

2020 Wisconsin State FFA Convention

Section 8 Highlights

Section 8 was well represented at the 2020 state FFA Convention which was held virtually on July 6-10. If you missed the convention it is on the Wisconsin Association of FFA Facebook as well as on the Wisconsin FFA Website. Here are just some of the highlights from our section:

Membership Awards:

~Sectional winner for membership growth was Oshkosh North FFA (+37 members)

~Receiving 2nd in state for largest percentage of school population was Bowler with 51% of their school population in FFA.

~Pride Award (Growing a chapter by 10 or more members) include: Bowler, Marion, New London, Oshkosh North, Shawano, Weyauwega-Fremont, Winneconne, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

Food For America: Three Chapters were recognized and earned Gold in Food For America. They are Manawa, Waupaca and Weyauwega-Fremont. Waupaca earned the state winner.

State Degrees: Congratulations to all 35 Section 8 State Degree Recipients:



Proficiencies: Section 8 had 30 members who earned state finalists on their proficiencies and of those were 6 state proficiency winners:

- ~Mason Marquette of Weyauwega-Fremont, Ag Processing
- ~Anna Doyle of Waupaca, Beef Production Entrepreneurship
- ~Kayla Reed of Pulaski, Environmental Sciences
- ~Alex Orr of Waupaca, Forage Production
- ~Verena Bartel of Waupaca, Organic Agriculture
- ~Jessica Magdanz of Weyauwega-Fremont, Swine Production Entrepreneurship

Proficiency Sponsorship: Section 8 FFA Alumni & Supporters sponsors a proficiency area with a portion of each chapter's dues. This year the Wisconsin FFA Foundation chose to use our donation to sponsor the Food Service Proficiency Area. The Food Service Proficiency Winner was Mia Hillebrand of the River Valley FFA. Noah Bestul of Bowler FFA was the 4th place winner in that area. We received a nice thank you from the foundation for the sponsorship. We will also receive a thank you from each finalist. Thank you Section 8 FFA Alumni.

National Chapter: 9 Chapters were recognized for National Chapter. Silver rated chapters include Bonduel, Bowler, New London and Seymour. Earning Gold and advancing to Nationals was Freedom, Manawa, Waupaca, Weyauwega-Fremont and Winneconne. Overall Results: Manawa-10th place, Freedom-8th place, Weyauwega-Fremont-2nd place and Waupaca FFA-State Winner.

Three Star Leaders: Nine Section 8 members earned 3 Star Leader. Congratulations to the following members:

Trinity Brede-Bonduel

Zachary Fehrman-Bowler

Grace Angotti-Freedom

Callie Oltz-Manawa

Brayden Hahn-New London

Lila Kilsdonk-Seymour

Everlah Riley-Waupaca

Ashley Johnson-Weyauwega-Fremont

Amber Ryan-Winneconne

*CDEs and LDEs Did not happen this year due to COVID

Star in Ag Placement:

Star in Ag Placement Finalists from our Section include Peter Gorman of New London

Star Farmer:

Star Farmer Finalists include: Lane Nett of Weyauwega-Fremont. Everlah Riley of Waupaca FFA was the Star Farmer Runner-up.

Star in Ag Science:

Kayla Reed of Pulaski-Star in Agriscience!!

Agriscience Fair:

Animal Systems-Claire Duch & Rachel Weyland of New London-Top Gold



Congratulations to Katie Loehrke of the Weyauwega-Fremont FFA. She is the 2020-21 Wisconsin FFA State Officer representing Section 8. We look forward to working with her. Thank you to Lydia Williams for doing a fantastic job representing Section 8 as our 2019-20 state officer.