

FFA members earn grant money to Grow in Agriculture

Five Green County FFA members have earned \$500 each in grant money to start or expand their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Twice a year, the Kentucky FFA Foundation sponsors and awards these grants. These students submitted an application and were selected from hundreds of students across the state. Their SAEs are highlighted below.

Fall 2025 Emma Robertson Dog Training

Emma's family has had dogs, specifically dogs trained for hunting, her entire life. She claims this as the reason was first interested in training dogs for hunting. Dogs that Emma works with learn obedience, retrieval, and how to stay calm in a hunting environment. With her funding, she was able to buy additional equipment for training such as a stay-in-place mat, throwing/retrieval tools, and a desensitization tool.



Tanner Jewell earned a grant for his deer corn supervised agricultural experience.



Emma Robertson, Danielle Milby, and Gracie Hazelwood earn a grant for their supervised agricultural experience projects.

Spring 2025 Brayden Davenport Beef Cattle

Brayden, along with other members of his family, raise beef cattle. When he realized he was wasting part of his rolled hay by feeding it on the ground, Brayden earned an SAE grant to purchase a hay ring for his cattle. Because of this hay ring, he has an easier time keeping his cattle fed with clean hay. FFA has inspired Brayden to improve his management and record keeping strategies for his beef cattle.

Danielle Milby Sheep

Danielle's SAE is based on her herd of Katahdin sheep. She currently has around 40 sheep, mostly lambs, with one ram and multiple ewes. Since her family was already raising sheep, Danielle took interest to start her own flock because she was especially drawn to lambing. Her grant money will allow her to repair damage to her sheep

pen and fence a second pasture to set up a rotational grazing practice.

Gracie Hazelwood Goat Milk Soap

Gracie has used her grant money to make value added products using the milk from goats that she already owns. She has purchased protective equipment for processing the milk and creating soap, as well as oils, pots, pans, and molds. Currently, her female goats are ex-

pected to have their kids in early summer, providing Gracie with the milk she will need to create her products by late summer. Her love for her goats inspired her to find ways to use them as a business.

Tanner Jewell Deer Corn

In the fall of 2025, Tanner used a corn picker to harvest his ear corn, and then bagged it to sell to deer hunters. He discovered he did

not have enough storage space for his corn, so he used his grant money to buy a gravity wagon to haul and

store ear corn. Tanner feels that ear corn is the best use of his corn plot and plans to continue raising and selling it.



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