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## Indiana FFA names Section II Star in Agricultural Placement

*Cody Michel a member of the Manchester FFA Chapter exceeded with his Supervised Agricultural Experience.*

TRAFLEGAR, Indiana (June 6, 2016) – Indiana FFA Section 2 Star in Agriculture Placement is Cody Michel from the Manchester FFA Chapter. Michel is the son of Greg and Andrea Michel. Michel's SAE consists of working on his family's farm where they specialize in 4-H show pigs. Initially Michel had small tasks around the farm under supervision but now he is taking steps to one day be a partner in the operation. Michel helped expand the farms client list by creating a Facebook page for online marketing. Since graduation, Cody has been employed by Michel show pigs and Michel Farms.

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. Michel 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 87<sup>th</sup> 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](http://inffa.org), or follow the conversation on Twitter, Facebook, or BlogSpot.

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