



2026 State Proficiency Award Finalists

Recognition Thursday, May 28, 2026 – Second & Third Sessions

Award	Finalist	Chapter	District	Session
Agricultural Communications	Neil Goss	Ellsworth	North Central	Second
	Faith McMannis	Canton-Galva	South Central	Second
Agricultural Education	Erica Lieb	Pike Valley	North Central	Second
	Kenzie Kalb	Maize	South Central	Second
	James Marquardt	Greeley County	Southwest	Second
Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication	Ethan Fisher	Shawnee Heights	East Central	Second
	Clay Guttery	Osborne	Northwest	Second
	Cooper Springer	Neodesha	Southeast	Second
Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Placement	Liam Voelker	Linn	North Central	Second
	Gage Elliott	Buhler	South Central	Second
	Cooper Newby	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Agricultural Processing	Lanie Menold	Sabetha	Northeast	Second
	Coal VanZant	South Haven	South Central	Second
	Welch Murphy	West Elk	Southeast	Second
Agricultural Sales - Placement	Eli Olander	Southeast of Saline	North Central	Second
	Carly Bohlken	Marysville	Northeast	Second
	Anna Doyon	Maize	South Central	Second
Agricultural Services	Brody Brecheisen	Eudora	East Central	Second
	Mason Willard	Manhattan	North Central	Second
	Emmarie Ginest	Stafford	South Central	Second
Agriscience Research - Animal Systems	Kayleigh Goggins	Junction City	North Central	Second
Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	Hannah Huddleston	Junction City	North Central	Second
Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	Jodi Donley	Ellsworth	North Central	Second
	Jaycob Dieker	Canton-Galva	South Central	Second
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Tava Gustafson	Chapman	North Central	Second
	Addison Bontrager	Holton	Northeast	Second
	Cole Dieball	Little River	South Central	Second
Beef Production - Placement	Parker Schwarz	Prairie View	East Central	Second

	Madyson Runyon	Phillipsburg	Northwest	Second
	Taylor Gudde	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship	Lauren Benfer	Clay Center	North Central	Second
Dairy Production - Placement	Lauren Benfer	Clay Center	North Central	Second
	Hailey Wells	Cheney	South Central	Second
Diversified Agricultural Production	Logan Leiker	Hays	Northwest	Second
	Tucker Schlatter	Buhler	South Central	Second
	Taylor Gudde	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship	Charles Strauss	Chapman	North Central	Second
Diversified Crop Production - Placement	Brittney Dibben	Junction City	North Central	Second
	Jacob O'Trimble	Perry-Lecompton	Northeast	Second
	Gavin Foster	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Diversified Horticulture	Dakota Hittle	Royal Valley	Northeast	Second
	Alexis Andrew	Buhler	South Central	Second
	McKynlee Baker	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Diversified Livestock Production	Madison Johnson	Phillipsburg	Northwest	Second
	Kyser Nemecek	Iola	Southeast	Second
	Ethan Petersilie	La Crosse	Southwest	Second
Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management	Conner Hoelting	Mission Valley	East Central	Second
	Isabelle Rogge	Linn Chapter	North Central	Second
	Alexander Dolechek	Labette County	Southeast	Second
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Kira Johnson	Paola	East Central	Third
	Karli Haase	Ellsworth	North Central	Third
	Cashlee Smith	Labette County	Southeast	Third
Equine Science - Placement	Stetson Miller	Central Heights	East Central	Third
	John Svaty	Ellsworth	North Central	Third
	Clara Seiler	Andale	South Central	Third
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Brittney Dibben	Junction City	North Central	Third
Forage Production	Kylie Hines	Paola	East Central	Third
	Dawson Strunk	Washington County	North Central	Third
	Darren Bausch	Royal Valley	Northeast	Third
Forest Management and Products	McKenzie Baker	Washington County	North Central	Third
	Tristan Schlodder	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Colton Newton	Neodesha	Southeast	Third
Fruit & Nut Production	Abigail Gaston	Chapman	North Central	Third
Goat Production	Ella Neher	Hays	Northwest	Third
	Allison Simon	Andale	South Central	Third
	Jaci Falkenstien	Labette County	Southeast	Third
Grain Production	Aiden Sweet	Clay Center	North Central	Third
	Arika Feldman	Little River	South Central	Third
	Audra Oborny	La Crosse	Southwest	Third

Landscape Installation	Will Voos	Sabetha	Northeast	Third
Nursery Operations	Truman Schneider	Jayhawk Linn	East Central	Third
	Addilyn Lefferd	Royal Valley	Northeast	Third
Poultry Production	Dalton Peters	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Clara Seiler	Andale	South Central	Third
	Abigail Dolechek	Labette County	Southeast	Third
Service-Learning	Landon Baetz	Lakeside	Northwest	Third
	Lillian Triboulet	West Elk	Southeast	Third
Sheep Production	Mackenzie Krueger	Burlington	East Central	Third
	Kylie Stone	Republic County	North Central	Third
	Miley Baumgartel	Eureka	Southeast	Third
Small Animal Production and Care	Jonathan Wright	Washington County	North Central	Third
	Emily Biggs	Perry Lecompton	Northeast	Third
	Maggie Votruba	Greeley County	Southwest	Third
Specialty Animal Production	Jibrán Khmous	Manhattan	North Central	Third
	Laramie Self	Jackson Heights	Northeast	Third
	Elliette Nelson	Maize	South Central	Third
Swine Production - Entrepreneurship	Hadley Huseman	Ellsworth	North Central	Third
	Ashton Neill	Atchison County	Northeast	Third
	Cooper Jones	Buhler	South Central	Third
Swine Production - Placement	Natalie Sleichter	Clay Center	North Central	Third
	Colby Stoller	Sabetha	Northeast	Third
	Landon Baetz	Lakeside	Northwest	Third
Turf and Landscape Maintenance	Easton Ford	Manhattan	North Central	Third
	Isaac Hight	Marysville	Northeast	Third
	Lizzy Vajnar	Hays Chapter	Northwest	Third
Vegetable Production	Kade Pearson	Beloit	North Central	Third
	Emily Hare	Buhler	South Central	Third
Veterinary Science	Kasey Ohlde	Clay Center	North Central	Third
	Koree Stuke	Nemaha Central	Northeast	Third
	Eliza Rosenhagen	Cheney	South Central	Third
Wildlife Production and Management	Grant Warner	Holton	Northeast	Third
	Sadie Aylward	Andale	South Central	Third
	Jaya Fiscus	Labette County	Southeast	Third