

Twenty-five local 4-H clubs honored at Governor's Ag Excellence Awards



Twenty-five 4-H clubs in Nebraska were honored at the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards on Monday, June 25. The event, sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, was held in the R.B. Warren Arena in the Animal Science Complex at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus.

Winning clubs received a banner and \$500 to complete a community service or club project. The awards are given to 25 clubs annually by NIFA. This year, a total of \$12,500 was awarded to club winners. Since 1997, NIFA has provided over \$199,000 for the 4-H program.

The following community members were at the event to present awards: Governor Pete Ricketts; Steve Wellman, director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture; Dr. Jill Lingard, extension specialist; Dr. Beth Doll, interim dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences; Dudley Beyer, ag programs manager of NIFA; and Stu Shepherd, executive director of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation.

After the event, awards were presented to youth participating in the PASE/Life Challenge programs.

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The following clubs received \$500 Governor's Ag Excellence Awards this year:

- Bit and Spurs - Red Willow County
- Blazing Saddles - Lancaster County
- Bourne Equestrian - Lancaster County
- Cedar Creek 4-H Club - Antelope County
- Cheyenne County 4-H Robotics Club - Cheyenne County
- Dryland Toughies 4-H Club - Cheyenne County
- Eager Achievers - Hamilton County
- Future Producers - Washington County
- Horse Lovers Club - Washington County
- Hunters Pride - Lancaster County
- Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council - Lancaster County
- Monster Hares - Cass County
- Nance County Robotics - Nance County
- Needles & Nails 4-H Club - Cedar County
- Oconto 4-H Club - Custer County
- Platte County 4-H Robotics - Platte County
- Prairie Star 4-H Club - Lancaster County
- Pride of the Prairie 4-H Club - Gosper County
- Rabbits R Us - Lancaster County
- Round 'Em Up Cattle Club - Sarpy County
- Shamtastic Clovers - Lancaster County
- Sheridan County Robotics Club - Sheridan County
- Silver Creek 4-H Club - Otoe County
- Sumner Livestock - Dawson County
- Trailblazers - Nance County