

Supervised Agricultural Experience



Weston Dixon, a junior at Green County High School, is learning many things with his sheep project that started with the help of a USDA Youth Loan. James Bonta, Agriculture teachers, talked to Dixon about starting the SAE project. To participate in the program, a student must be involved in FFA or 4-H. They must complete a business plan on how to repay the low-interest loan. Dixon has already had success with his sheep. He purchased 20 ewes and has had several lambs born with a few sets of twins. "My goal right now," Dixon said, "is sustaining the sheep project and eventually growing the flock."



Carson Thompson received the SAE Launch Grant and is currently constructing a fence in a field close to his house, so that he can expand his cattle herd.



Brennan Jewell was awarded a SAE Launch Grant in the fall of 2020 to use this spring for sweet corn.

"I'm grateful to have an opportunity to start my own little business, without this grant it would be nearly impossible to get started," Jewell said. "For my SAE, I am going to plant an acre of sweet corn to sell. This \$500 will help me buy all of the essential supplies that will get the job done. These supplies include: seed, fertilizer, pesticides, and other material that is necessary to sell my corn."

"I would like to give a thanks to FFA and Mr. Bonta for making this all possible and for all the help and support."



Davi Thompson works with her bottle calves for her SAE project. Four members have completed applications for the 2021 spring semester round. Those students are hoping to start a chicken project and 3 members are wanting to purchase some calves to feed. This round of grants will announced approximately March 1.



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