



Hallsville FFA August Board Report



Premier Leadership

Growing Leaders

Eleven Hallsville FFA officers and four advisors traveled to the 98th Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, from July 6–10, where they celebrated the chapter's many accomplishments while participating in one of the organization's most important leadership events.

During the convention, members proudly represented Hallsville FFA by casting votes in the election of the 2026–2027 Texas FFA State Officer Team, the National FFA Officer Candidate, and the Talent Team that will represent Texas at the National FFA Convention this October.

Throughout the week, members attended inspiring keynote sessions, listened to the retiring addresses from the outgoing Texas FFA State Officer Team, watched state qualifying rodeo participants, and participated in leadership workshops designed to strengthen personal growth, communication, and servant leadership. The experience provided valuable opportunities to develop leadership skills, connect with FFA members from across the state, and return home inspired to continue making a positive impact within their chapter and community.

Personal Growth & Career Success

State Recognitions & Updates

- The John Justin Standard of the West Award is one of Texas FFA's highest individual honors, recognizing members who exemplify outstanding leadership, integrity, character, and commitment to the values of the FFA. Sponsored by the

Justin Boot Company, this prestigious award celebrates students who embody the true spirit of agricultural education while making a lasting impact on their chapter, school, and community. Addisyn Horn was the Area VI's John Justin Standard of the West State Finalist and received a \$1,000 Scholarship.

- Texas FFA Scholarships recognize graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence in agricultural education through academic achievement, FFA leadership, community service, and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs. These scholarships help students pursue higher education while honoring their commitment to leadership, service, and the future of the agricultural industry. After completing a rigorous application process, Addisyn Horn is the proud recipient of the Jim Bob Norman Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate Texas FFA Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.
- The FFA Proficiency Award recognizes members for developing outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs. These awards honor students who have gained hands-on skills, knowledge, and success through agricultural entrepreneurship, placement, research, or service projects. Members compete in various agricultural categories, showcasing their dedication, recordkeeping, and career readiness while highlighting excellence in agricultural education. We were fortunate to have 6 proficiencies this year, and of those 6, 3 advanced to the state level.
 - Landon Rachal- Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication Gold Rank (Top 3 in the state)
 - Corbin Hunt- Ag Services Silver Rank (Top 5 in the state)
 - Payton Rice- Sheep Production Silver Rank (Top 6 in the state)
- The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree of membership that the Texas FFA Association can bestow upon its members. This prestigious honor recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to agricultural education, leadership, and service. To earn the Lone Star Degree,

members must be active in FFA for at least two years, complete advanced agricultural coursework, maintain a successful Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), and demonstrate outstanding leadership through chapter involvement, competitions, and community service. Recipients must also meet rigorous requirements for work experience, investment in their SAE, and participation in activities beyond the chapter level. This year we had 8 students receive their Lone Star FFA Degree

- Braden Denfeld
 - Jack Key
 - Shayla Sanders
 - Aubrey Coleman
 - Jake Scasta
 - Dimcho Mironyuk
 - Pepper Dukes
 - Landon Rachal
- The National Chapter Award Program recognizes FFA chapters that demonstrate excellence in developing and implementing activities that grow members, strengthen communities, and build premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Chapters earning a Division Winner designation are recognized for having one of the top chapter programs in their division, reflecting exceptional planning, member involvement, and impact throughout the year. This year our chapter was not only named a Gold Ranked National Chapter, qualifying for Nationals, but also we were additionally recognized as one of the three Premier Chapter Award 2026 State Champion in the the Growing Leaders division. This is the fourth year in a row we have received this prestigious award. At the National Level our chapter was ranked a 3 Star National Chapter which is the highest rating to be received.
- Mr. John Martin was recognized by our chapter as being a proud supporter of the Hallsville FFA and the mission of the blue & gold which 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. Our officers felt that Mr Martin embodies the blue & gold earning him his Honorary Lonestar Degree. This prestigious award places him among the other elite supporters and recipients earning the award this year.