

Meet the 2016 Minnesota



Martin County Pork Ambassador

Samuel Baker

Parents: Ryan and Michele Baker

Sam Baker lives in Martin County where he works at the Hawkeye Sow Center. Through his on farm experience he has learned the importance of animal health, record keeping and advocacy. He hopes to use these skills next year while attending Iowa State University to pursue a career in medicine and epidemiology. Sam is passionate about how farmers can create the safest, healthiest, least political product that

will appeal to a large range of national and international consumers. Sam is active in National Honor Society, musicals and plays, serves as his student class vice-president, a band section leader in addition to playing football, basketball and running track. Sam understands the importance of community as he volunteers with local blood drives and his church, St. John's Lutheran.



Isanti County Pork Ambassador

Miranda Cain

Parents: Michelle Cain and David Geving

Miranda Cain is a graduating senior from Cambridge-Isanti High School. She will be attending Hamline University this fall for biology, biochemistry and communications. Miranda values her agricultural background and hopes to continue her involvement in the swine industry through her college career by participating in clubs and organizations. Miranda

was active in speech, Spanish club, swimming, track and field, National Honor Society and 4-H as well as volunteering in her community. She is passionate about how we can set standards of animal welfare, barn cleanliness and producer education to improve herd health and public image.



Fillmore County Pork Ambassador

Noah Fenske

Parents: Mike and Melissa Fenske

Noah Fenske is currently attending Northern Iowa Community College for a double major in dairy science and farm business management. Noah is from Fillmore County where he works with swine, crops and dairy cattle on local farms. He believes in the importance of influencing the public's perception of agriculture and would like to continue to learn

from other agriculture groups what tactics and programs are most impactful for consumer outreach. Noah looks forward to using the agricultural knowledge he has gained through his college courses to advocate for agriculture as the Fillmore County Pork Ambassador.

Pork Ambassador Candidates



Mower County Pork Ambassador

Hannah Frank

Parents: Ted and Kim Frank

Hannah Frank grew up in Mower County on her family's pig farm. Through her experiences on her family's farm, she has developed a passion for agriculture and communications. This passion was also fostered through her involvement in 4-H and FFA. Hannah has been involved in choir, dance, golf, National Honor Society and her church youth group. This fall Hannah

will be attending Winona State University pursuing a degree in nursing. Hannah believes that we are all able to contribute to sharing our stories and the larger story of the agriculture community. She encourages everyone to volunteer or simply be advocates for pigs and pork in their everyday lives.



Yellow Medicine County Pork Ambassador

Brigit Lozinski

Parents: Chad and Sharon Lozinski

Brigit Lozinski is a graduating senior from Canby High School. Throughout her life Brigit has been involved in swine production originally helping her father with his own barns which eventually transitioned into managing a nursery for Christensen Farms. Brigit has also been very involved in 4-H through showing pigs, veterinary science projects and various

club and county leadership positions. She will be attending South Dakota State University this fall majoring in animal science with an emphasis in swine production and a minor in agribusiness. She hopes to pursue a career in swine nutrition or genetics and believes quality pig care is an essential part of our industry.



Martin County Pork Ambassador

Rachael Mielke

Parents: Chris and Patti Mielke

Rachael Mielke is a graduating senior from Fairmont High School. She plans to attend Winona State University this fall pursuing a major in elementary education. She discovered her love for children while babysitting and working with kids through 4-H and FFA. Rachael created lesson plans and taught Blue Earth 3rd graders about agriculture through her

FFA chapter. She is also active in 4-H, showing pigs and beef cattle as well as a variety of non-livestock exhibits. Rachael is passionate about the swine industry and the potential positive impact social media could have to help the industry connect and communicate with consumers.



Goodhue County Pork Ambassador

Madison Schafer

Parents: Brandon and Monica Schafer

Madison Schafer is passionate about the swine industry and helping agriculture provide a positive, united front. She is from Goodhue County where her family raises pigs, cattle and crops. Growing up on the farm, she became a part-time employee as a 7th grader. Madison is involved in a wide array of activities including: 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, choir,

cross-country, class president, and student council. Madison also volunteers throughout her community. One of her current volunteer activities is with the Minnesota Pork Board's Oink Outings program. She plans on attending South Dakota State University next year for agriculture communications and hopes to become an employee for a commodity group one day.



Faribault County Pork Ambassador

Adam Stevermer

Parents: Dale and Lori Stevermer

Adam grew up in Faribault County working on his family's farm, Trails End Farm. In addition to working with pigs, he owns laying hens and sells eggs. Adam is very active in his 4-H club as the Club President. He also serves as the United South Central FFA Chapter President and the Region VII Vice President. Throughout high school Adam was active in cross country, track and the National Honor Society and band. This

fall, Adam will be attending the University of Minnesota for a degree in agricultural education with a teaching emphasis. Adam believes that public perception is a looming issue and has worked through Oink Outings, the State Fair and other events to educate consumers. He hopes to continue to help people understand the importance of advocating for agriculture as an Agricultural Education teacher.



Cottonwood County Pork Ambassador

Libbey Warner

Parents: Gary and Jayme Warner

Libbey Warner is from Cottonwood County where she graduated from Red Rock Central High School this spring. Throughout her high school career she was active in band, choir, drama, 4-H and FFA, twice earning a place in the 4-H State Fair Ribbon Auction and twice being top FFA fruit salesman. Libbey attributes her passion and drive for helping

people to having the opportunity to help a family friend in need. Next year she plans on attending South Dakota State University for animal science and agri-business. Libbey believes we must partner together throughout the agriculture industry and think outside the box to influence consumers and share our story.

Pork Ambassador Candidates



Isanti County Pork Ambassador

Andrea White

Parents: Ed and Denise White

Andrea White is an incoming senior at Winona State University where she is studying social work. Andrea showed pigs in 4-H and is currently active as president of her rugby team and an advocate for helping others be active bystanders when addressing sexual assault. Andrea has worked several food and customer service jobs throughout her life and is

currently working as a sexual and domestic abuse advocate, a position that allows her to help victims of gender based violence. She urges farmers to learn from each other as well as consumers to determine best production practices and to learn about market changes that impact farmers locally, nationally and globally.



Pipestone County Pork Ambassador

Blake Wolters

Parents: Terry and Sylvia Wolters

Blake Wolters is an incoming senior at Pipestone Area Schools where he is active in football, wrestling and baseball. Blake is also the Pipestone FFA Chapter President, a Region VI FFA officer and actively shows pigs in 4-H and FFA. Blake is passionate about how farmers are working with their

veterinarians to use antibiotics responsibly and helping consumers understand why, when and how farmers use antibiotics on their farm. Blake intends to stay involved in agriculture after obtaining a degree in electrical engineering and a collegiate athletic career.

