

STATE PROFICIENCY AWARDS

2026 STATE FINALISTS

Agricultural Communications

Anne Cabrales, Fillmore
Shaminka Elwin, Merced-El Capitan
Brianna Ramirez, Madera

Agricultural Education

Amber Barnett, Elk Grove
Samantha Grant, Bakersfield-Frontier
David Aaron Noland, San Luis Obispo

Agricultural Mechanics Design/Fabrication

Carson Prescott, Altaville-Bret Harte
Adrian Sánchez Venegas, Madera
Jan Santiago, Greenfield

Agricultural Mechanics Repair/Maintenance Entrepreneurship

Tao Trejo, Madera
Braden Wheeler, Templeton

Agricultural Mechanics Repair/Maintenance Placement

Colton Cota, Tulare,
Garrett N Johnson, Nipomo
Chase Nickens, Ramona

Agricultural Processing

Hayley Ferguson, Exeter
Wyatt Hackney, Escalon
Sophia Logan, Wheatland

Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship

Isabel Ferreira, Vacaville
Sofia Figueroa-Méndez, Merced-El Capitan
Jade Juarez, Bakersfield-Foothill

Agricultural Sales Placement

Gabriel Laymon, Shingle Springs-Ponderosa
Maddox Macias, Lakeside-El Capitan
Zane Smull, Lincoln

Agricultural Services

Baylor Bloom, Gustine
Kenzie Garramore, Sutter
Ryan Lamb, Bakersfield-Independence

Agriscience Research – Animal Systems

Charlie Cobb, Lakeside-El Capitan
Addisen Cole, Nicolaus-East Nicolaus
Riley Piehl, Santa Rosa

Agriscience Research – Integrated System

Harper Kempen, Elk Grove
Owen Osterkamp, Holtville
Journey Penterman, St. Helena

Agriscience Research – Plant Systems

Addison Jones, Lakeside-El Capitan
Matthew Viader, St. Helena
Abigail Woods, Galt-Liberty Ranch

Beef Production Entrepreneurship

Patrick Simas, Lemoore
Joseph Schohr, Gridley
Emmett Wise, Mariposa County

Beef Production Placement

Briley Bowen, Paso Robles
Ellis Macfarlane, Cottonwood-West Valley
Nancy Sullivan, Altaville-Bret Harte

Dairy Production Entrepreneurship

Kherington Azevedo, Hilmar
Tinnley Pidgeon, Ferndale
Lauren Silveira, Chowchilla

Dairy Production Placement

Jackson Alves, Hamilton City-Hamilton
John Rosa, Visalia-El Diamante
Eva Taylor, Tomales

Diversified Agricultural Production

Katie Looper, Galt
Mathew Machado, Madera
Thomas Woliung, Lakeside-El Capitan

Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship

Aaron Ramirez, Fresno-Central
Jacob Zuniga, St Helena

Diversified Crop Production Placement

Jackson Alves, Hamilton City-Hamilton
Baylor Bloom, Gustine
Jay Lemstra, Visalia-CVC

Diversified Horticulture

Uriel Andrade, Porterville-Monache

Diversified Livestock

Mathew Machado, Madera
Kennedy Nall, Colusa
Robert Williamson, Atwater

Environmental Science/Nat Resources

Isaac Callison, Visalia-Central Valley Christian
Bradley Inman, Grass Valley-Nevada Union
Elliott Kramer, Galt

Equine Science Entrepreneurship

Fernando Bobadilla Navia, Madera
Austin Cline, Arbuckle-Pierce
Rylee DeMarta, Cloverdale

Equine Science Placement

Blake Earley, Oroville-Las Plumas
Abigail Samuels, Linden
Karina Venegas, Madera

Fiber/Oil Crop

No finalists in this area

Fruit and Nut Production

Nicholas Bonomi, Sanger
Toby M Kesselring, Arroyo Grande
Logan Daniel Rose, Galt

Forage Production

Mason Medley, Madera
Laurel Peterson, Atwater
Carlos Valdez, Greenfield

Forest Management/Products

Cooper Cook, Ferndale
Jake King, King City
Ty Tweedy, Sanger

Goat Production

Carson Borba, Atwater
Sofia Sousa, Hanford
Thomas Woliung, Lakeside-El Capitan

Grain Production

Charles Ferguson, Lemoore
Weston LaGrande, Arbuckle-Pierce

Landscape Installation

No finalists in this area

Nursery Operations

Anastacia Bellows, Fallbrook
Alexa Jimenez Franco, Exeter
Alley Long, Atwater-Buhach Colony

Outdoor Recreation

Cooper Dalo, Lakeside-El Capitan
Zachary Hunter, Merced-El Capitan
Emily Rathjen, Woodland

Poultry Production

Isaac Gutierrez, King City
Kayzen Hickingbottom, Brawley
Izabellah Torres, Bakersfield-Highland

Service Learning

Abigail Woods, Galt-Liberty Ranch

Sheep Production

Madysen Dietz, Merced-El Capitan
Hailee Luiz, Yreka
Zoey Wilkerson, Bakersfield-Independence

Small Animal Production and Care

Amanda M Kurowski, Fairfield-Rodriguez
Saray Madriz Alcaraz, Madera
Robert Williamson, Atwater

Specialty Animal Production

Clarke Conrad, Merced-El Capitan
Diego Leal, Hamilton City-Hamilton
Tyler Joseph Harris, Chowchilla

Specialty Crop Production

Hayley Ballantyne, Visalia-VTEC
Hannah Covarrubias, Fullerton-Sunny Hills
Dulce Hernandez Reyes, Santa Maria-Pioneer Valley

Swine Production Entrepreneurship

Alana Flanagan, Bakerfield-Highland
Gauge Goehring, Galt
Katelyn Nolan, Cottonwood-West Valley

Swine Production Placement

Carson Mendonza, Modesto
Emelie Rhoades, Bakersfield-Highland
Jocelyn Vargas, Menifee-Heritage

Turf Grass and Landscape Management

Juan F Alcantar Blanco, St Helena
Liliana Saldana, Wheatland
Christopher Tornero, Madera

Vegetable Production

Rafael Hernandez, Tulelake
Isabel Silva, Santa Maria
Chloe Van Dyk, Visalia-Central Valley Christian

Veterinary Medicine

Jonah Medina, La Harba
Kate Rose, Hanford
Emma White, Shingle Springs-Ponderosa

Wildlife Management

Jason Erickson, Arroyo Grande
Derek Rulon, Cottonwood-West Valley
Briley Williams, Bakersfield-Frontier