

Star Farmers:

- New Hampshire: Caroline Crouch
- Pennsylvania: William P. Horning
- Massachusetts: Barry Nadon III
- Delaware: Ryan Harris
- Connecticut: Dixie Anne Moon
- New Jersey: Brittany Smith
- Virginia: Ethan Gochenour
- New York: Katelyn O'Hare

Star Agribusiness:

- Connecticut: Laura A. Smith
- Pennsylvania: Nathaniel W. Guldin
- Delaware: Christie Little
- Maine: Micayla Driscoll
- New Jersey: Brian Gerges
- Massachusetts: Dustin T. Koocher

Star Placement:

- Connecticut: Drew B. Cappelli
- Delaware: Tyler C. Meixell

-New York: Patrick R. Coombe

-Virginia: Samuel Rhodes

-Pennsylvania: Alyssa K. Yoder

Star Agriscience:

Pennsylvania: Kassandra Nulton

New York: Megan R. Lamb

Virginia: Theresa Seibel

Delaware: Erica Malloy

New Hampshire: Kristen Nicole Frender

Star Farmer

When the family farm was dwindling due to other work demands, this person was ready to step up and take over the farm. With an agreement with a family member, this person was able to rent land and equipment, this operation has grown to producing hay, corn, cattle, market hogs, and broilers. While much of their hay and cattle are sold at local auctions, this person has since been able to start selling his products privately. Additionally, through his feeder hog operation, this person butchers his hogs and then sells the meat. This person intends to study agricultural equipment and technology at Suny Cobleskill. Your 2017 Star Farmer, from Pennsylvania, William Horning.

Star in Agribusiness

From what started as simply mowing a few lawns in the neighborhood, to now hoping to pursue a degree in landscape design and construction, this person's supervised agricultural experience program is owning and operating their own landscape design, construction, and

maintenance business. This self-sustaining business has allowed this person to purchase all of their own equipment through their income, continuing to grow their business. Through the hard work and dedication put into doing stellar landscape jobs, this person has managed to expand their clientele significantly. Congratulations to the 2017 Star in Agribusiness, from New Jersey, Brian Gerges!

Star in Ag Placement

This supervised agricultural experience program started as a family farm operation raising donkeys, llamas, goats, and sheep. Since its beginnings, it has expanded to having experience working on a dairy farm, a local horse farm, a landscaping company, a hay operation, and a custom silage operation. Because of their experience in working on a custom silage farm, this person has ambition to pursue a job working at Wilson's Family Custom Silage Operation in Ireland. Ultimately, this person would like to own a crop or dairy farm. Ladies and gentlemen, the 2017 Star in Agricultural Placement, from Connecticut, Drew Brockett Cappelli!

Star in Agriscience

This person has had a passion for agriculture since a young age, sparked by working on their family operation which includes crops and angus cattle. This research project included investigating the success rate of artificial insemination with the end goal being to maximize the number of angus offspring. While the risks were high, the potential benefits of inserting a ICDR device outweighed those risks. Ultimately, this person obtained a beef quality assurance certification. Additionally, this person is taking the less traditional route to continue their involvement in the agriculture industry by majoring in nursing, and working in rural healthcare. The 2017 Star in Agriscience, from Virginia, Theresa Seibel!