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Indiana FFA recognizes State Proficiency Award Winners

Successful Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs lead members to top honors.

West Lafayette, IN (June 21, 2023) – Indiana FFA recognized members for their dedication to their supervised agricultural experience programs at the 94th Indiana FFA State Convention on Wednesday by awarding the winners in each of the 45 proficiency award categories.

FFA Member Name	FFA Chapter	District	Award Area	Results
Olivia Rigby	DeKalb	3	Agricultural Communications	1 - Gold
Camille Thopy	Southwestern-Shelby	8	Agricultural Communications	2 - Gold
Reese Hissong	Hamilton Southeastern	5	Agricultural Communications	3 - Gold
Olivia Neal	Manchester	6	Agricultural Communications	4 - Gold
Gabbi Simonson	North Putnam	7	Agricultural Education	1 - Gold
Allie Johnson	Seeger	4	Agricultural Education	2 - Gold
Alyssa Allen	Shenandoah	9	Agricultural Education	3 - Gold
Molly Martz	NorthWood	2	Agricultural Education	4 - Gold
Grant Lake	Central Noble	3	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1 - Gold
Cole McCloskey	Lewis Cass	5	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	2 - Gold
Ben Hoover	North Miami	6	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	3 - Gold
Corbin Retz	Northeastern Wayne	9	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4 - Gold
Micah Rhoads	Shenandoah	9	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - PLACEMENT	1 - Gold
Oliver Hardy	Carroll @ Flora	5	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - PLACEMENT	2 - Gold
Brady Maschino	Jennings County	12	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - PLACEMENT	3 - Gold
Cole McCloskey	Lewis Cass	5	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - PLACEMENT	4 - Gold
Cassidy Riddle	Plymouth	2	Agricultural Processing	1 - Gold
Luke Schilling	Eastern Hancock	8	Agricultural Processing	2 - Gold
Vann Rose	Gibson Southern	10	Agricultural Processing	3 - Gold
Ashley Herrmann	Franklin County	12	Agricultural Processing	4 - Gold
Addie Gauck	North Decatur	12	Agricultural Sales - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1 - Gold

Alexa Newby	South Putnam	7	Agricultural Sales - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	2 - Gold
Kole Jester	Randolph Central	9	Agricultural Sales - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	3 - Gold
Cale Williams	Terre Haute South	7	Agricultural Sales - PLACEMENT	1 - Gold
Mylie Rexing	Gibson Southern	10	Agricultural Sales - PLACEMENT	2 - Gold
Dylan Miller	Huntington North	6	Agricultural Sales - PLACEMENT	3 - Gold
Juliana McIntire	Argos	2	Agricultural Sales - PLACEMENT	4 - Gold
Abigaile Wolfe	Indiana Ag & Tech	8	Agricultural Services	1 - Gold
Dane Kissell	Southwestern-Shelby	8	Agricultural Services	2 - Gold
Isaac Schaller	Culver	2	Agricultural Services	3 - Gold
Ezra Pohl	Gibson Southern	10	Agricultural Services	4 - Gold
Hunter Hendricks	Indiana Ag & Tech	8	Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication	1 - Gold
Chase Mingle	Shenandoah	9	Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication	2 - Gold
Brady Rorick	Seymour	11	Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication	3 - Gold
Payton Kline	Northeast Dubois	10	Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication	4 - Gold
Stella Freuchtel	Blue River Valley	9	Agriscience Research - Animal Systems	1 - Gold
Matthias Hefty	DeKalb	3	Agriscience Research - Animal Systems	2 - Gold
Reagan Koester	North Posey	10	Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	1 - Gold
Blaine Wagner	North Decatur	12	Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	2 - Gold
Jenna Lawler	Rushville	9	Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	3 - Gold
C. Isaac Schweitzer	DeKalb	3	Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	4 - Gold
Olivia Rigby	DeKalb	3	Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	1 - Gold
Meredith Erwin	Rushville	9	Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	2 - Gold
Justin Kilmer	Tri-County	1	Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	3 - Gold
Jayden Simpson	North Putnam	7	Beef Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1 - Gold
David Anderson	Wawasee	2	Beef Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	2 - Gold
Katilynn Koch	Riverton Parke	7	Beef Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	3 - Gold
Ashlan Kingery	Carroll @ Flora	5	Beef Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4 - Gold
Josey Day	Shenandoah	9	Beef Production - PLACEMENT	1 - Gold
Stephanie Berenda	South Newton	1	Beef Production - PLACEMENT	2 - Gold
Chase Harker	Hope	11	Beef Production - PLACEMENT	3 - Gold
Ashlan Kingery	Carroll @ Flora	5	Beef Production - PLACEMENT	4 - Gold
Faith Lortie	Central Noble	3	Dairy Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1 - Gold
Sophie Bollenbacher	Argos	2	Dairy Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	2 - Gold
Caylee James	Prairie Heights	3	Dairy Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	3 - Gold
Autumn Miller	NorthWood	2	Dairy Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4 - Gold
Kimberly Dirksen	Randolph Central	9	Dairy Production - PLACEMENT	1 - Gold
Delaney Oliger	Hagerstown	9	Dairy Production - PLACEMENT	2 - Gold
Kimberly Schroll	Manchester	6	Dairy Production - PLACEMENT	3 - Gold
Caroline Egolf	Churubusco	3	Dairy Production - PLACEMENT	4 - Gold
Josey Day	Shenandoah	9	Diversified Agricultural Production	1 - Gold
Keenan Appleton	Lewis Cass	5	Diversified Agricultural Production	2 - Gold
Phillip Sheets	Prairie Heights	3	Diversified Agricultural Production	3 - Gold
Zach Benter	Cascade	8	Diversified Agricultural Production	4 - Gold

