

# News Release

---

## Wisconsin Association of FFA

Wisconsin FFA Center  
P.O. Box 110  
Spencer, WI 54479  
Phone: (715) 659-4807  
Fax: (715) 659-5865

Contact: Cheryl Zimmerman

For Immediate Release

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

Thomas Horn of the Brillion 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. Horn's advisor is Gordie Gasch. Tom works on the family farm, Hornstead Dairy owned by his parents, Brian and Lori Horn. Their operation includes 500 milk cows on 900 tillable acres.

Tom is an integral part of Hornstead Dairy where he is responsible for all the calves and dry cows. Tom helped to design and assemble a custom-built pump trailer attached to their gator for feeding pasteurized waste milk to their 65 calves. He also takes care of the young heifers when they are put into groups at a second farm location. Horn keeps records on the stock and enters them into their farm computer system. He also has a strong interest in mechanics and is involved in the maintenance of their machinery. Horn plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College in their Dairy Operations program and return to production agriculture on the family farm.

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.

\*\*\*