

Presenting the BIG E FFA Star Awards on September 19, 2009 were the President of the Eastern States Exposition, Mr. Wayne McCary, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the BIG E Mr. Don Chase, and representing the Farm Credit Bank Associations who are sponsoring the 2009 Stars program, Mr. James Putnam, Vice President, First Pioneer Farm Credit of Enfield.

The 2009 Eastern States Exposition Star in Ag Placement – Brittany Lynn Pestey, Connecticut

The first member we would like to recognize is our Star Ag Placement winner. This young lady, at 18 years old has dedicated many hours working at Spielman Farms LLC in Baltic, Connecticut. Her SAE project consists of milking cows and managing feedings for a herd of 400 cows, 20 calves, and 200 heifers. This member will continue her education at the University of Connecticut as an animal science major. Congratulations to Brittany Lynn Pestey of the Lebanon Regional FFA Chapter, Lebanon, Connecticut.

The 2009 Eastern States Exposition Star in Agribusiness- Matthew VanScoy, Ohio

Our Star Agribusiness winner is from the Ridgemont FFA chapter in Ohio. Creating his SAE project around his interest in Greenhouse Production, this Star was able to grow his time and effort into a successful business. With future interests including expanding the family greenhouse to encompass his own hydroponics lettuce enterprise, the 2009 Big E Star Agribusiness winner is from Ohio, Matthew VanScoy.

The 2009 Eastern States Exposition Star Farmer – Kenneth D. Quick Jr., New York

Raised on a family dairy farm, this star farmer's SAE project focused on increasing both herd size and milk yield. With future plans that include graduating high school and attending college for Agriculture Law, your Star Farmer hopes to stay involved in agriculture and community service. From the Granville FFA chapter in the state of New York, your 2009 Big E Star Farmer is Kenneth D. Quick Jr.

The 2009 Eastern States Exposition Star in Agriscience – J. Wyatt Hall,  
Virginia

Hailing from the Giles FFA chapter in Virginia, the Star Agriscience winner is an 18 year old with an interest in experimenting with his Christmas Tree Growing SAE project. By using his SAE as part of his Agri-science projects, this young man discovered the efficiency of a hydraulic ram pump, which uses the power of falling water to pump water to a higher point, and explored the combination of two continuously variable transmissions in a single system, with the intent of producing a more adaptable transmission system. His future plans include graduating from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's in Agriculture Engineering.