Lucas Lyons	Jay County	6	Diversified Crop Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1 - Gold
Joe Widmer	Benton Central	4	Diversified Crop Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	2 - Gold
Daniel Tordai	South Newton	1	Diversified Crop Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	3 - Gold
Lilly Sterk	Tri-County	1	Diversified Crop Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4 - Gold
James Searcy	Cascade	8	Diversified Crop Production - PLACEMENT	1 - Gold
Nick Beckner	Adams Central	6	Diversified Crop Production - PLACEMENT	2 - Gold
Grant Woodruff	North Daviess	10	Diversified Crop Production - PLACEMENT	3 - Gold
Cole Rhoads	Southmont	4	Diversified Crop Production - PLACEMENT	4 - Gold
Blake Belter	Batesville	12	Diversified Horticulture	1 - Gold
Sarah Landers	Columbia City	3	Diversified Horticulture	2 - Gold
Kaleb Crowder	Hope	11	Diversified Horticulture	3 - Gold
Silas Batt	West Washington	11	Diversified Livestock	1 - Gold
Brody Polesel	Whiteland	8	Diversified Livestock	2 - Gold
Cynthia "Kenzie" Slough	Shakamak	7	Diversified Livestock	3 - Gold
Norman Tuholski	Franklin Community	8	Diversified Livestock	4 - Gold
Caidence McIver	Shelbyville Central	8	Environmental Science and Natural Resources	1 - Gold
Aiden Beadles	South Putnam	7	Environmental Science and Natural Resources	2 - Gold
Sidnee Mason	Indiana Ag & Tech	8	Equine Science - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1 - Gold
Addison Miller	Shenandoah	9	Equine Science - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	2 - Gold
Rebekah Legan	Indian Creek	8	Equine Science - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	3 - Gold
Lakin Jerrell	West Washington	11	Equine Science - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4 - Gold
Audrey Hostrawser	Hamilton Southeastern	5	Equine Science - PLACEMENT	1 - Gold
August Whitman	Sullivan	7	Equine Science - PLACEMENT	2 - Gold
Sydney Moore	North Putnam	7	Equine Science - PLACEMENT	3 - Gold
Jenna Bushong	Southmont	4	Equine Science - PLACEMENT	4 - Gold
Logan Kollman	Tri-County	1	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	1 - Gold
Jackson Hedrick	Lewis Cass	5	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	2 - Gold
Bryce Hasty	Greenfield Central	8	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	3 - Gold
Clayton Lovett	Shenandoah	9	Forage Production	1 - Gold
Sylus Webster	Clinton Central	5	Forage Production	2 - Gold
David Layne McGiffen	South Knox	10	Forage Production	3 - Gold
Grant Lake	Central Noble	3	Forage Production	4 - Gold
Brooke Fruechte	Adams Central	6	Forest Management and Products	1 - Gold
Conner Keeslar	Prairie Heights	3	Forest Management and Products	2 - Gold
Cole Lake	Central Noble	3	Forest Management and Products	3 - Gold
Clay Haddon	Indiana Ag & Tech	8	Forest Management and Products	4 - Gold
Cece Blankenship	Seeger	4	Fruit Production	1 - Gold
Hannah Goley	Madison	12	Fruit Production	2 - Gold
Regina Muhlenkamp	Jay County	6	Fruit Production	3 - Gold
Bailey Blacker	Rossville	5	Goat Production	1 - Gold
Jenna Kelsay	Whiteland	8	Goat Production	2 - Gold
Matthias Hefty	DeKalb	3	Goat Production	3 - Gold

