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### Edwards selected as state FFA award winner

**Henrietta, Texas, June 24, 2015:** Henrietta FFA member, Tejas Edwards, will be recognized by the Texas FFA as the State Forest Management Proficiency Award winner during the 87th annual Texas FFA State Convention to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, July 13-17, 2015. By being selected as the state winner, Edwards now qualifies as the Texas FFA's representative for competition at the national level in this award area.

FFA proficiency awards recognize the success of an individual's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) as related to employable skills, business success and personal growth. Edwards was selected for this recognition because of his placement SAE while employed with Ed the Woodman's Sawmill.

SAE's are a vital component of a meaningful agriculture, food and natural resources (AFNR) program at the high school level. Designed as a "hand-on" learning experience, SAE are projects conducted outside the regular classroom.

Henrietta AFNR students traditionally carry out three basic types of SAE's; entrepreneurship, job placement (paid or unpaid), and/or research based experiences. With individual programs covering a multitude of subject matters including customary livestock and mechanical related programs to areas not always associated with agriculture education such as business management, leadership development, environmental/natural resources care and food science.

Through planning, supervision and record keeping, SAE projects provide a practical way for AFNR students to gain real world experiences and develop marketable skills for future careers.

Henrietta FFA chapter is a proud part of the Texas FFA, the nation's largest state association with a membership of more than 100,000 members and 1,045 local chapters. For more information about the FFA organization and the opportunities available visit [www.henrietta.ffanow.org](http://www.henrietta.ffanow.org).

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