

# News Release

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## **Horsens Named Star in Agricultural Placement Finalist**

Curtis Horsens of the Gillett FFA Chapter was a Finalist for the Star in Agricultural Placement Award for 2008 at the 79<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Horsens's advisor is Melissa Braun. Established in 1879, Horsens Homestead Dairy, owned by Curtis's parents Connie and Jeff Horsens milk 300-head of Holstein cows.

Curtis is instrumentally involved with the operation. The farm had been sending their heifer calves to growers, but were not satisfied with the results. Horsens stepped up to start the new business sector, "Curtis's Calf Care". With the construction of a new heifer barn, he is able to pay close attention to heifer reproduction, health, and growth in the facility.

Curtis enjoys showing their animals, exhibiting the first place heifer at the Wisconsin State Fair and was named the 2007 Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor in Oconto County. Curtis has attended many educational seminars that have taught him new techniques for raising his calves. Horsens is looking forward to college where he will be pursuing a degree in Dairy Science.

The Star in Agricultural Placement Awards are sponsored by the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives and Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation, Inc.

The State Convention is a grand event that celebrates the accomplishments of the students, advisors, and supporters who make our organization great. Over 3,000 Wisconsin FFA members and advisors representing more than 250 schools along with parents, alumni, sponsors, and guests gathered June 9-12, 2008 to participate in the 79<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention at the Exhibition Hall - Alliant Energy in Madison, Wisconsin.

The FFA Organization provides its members with an opportunity to gain life skills through hands-on learning. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

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