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Wahpeton and Richland #44 FFA students excel at the 2025 State FFA Convention

BY CAMERON SUTPHIN Reporter

Wahpeton and Richland #44 Future Farmers of America (FFA) students won big at the 2025 State FFA Convention.

During the 96th Annual State FFA Convention, more than 1,300 FFA members, advisors, judges, sponsors and presenters from across the state gathered on the North Dakota State University campus.

Members conduct official North Dakota FFA business and compete in over 30 different award, degree and CDE events throughout the week.

"Richland #44 FFA had a great week at the state convention and received many honors. In all, 20 members participated in career development events and various award applications," Richland #44 Ag Instructor Tony Boehm

The highlight of the week for the Richland #44 FFA was when Cora Hermunslie was recognized as the 2025 State Star in Agricultural Placement.

This honors Hermunslie as the most outstanding senior in the state in the area of job placement for her work, FFA involvement, academic achievement and community service.

Richland #44 FFA student Kalie Boehm was a state finalist in the State Star in Agri-Science. Boehm and Hermunslie, along with tional level through Julianne Baker and Alexis Vyvyan, earned their State FFA Degree, the highest recognition given by the ND FFA Association.

Richland #44 FFA student Emma Heyen was recognized on stage for qualifying for her American FFA Degree, the highest degree given in FFA. It will be awarded to her at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, I.N. this October.

The Richland #44

FFA chapter was recognized as a State Superior Chapter finalist, and its National Chapter Award application will be considered for the National Models of Innovation Award. The chapter was also selected as one of three chapters in the Premier Chapter Award Category for Building Communities for its work in community service.

Richland 44 FFA received a gold award in the Food for America Program award application.

In the food science event, Hermunslie took first-place honors and earned the coveted Baby Bison Trophy.

The Environmental/ Natural Resources team placed 7th and earned a gold rating. Ethan Skoog placed 10th and Colton Dockter placed 15th; both were awarded gold pins. A gold award and 10th place finish were earned by the Small Animal Care team. Ethan Skoog, Alexa Almendarez, Carter Pfeiff and Austen Pfeiff all earned gold awards. The floriculture team took a silver rating and 14th place.

The Farm Business Management team placed 17th. Ina Gauslow competed in basic agricultural mechanics event, earning a 15th-place state finish, and Julianne Baker earned a silver award in the nursery landscape contest.

State champions and advancing to the natheir Proficiency Award applications will be Nick Wulfekuhle in Outdoor Recreation, Kalie Boehm in Agricultural Education, and Preston Schmit in Diversified Grain Production. Also a state finalist in her Agricultural Service Proficiency Award was Cora Hermunslie.

The Wahpeton FFA students also had a good showing:

The Advanced Ag Mechanics Team earned silver. Wyatt Falck



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The Richland #44 FFA chapter from left, Payton Willprecht, Eli Rieger, Ethan Skoog, Julianne Baker, Kalie Boehm, Cora Hermunslie, Cody Boehm, Ina Gauslow, Colton Docker, Austen Pfeiff and Milo Selstedt.

earned a bronze individual, Owen Skovholt earned a bronze individual, and David Sanborn earned a silver individual.

In the Agriscience Fair category, Aubrey Odens earned a silver individual, and Marisa Mumm earned a gold individual and placed first. She is eligible to submit her paper to Nationals for a fourth chance at a national placing.

Boedy Miller earned a bronze individually in milk quality, and Lizzy Cherry earned a bronze individually in small animal care.

Mason Miller earned a 2025 State FFA Degree and was recognized as a state finalist as a Star in Agricultural Placement, while Julya Seibold and Jenna Seibold were recognized for their achievement in submitting and qualifying to receive their American FFA Degree.

"A large amount of thanks goes to many individuals. From the Wahpeton FFA Alumni, the parents, the ND State FFA Association & Foundation, NDSU, and all the advisors, judges and sponsors who made this week possible," Wahpeton Agricultural Educator Calista Ringler said.



Richland #44 FFA student Cora Hermunslie holds her individual Food Science first place honors and the coveted Baby Bison Trophy.



Richland #44 FAA students from left, Nick Wulfekuhle, Preston Schmit, Kalie Boehm and Cora Hermunslie hold their Proficiency Awards.

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Dated this 3 day of June, 2025.

Secretary/Treasurer of Board