

News Release

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Farm Business Management Career Development Event State Winners Announced

The Belleville FFA Chapter was named the state winning FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event team. The team will now compete for plaques and individual medals at the National FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event to be held in October in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 81st National FFA Convention.

The members of the Belleville FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event team are: Ethan Schmaling, Mike Doyle, Tom Stadelman, and Caleb Mabis. The Belleville advisor is Ken Engelke. Ethan Schmaling was also the top scoring individual.

The Farm Business Management Career Development Event focuses on the student's ability to apply economic principles and concepts to make the correct business decisions and how to utilize records and other available information. Participants complete a 50-question multiple choice test which evaluates their understanding of economic principles in farm business management and a problem solving analysis which enables students to apply the concepts they have learned in agricultural classrooms to real-life situations.

The Farm Business Management Career Development Event is sponsored at the state level by the National Farmers Organization (NFO) and GROWMARK, Inc. through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation, Inc. and on the national level by John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

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 Exhibition Hall-Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The FFA's activities and award programs complement instruction in agricultural education by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in classes. The FFA organization's major objectives are to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship within its members.
