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### Young Scientists Compete Nationally

FFA high school students from SD chapters will compete with peers from throughout the nation as they present exhibits on personal research in agricultural related fields. The competition takes place annually as one of the many events held during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis IN., Oct. 21- 24th. Participants from 52 associations will defend their projects against entries in 20 divisions.

The following FFA members will display their exhibits at the National FFA Convention AgriScience Fair:

- ◆ Botany – Jr. Division: Kendra Peterson, Sisseton
- ◆ Botany – Sr. Division: Chelley Eisebeisz, Bowdle
- ◆ Engineering – Jr. Division: Matt Hummel, Florence
- ◆ Engineering – Sr. Division: Nicholas Mueller, Garretson
- ◆ Biochemistry – Sr. Division: Brandy Heathcote, Florence
- ◆ Zoology – Jr. Division: Jordan Wellnitz, Florence

SD's state awards and a \$100 travel scholarship for national participants are sponsored by Toyota. It is one of the many ways FFA combines classroom teaching and hands-on-learning to prepare our nation's youth for future success.

FFA is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,339 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives 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 <http://www.ffa.org> for more information.