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Texas student earns top honors at National FFA Convention Brook Nussle named Agriscience student runner-up

INDIANAPOLIS – Brook Nussle of Texas, received top honors at the 82nd National FFA Convention when she was named 2009 National FFA Organization Agriscience Student of the Year Runner-Up.

She was recognized on stage at the national FFA convention on Friday, Oct. 23 and received a cash award of \$1,500.

For as long as she can remember, Nussle has loved working with animals, plants and dirt. Little did she know that these passions would turn into a love of science. In eighth grade, she made the tough decision to leave her friends behind and apply to the AgriScience Magnet Program at James Madison High School in Texas. The move has paid off. During her freshman year, she began her research project on urban island heating and discovered alternatives to reduce the radiant at James Madison by introducing new technologies for sidewalks and driveways at the school's new agriculture complex.

Nussle, a member of the James Madison chapter, is the daughter of Kelly Moore. Her FFA advisor is Joshua Anderson.

The Agriscience Student Scholarship and Recognition Program is sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Eligible FFA members are selected on the basis of research projects involving agriscience skills, using applications and new technologies in their high school agriculture classes. Students apply these lessons to their supervised agricultural experience (SAE). They are also evaluated on their academic achievement, as well as their involvement in school and community activities.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in

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the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. 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 Congress of the United States, and 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. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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