

10 Missouri FFA Members Named National Proficiency Finalists

Participants in the National FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards program receive a rating of National Finalist, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Participant or Disqualified. Four "National Finalists" are selected for each of the award areas and go on to compete for a national proficiency award. Proficiency award winners are announced on stage during the National FFA Convention & Expo. Each national finalist receives \$500 cash award and a plaque. National winners receive an additional \$500 award and a plaque.

Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Students can compete for awards in almost 50 areas covering everything from agricultural communications to wildlife management.

Missouri's national finalists include:

Ag Communications – Mariah Fox – Trenton

Ag Sales - Placement – William Davis - Mexico

Beef Production Entrepreneurship --Cole Diggins – Bronaugh

Dairy Production Entrepreneurship --Ashton Atteberry - Conway

Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship – Luke Henneke – Linn

Diversified Crop Production – Placement – Derek Stimpson – Trenton

Diversified Horticulture – Morgan LaBoube – Hermann

Grain Production – Entrepreneurship – Matthew Gastler – Audrain Co. R-VI

Outdoor Recreation – Jacob Blank – Richland

Specialty Animal Production -- Derek Anderson – Paris



Green City FFA member Zach Ayres was a 2016 National FFA Proficiency Award Finalist in Beef Production Placement.

