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Chip Bartos to Compete in Beef Production - Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award Program at National Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Chip Bartos of Verdigre FFA Chapter, in Nebraska was named a national finalist in the Beef Production - Entrepreneurship Proficiency award program in July, 2009. Four finalists will compete to be named the national winner during the 82nd National FFA Convention, October 21-24, in Indianapolis, IN.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excelled as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while they gained hands-on career experience. Beef Production - Entrepreneurship is one of 47 FFA proficiency award categories offered at local, state and national levels. Beef Production - Entrepreneurship Proficiency award program is sponsored by **Bayer Animal Health and Nasco Division - Nasco International, Inc.**, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. In recognition of being a finalist, each of the four finalists will receive a plaque and \$500. The national winner of the Beef Production - Entrepreneurship will receive an additional \$500 during a special ceremony at the national FFA convention.

Ever since he can remember, Chip Bartos of Verdigre, Nebraska has been working cattle. The Verdigre FFA chapter member was given his first cow when he was born. As he grew older, his herd began to expand. Currently, he has 40 cows. He plans on keeping some of the heifers as replacements and some of the bulls will be saved and sold at the annual bull sale. He is supported by his parents, Keith and Nancy Bartos and his FFA advisor, Kevin Randa.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,439 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. 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. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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