

FFA AG SALES TEAM WINS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Above: Crockett graduate Lainey Hutchison is up for the national American Star in Agribusiness Award at the FFA National Convention next week in Indianapolis.



Above: Crockett's Regional Champion Agricultural Sales Team: (from left) Becca Butler, Kay Klonowski, Addit Beth Work, and Lillie King.

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Crockett County High School's FFA Agricultural Sales Team was named Regional Champions in last week's competition and will now vie for statewide honors at the Tennessee FFA Convention in March.

Becca Butler, Kay Klonowski, Addi Beth Work, and Lillie King teamed to win the Agricultural Sales Career Development Event (CDE), designed to gain experience and skills essential to the production and marketing of agricultural products. The team event incorporates related careers and offers a first-hand look at developing product knowledge and driving sales.

Not only was Butler a member of the victorious Crockett team, but she was selected as the Overall High Individual for the entire competition.

Several local Crockett County volunteers dedicated many hours to help prepare the team for the competition, and FFA sponsor Haley Williams offered heartfelt appreciation to those area leaders.

FFA - Future Farmers of America - is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture.

The organization is preparing to host its National FFA Convention & Expo November 1-4 in Indianapolis, where recent Crockett County graduate Lainey Hutchison is one of four finalists for the national American Star in Agribusiness Award for hosting youth farm camps and teaching horse-riding lessons at her family farm near Gadsden.

Currently a member of the rodeo team at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Hutchison did a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) in equine entrepreneurship and credits Williams and her parents for making it a success. She also developed and sold luxurious cleaning products using milk from her goat herd.