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## Blue Ridge High School FFA chapter of FARMER CITY, Illinois, named Two Star Chapter for 2015 National Chapter award by National FFA Organization

INDIANAPOLIS (Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015/National FFA Organization) – The Blue Ridge High School FFA chapter of FARMER CITY, Illinois, has been recognized in the 2015 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization.

The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that successfully complete an annual set of required activities that encourage members to grow as individuals, work as a team and serve others in their communities.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging July 26-Aug 1 and will be recognized at the 2015 National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct. 28-31 in Louisville, Ky.

All star FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

“Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today’s farmers,” said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate contributions for John Deere. “The skills and experiences learned through the National Chapter Awards programs will help meet the critical needs.”

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 610,240 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,665 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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### About National FFA Organization

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 629,376 student members as part of 7,757 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [FFA.org](http://FFA.org), on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

### About National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. Governed by a 19-member board of trustees comprised of educators, business leaders, individual donors and FFA alumni, the foundation is a separately-registered nonprofit organization. About 82 percent of every dollar received by the foundation supports FFA members and agricultural education opportunities. For more, visit [FFA.org/Give](http://FFA.org/Give).