Star Farmer <u>Mikara Anderson</u>

This member started their multiple supervised agricultural experiences with their 4-H program and then transitioned to FFA. Their life began in agriculture on their family's dairy farm where they had fostered an interest in raising and breeding sheep. This member began with only two Icelandic sheep to now has 82 breeding head from four different breeds. With this SAE this member's goal is to market their lambs through their farming business and to make money to put towards their college education. This member plans on attending Pennsylvania State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in animal science and a minor in leadership and community development. This member hopes to be on Dean's List every semester and eventually attend Law School. Congratulations to the 2019 Star Farmer from Pennsylvania, Mikara Anderson!

Star in Agribusiness <u>Kendall Metz</u>

This member developed their interest of the world of poultry in 2016 through their Animal Science class. After convincing their family to invest a flock of their laying hens. This member began applying for various grants to help subsidize the cost of their project. This member was awarded the California Certified Organic Farmers grant to help start "Triple M Hatchery". With their existing laying hens this member began to breed their poultry for specific traits like egg color, forging ability and hardiness. This member sells eggs year-round and hatch chicks in the spring. They plan to attend an agricultural college where they will major in Animal Science and Agricultural Education. Congratulations to the 2019 Star in Agribusiness from Delaware, Kendall Metz

Star in Ag Placement Jacob Wuebker

Our 2019 Star in Ag Placement was hired in February of 2014 on their family's third generation farm that was started in 1950 by their grandfather. The family operation consists of one thousand acres of corn, soybean, wheat and alfalfa. The farm also has two thousand sows from farrow to weaning and two hundred dairy steers. As a part of their SAE, they were in charge of feeding, breeding and processing steers to name a few of their tasks. They were motivated by the need to feed the ever-growing population and seeing the end product of their toil whether it was the crops, cattle or swine. They plan to graduate from college and join the family farm full time as a part of the fourth generation of the Wuebker Farms LLC. Congratulations to the 2019 Star in Ag Placement, from Ohio-Jacob Wuebker!

Star in Agriscience <u>Arlyn Tegtmeir-Oatman</u>

This member's SAE has been an on-going research investigation of the impacts that different diets have on an animal's nutrition- primarily Rodentia. They received a grant from the Pennsylvania Society of Biomedical Research to help purchase the necessary equipment for their research. This research project stemmed from the desire to find a diet that would help their dog gain weight back after being diagnosed with stomach cancer and being given three months to live. This fall, this member will attend Pennsylvania State University with a major in Animal Science and a double minor in Agricultural Business and International Agriculture. They hope to continue their international nutritional trials by moving from rodentia to livestock like poultry. Congratulations to the 2019 Star in Agriscience, from Pennsylvania- Arilyn Tegtmeier-Oatman!

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