

News Release

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Vomastic Named Star Farmer Finalist

Wes Vomastic of the Pulaski FFA Chapter was named as a Finalist for the Wisconsin Star Farmer Award for 2008 at the 79th State FFA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. His advisors are Jared Schaffner and Brian Pinchart. Wes is the son of Julie and Richard Vomastic.

Wes grew up on the family's dairy farm for the first thirteen years of his life. When all but six animals were sold in 2002, Wes saw it as an opportunity to start fresh and build a new herd in the direction he wanted to head. The success he had at World Dairy Expo peaked Wes's interest in the dairy industry as he began to rebuild a top quality herd. Wes keeps his cows at two area dairy farms where they are housed in exchange for their milk income. Wes works on both farms and has many responsibilities including milking, breeding, and watching for animal health. Wes has developed a keen eye for quality cattle and breeds his animals to specifically matched sires. Wes plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to major in Ag Economics. He would like to have a small hobby farm with a herd of quality cows. He also plans to carry on his dad's new cattle transportation business.

The Star Farmer Awards are sponsored by Alliant Energy Foundation and *Wisconsin State Farmer* 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 79th State FFA Convention at the Exhibition Hall at Alliant Energy Center - 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.
