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Indiana FFA names Section IV Star Farmer

Melissa Mutchman a member of the Forest Park FFA Chapter exceeded with her Supervised Agricultural Experience.

TRAFLAGAR, Indiana (June 6, 2016) – Indiana FFA Section 4 Star Farmer is Melissa Mutchman of the Forest Park FFA chapter. Mutchman’s SAE started in 2009 when she purchased her first rabbit. After diversifying her program to include Californian bucks and does, Mutchman began breeding, growing, and selling high quality rabbits. Today, Mutchman owns 25 percent of Happy Place Rabbitry with plans of taking over the business in the future.

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. Mutchman will find out if she 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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