, Bridgewater-Emery, (4)Andrew Johnson, Harrisburg, and (5)Andrea Miller, Canton

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

**Meat Goat Show Results:**

**Grand Champion Breeding Doe** – Drew Pederson, Garretson

**Reserve Champion Breeding Doe** – Wyatt Hasper, Herreid

**Top 5 Breeding Meat Goat Showmen** – (1)Delaney Zoss, Mitchell, (2)Drew Pederson, Garretson, (3)Peyton Bischoff, Huron, (4)Kacy Goehring, Parkston, 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** – Bennett Gordon, Sturgis

**Reserve Champion Market Goat** – Jana Stearns, Hot Springs

**Top 5 Market Meat Goat Showmen** – (1)Trallan Sumner, Florence, (2)Carley Crist, Beresford, (3)Lincoln Reidburn, Clark, (4)Ryan Crist, Beresford, and (5)Maisy Petersen, Chamberlain

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

**Rabbit Show Results:**

**Champion Best in Show** – Brianna Gilchrist, Winner

**Reserve Best in Show** – Julia Tinker, Brandon Valley

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

*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** – Makayla Cross, Dell Rapids

**Reserve Champion Doe** – Brityn Davies, Lake Preston

**Grand Champion Milking Doe & Supreme** – Brityn Davies, Lake Preston

**Reserve Champion Milking Doe & Reserve Supreme** – Makayla Cross, Dell Rapids

**Top 5 Showmen** – (1)Braelyn Berens, Parker, (2)Makayla Cross, Dell Rapids, (3)Tayber Hansen, Doland, (4)Maddisyn Thompson, Elkton, and (5)Brityn Davies, Lake Preston

*Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Boldt Farms*

**Swine Show Results:**

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

**Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt** – Melanie Calmus, Howard

**Top 5 Breeding Showmen** – (1)Braelyn Baloun, Parker, (2)Melanie Calmus, Howard, (3)Nolan Eichler, Lake Preston, (4)Gracelyn Straight, Parkston, and (5)Clayton Weber, Howard

**Grand Champion Market Hog** – Kenidey Effling, Highmore

**Reserve Champion Market Hog** – Melanie Calmus, Howard

**Top 5 Market Showmen** – (1)Rylan Thue, Hamlin, (2)Jovie Wirt, Lennox-Sundstrom, (3)Cooper VanderWal, Sioux Valley, (4)Carson Eichler, Lake Preston, and (5)Hudson Hansen, Doland

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

**Dairy Cattle Show Results:**

**Supreme Champion** – Walker Zoellner, Groton, *award sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese.*

**Champion** **Holstein** – Walker Zoellner, Groton

**Champion AOB** – Riley Zoellner, Harrisburg

**Top 5 Showmen** – (1)Skyler Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom, (2)Gavin Mattson, Deuel, (3)Braylon Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom, (4)Fisher Beck, Selby Area, and (5)Walker Zoellner, Groton

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

**Round Robin Showmanship Results:**

2023 Champion – Kacy Goehring, Parkston

2023 Reserve Champion – Creighten Werning, Bridgewater-Emery

2024 Champion – Delaney Zoss, Mitchell

2024 Reserve Champion – Peyton Bischoff, Huron

*Round Robin awards sponsored by Odden Cattle Company*

**Adopt-an-Animal Results:**

Sow with piglets – Ryker Knutson, Clark

Sow with piglets – Brooklyn Caffee, Wessington Springs

Laying hens – Preston Singrey, Arlington

Laying hens – Harmony Miller, Madison Central

Chicks – Otto Uberty, McCook Central

Bucket calf – McKenzie Fredrickson, Arlington

Bucket calf –Renee Uberty, McCook Central

Feeder pigs – Peyton Walz, Wessington Springs

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