

Star in Ag Placement

This year's Star in Ag Placement is a graduate from Lyman Memorial High School and a four-year FFA member. Their Supervised Agricultural Experience includes working on their family's dairy farm, where they carry out various tasks, including maintaining the dairy facilities and taking care of the livestock. Congratulations to Ethan Smith from the Lebanon Regional FFA Chapter in Connecticut for becoming the 2015 Star in Ag Placement.

Star in Agriscience

The Star in Agriscience has gained expertise in the area of plant science. By working at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. This future plant pathologist assisted in variety trials of peas, snap beans, and sweet corn. Congratulations to Karen Luong from the Whitman FFA Chapter in New York on becoming the 2015 Big E Star in Agriscience.

Let us give a big round of applause to these winners in the Big E Stars program.

Thank you for your attendance, support, and belief in the future of agriculture through youth leadership. Let the circus begin!

(US Flag and FFA Flag move to the front of the podium and cross with the US Flag crossing in front of the FFA Flag. The US & FFA flags will lead the state flags WV and VA flags at the head of the column. Jason will follow the flags leading the stars out of the tent.

(Pictures of the Stars will be taken outside the tent with Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Chase and Mr. xxx)

Group of flag bearers and marchers will be escorted to the parade start gate area. Upon conclusion of the parade, the group will return to Mallary Ag office to drop off flags and flag carriers. Ag van will bring students who have to go the banquet to the Sheraton.

Star Agriscience Contestant:

- Karen Luong, New York
- Jenna Diehl, Pennsylvania
- Justin Roberts, New Hampshire

Now, it's my pleasure to introduce three very special friends of the FFA, the President of the Eastern States Exposition, Mr. **EUGENE J. CASSIDY**, *(pause)* the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the BIG E Mr. Don Chase, *(pause)* and representing the Farm Credit Banks who are sponsoring this FFA program, Vice President of Farm Credit East, Mr._____.

(Enter Cassidy, Chase, and xxx, who stand by the podium. They present the clocks and checks to the recipients.)

Jason reads the winners in each category and the winner comes forward to receive their award and congratulations from Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Chase, and Mr. xxx

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Star Farmer

The 2015 Star Farmer is very involved in several operations on their family farm. Their projects consist of swine finishing, corn for grain, soybeans for grain, as well as, wheat and barley production. We are excited to announce Michael Long Jr. from the Northern Lebanon FFA Chapter in Pennsylvania as the Big E Star Farmer!

Star in Agribusiness

Our 2015 Big E Star in Agribusiness is a five-year FFA member and is currently a senior in high school. This star has been working on their Supervised Agricultural Experience since the 7th grade. In their SAE, they make their own maple syrup through over 300 taps that produce at least 50 gallons annually. Congratulations to Andrew Fletcher, from the Cobleskill-Richmondville FFA Chapter in the State of New York for being selected as this year's Big E Star in Agribusiness.