

Carsen Thompson – A self-made entrepreneur

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Carsen Thompson has an immense interest in agriculture and FFA.

His interest was sparked by his growing up on a farm just like past generations of his family and being involved in various aspects of agriculture, including competing in a number of cattle shows.

Thompson said, “I developed an interest in FFA due to having shown cattle at county fairs and the Kentucky State Fair.”

His love for FFA revolved around a shared interest in agriculture.

He said, “I liked being in FFA because it shares the same interest that I have for agriculture.”

During his high school years as a member of the Green County FFA Chapter, Thompson served as a committee chair during his junior year and was actively involved in a variety of projects.

Through the National FFA Organization, Thompson was honored, being a



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Carsen Thompson stands beside the awards he received for being named the 2024 State Star in Agribusiness, 2024 State Winner in Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance in Entrepreneurship Proficiency and the 2025 State Winner in Agricultural Sales in Entrepreneurship Proficiency.

recipient of Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Project Grants.

In 2024, his accolades included winning two state awards and in 2025, winning a state award as well as receiving his American

FFA Degree, the highest degree an FFA member can receive.

Thompson’s experiences in FFA have afforded him the opportunity to start his own business, Caves Branch Implement.

The young entrepreneur sells salvaged farm equipment parts online to customers across the United States and other countries.

He has been operating his business for approximately six years.

As for his future plans, Thompson said, “I plan to continue selling my products on eBay and Facebook Marketplace.”

He offers for sale various tractor, disc mower, hay equipment, and corn head parts as well as other miscellaneous farm machinery parts.

In order to locate his current inventory of farm machinery parts, search on eBay his username, carthom-8842, or search his name on Facebook Marketplace.

Currently, he is pursuing an associate degree at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC) in an ag-related field, namely, Agriculture Diesel Mechanics.

After obtaining his degree, Thompson noted, “I want to continue furthering my business.”

Giving advice to anyone interested in becoming an FFA member, the young businessman said, “Don’t be afraid to try new things. Get out of your comfort zone. You might find agriculture interesting.”

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Ryan Dale Bivens
State Representative
24th District

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We
Trust*

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At the 1998 National FFA Convention, Bivens was named the winner of the National Oil Crop Production Placement Proficiency Award.



During the summer of 1998, Bivens served as a Kentucky State FFA Officer.