Onika Struewing	Batesville	12	Goat Production	4 - Gold
Jacob Wattenbarger	Shenandoah	9	Grain Production	1 - Gold
David Burdick	South Newton	1	Grain Production	2 - Gold
Hayden Arnold	Hagerstown	9	Grain Production	3 - Gold
Benjamin McKinley	Sullivan	7	Grain Production	4 - Gold
Madison Newby	South Putnam	7	Landscape Management	1 - Gold
Hayden Davidson	South Newton	1	Landscape Management	2 - Gold
Easton Brier	Seeger	4	Landscape Management	3 - Gold
Caden Poling	Columbia City	3	Landscape Management	4 - Gold
Isaac Pohl	Gibson Southern	10	Nursery Operations	1 - Gold
Lindey Rees	Randolph Central	9	Nursery Operations	2 - Gold
Trinity Barricks	South Newton	1	Nursery Operations	3 - Gold
Katelyn Bava	South Newton	1	Nursery Operations	4 - Gold
Kat Walker	Prairie Heights	3	Outdoor Recreation	1 - Gold
Josie Kelsay	Whiteland	8	Outdoor Recreation	2 - Gold
Caden Sixberry	Southmont	4	Outdoor Recreation	3 - Gold
Camille Thopy	Southwestern-Shelby	8	Outdoor Recreation	4 - Gold
Lainey Thompson	Huntington North	6	Poultry Production	1 - Gold
Delaney Farmer	South Newton	1	Poultry Production	2 - Gold
Taylor Blackgrove	Northeast Dubois	10	Poultry Production	3 - Gold
Katie Hoffmeister	Hamilton Southeastern	5	Poultry Production	4 - Gold
Jack Qualkenbush	Blue River Valley	9	Service-Learning	1 - Gold
Lauryn Merritt	Maconaquah	6	Service-Learning	2 - Gold
Seth Ariens	North Putnam	7	Sheep Production	1 - Gold
Jordan Remsburg	North Daviess FFA	10	Sheep Production	2 - Gold
Mallory Bowers	Tippecanoe Valley	2	Sheep Production	3 - Gold
Kelby Roberts	Rushville	9	Sheep Production	4 - Gold
Christina Caldwell	Connersville	9	Small Animal Production and Care	1 - Gold
Chaynee Tennant	Manchester	6	Small Animal Production and Care	2 - Gold
Christina Eiler	NorthWood	2	Small Animal Production and Care	3 - Gold
Owen Kocher	Clinton Central	5	Small Animal Production and Care	4 - Gold
Cassidy Riddle	Plymouth	2	Specialty Animal Production	1 - Gold
Brynn Pershing	Sullivan	7	Specialty Animal Production	2 - Gold
Gabriel Little	Southmont	4	Specialty Animal Production	3 - Gold
Kayla Trent	Clinton Central	5	Specialty Animal Production	4 - Gold
Cailey Markley	Argos	2	Specialty Crop Production	1 - Gold
Layke Bannwart	LaPorte	1	Specialty Crop Production	2 - Gold
Ivy Hill	Clinton Prairie	5	Specialty Crop Production	3 - Gold
Stephanie Billman	Franklin County	12	Specialty Crop Production	4 - Gold
Libby Haab	Wawasee	2	Swine Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1 - Gold
Haley Graf	Rensselaer	1	Swine Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	2 - Gold
Cale Williams	Terre Haute South	7	Swine Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	3 - Gold
Makenzee Smith	Clinton Central	5	Swine Production - ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4 - Gold

Ian Rosenbaum	West Washington	11	Swine Production - PLACEMENT	1 - Gold
James Earnhart	Churubusco	3	Swine Production - PLACEMENT	2 - Gold
Kyle Swank	Seeger	4	Swine Production - PLACEMENT	3 - Gold
Shayla Sander	Northeast Dubois	10	Swine Production - PLACEMENT	4 - Gold
Dawson Woerner	Shenandoah	9	Turf Grass Management	1 - Gold
Ava Garrett	Shenandoah	9	Turf Grass Management	2 - Gold
Matthew Beckmann	DeKalb	3	Turf Grass Management	3 - Gold
Brooklyn Verhaeghe	Plymouth	2	Turf Grass Management	4 - Gold
Paige Clott	Randolph Central	9	Vegetable Production	1 - Gold
Levi Brush	Southmont	4	Vegetable Production	2 - Gold
Leanne Ludwig	Batesville	12	Vegetable Production	3 - Gold
Audrey Richardson	South Putnam	7	Vegetable Production	4 - Gold
Caylee James	Prairie Heights	3	Veterinary Science	1 - Gold
Gwyneth Seghi	Hoosier Hills FFA	11	Veterinary Science	2 - Gold
Sydney Pryor	Whiteland	8	Veterinary Science	3 - Gold
Braylee Bosworth	Randolph Central FFA	9	Veterinary Science	4 - Gold
Courtney Higgins	Switzerland County	12	Wildlife Production and Management	1 - Gold
Logan Strauser	White River Valley	7	Wildlife Production and Management	2 - Gold
Brody Williams	Lewis Cass FFA	5	Wildlife Production and Management	3 - Gold
Dylan Hurd	Warsaw	2	Wildlife Production and Management	4 - Gold

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