April 13, 2020

As you know, the pandemic has affected all of our lives and activities. We at Missouri FFA are working to find the best solutions within the health concern parameters given to us by our state and national leaders. With our postponed 92nd State FFA Convention and our normal award cycle for National FFA applications usually starting in April, we have decided to move forward with releasing awards in an effort to give students time to prepare their applications for national competition. During the week of April 20, 2020 we will be releasing videos prepared by the 2019-2020 State FFA Officers announcing Proficiency Award winners (both Area and 1st/2nd state winners), National Chapter Award winners (Gold, Silver, Bronze Emblem categories) and the final four members in each of the four Star State categories (Placement, Agribusiness, Agriscience and Farmer).

We plan to hold a convention later in the summer (in person or virtual) to focus on recognizing the achievements of FFA members and chapters while providing our state officer team the opportunity to celebrate the conclusion of a challenging FFA year. Our plan for the event is to recognize not only our proficiency winners, but also our chapters and their placing in our award program and name the star state winner in placement, agribusiness, agriscience and farmer along with other member recognitions like our State FFA Degree recipients.

Each evening of the week of April 20-24 between 7 and 8 p.m., we will release the award videos. We will use Missouri FFA's Facebook page (@MissouriFFA) and www.missouriffa.org as our release mechanism. The videos will also be posted on our Missouri FFA YouTube channel. Our mission was to find a time when families could watch each release together in the comfort of their HOME. Afterall, #MOFFAisHOME.

Thank you for your concerns and know we are stronger together!

2019-2020 Missouri FFA State Officer Team and State Staff

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Our current release schedule is as follows (NOTE: Any changes from this schedule will be announced via Facebook @MissouriFFA):

**Monday, April 20, 2020 starting at 7 p.m., the following awards will be released:**

- **Video 1** – State FFA Advisor message – Mr. Leon Busdieker
- **Video 2** – Agricultural Communications, Agricultural Education, Agricultural Mechanics Fabrication & Design – Elizabeth Brooks, State Vice President – Ashland FFA
- **Video 3** – Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (Entrepreneurship and Placement), Agricultural Processing – Kensie Darst, State Vice President – Aurora FFA
- **Video 4** – Agricultural Sales (Entrepreneurship and Placement), Agricultural Services – Alexandra Gast, State Secretary – Nevada FFA
- **Video 5** – Agriscience Research (Animal, Plant and Integrated Systems). Jacob Hall, State Vice President – Marshall FFA

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020 starting at 7 p.m., the following awards will be released:**

- **Video 1** – State FFA Advisor message – Mr. Leon Busdieker
- **Video 2** – Beef Production (Entrepreneurship and Placement), Dairy Production (Entrepreneurship and Placement) – Jessica Janorschke, State Vice President – DeKalb FFA
- **Video 3** – Diversified Agriculture Production, Diversified Crop Production (Entrepreneurship and Placement) – Drew Kientzy, State Vice President – Silex FFA
- **Video 4** – Diversified Horticulture, Diversified Livestock Production, Environmental Science & Natural Resource Management – Brenden Kleiboeker, State President – Pierce City FFA
- **Video 5** – Equine Science (Entrepreneurship and Placement), Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Jacob Knaebel, State Vice President – Fatima FFA
- **Video 6** – Food Service, Forage Production, and Forest Management – Natalie Koch, State Vice President – Belle FFA
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 starting at 7 p.m., the following awards will be released:

**Video 1** – State FFA Advisor message – Mr. Leon Busdieker

**Video 2** – Fruit Production, Goat Production, Grain Production – Kaylee Lewis, State Vice President – Chillicothe FFA

**Video 3** – Landscape Management, Nursery Operations, Outdoor Recreation – Isaiah Massey, State 1st Vice President – Troy FFA

**Video 4** – Message from National FFA Advisor – Dr. James Woodard

**Video 5** – Poultry Production, Service Learning, Sheep Production – Andrew Moore, State Vice President – Clark County FFA

**Video 6** – Small Animal Production & Care, Specialty Animal Production, Specialty Crop Production – Matthew Morgan, State Vice President – Lamar FFA

Thursday, April 23, 2020 starting at 7 p.m. the following awards will be released:

**Video 1** – State FFA Advisor Message – Mr. Leon Busdieker

**Video 2** – Swine Production (Entrepreneurship and Placement), Turf Grass Management – Tyler Schuster, State Vice President, Boonville FFA

**Video 3** – Vegetable Production, Veterinary Science, Wildlife Management – Kate Thompson, Columbia FFA

**Video 4** – Bronze and Silver Emblem Chapters – Alexis Wilkinson, Sikeston FFA

**Video 5** – Gold Emblem Chapters – Alexis Wilkinson, Sikeston FFA

Friday, April 24, 2020 starting at 7 p.m. the following awards will be released:

**Video 1** – State FFA Advisor Message – Mr. Leon Busdieker

**Video 2** – Star Placement Final 4 – Quentin Carlyle, State Officer Mentor – East Prairie FFA

**Video 3** – Star Agribusiness Final 4 – Quentin Carlyle, State Officer Mentor – East Prairie FFA

**Video 4** – Star Agriscience Final 4 – Quentin Carlyle, State Officer mentor – East Prairie FFA

**Video 5** – Star Farmer Final 4 – Quentin Carlyle, State Officer mentor – East Prairie FFA

**Video 6** – Message from National FFA Secretary – Kourtney Lehman

**Video 7** – Final Thoughts and message from State FFA President – Brenden Kleiboeker