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Indiana FFA names Section I Star in Agricultural Placement

Riley Lewis a member of the Prairie Heights FFA Chapter exceeded with his Supervised Agricultural Experience.

TRAFLAGAR, Indiana (June 6, 2016) – Indiana FFA Section 1 Star in Agriculture Placement is Riley Lewis from the Prairie Heights FFA Chapter. Lewis is the son of Brian and Debbie Lewis. Lewis's SAE consists of his work on his family dairy and crop operation and Poland Farms. Lewis started his work on his family farm filling in for absent employees or his father when he was wrapped up in other tasks. Later as Lewis gained more experience he gained more responsibilities and eventually invested into the farm by purchasing an automatic calf milk replacer feeder. Over time the farm bought that piece of equipment from him and the proceeds were used to purchase his own dairy cows. While in college, he continues his experience by working on a larger dairy operation. Lewis is currently attending Purdue for Agricultural Economics with a minor in Farm Management.

This named honor is a part of a larger awards program called the Indiana State Stars. Members determined as District and Section Stars then are interview for a chance to be named as State Star in these four prestigious awards: Star Farmer, Star Placement, Star Agribusiness and Agriscience. Lewis will find out if he is the next State Star on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7 pm in the Hoosier Degree Session during the 87th Indiana State FFA Convention at Purdue University. Those determined, as State Stars, in each of categories will receive a scholarship sponsored by The Jeff Lehman Family. The State Star program is sponsored by Elanco Animal Health and AgriGold Hybrids.

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About National FFA Organization - The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 610,240 student members as part of 7,665 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Indiana FFA Association webpage at inffa.org, or follow the conversation on Twitter, Facebook, or BlogSpot.

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