

News Release

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For Immediate Release

Arneson Wins State Discussion Meet Contest

Jens Arneson of the Stoughton FFA Chapter was named the state winner of the FFA Discussion Meet Contest at the 79th State FFA Convention at Madison, Wisconsin, June 10, 2008. Arneson's advisor is Mr. Jerry Wendt.

The Discussion Meet Contest tests the abilities of FFA members in cooperatively discussing agricultural issues, exchanging ideas and information and finding solutions to issues or problems. Modeled after the Farm Bureau Group Discussion Meet contest, contestants give a 30-second opening statement, participate in 15 minutes of discussion, and finish with a one-minute closing statement.

To qualify for the state finals, Arneson competed in several other contests during the past five months. These included: the chapter contest, district contest, sectional contest and finally the state semi-finals at Madison.

The other finalists were:

2nd Place:	Leah Christenson of Amery
3rd Place:	Danielle Niles of East Troy
4th Place:	Hannah Iverson of Plum City

The State FFA Discussion Meet Contest is sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and Affiliates as a special project of 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 250 schools along with parents, alumni, sponsors, and guests gathered June 9-12, 2008 to participate in the 79th State FFA Convention at the Alliant Energy Center of Dane County - Exhibition Hall in Madison, Wisconsin. FFA activities and award programs complement instruction in agricultural education by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in their classes. The FFA organization's major objectives are to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship.
