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## Ryder Klaassen Wins Big at 2021 Junior Wheat Show with Doublestop CL Plus

Oklahoma City, OK – Ryder Klaassen, son of Chris and Ginger Klaassen, was awarded the overall grand champion award showing his Doublestop CL Plus variety in the 2021 Oklahoma 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Klaassen placed 1st in production and milling and 2<sup>nd</sup> in baking, earning him the title of 1<sup>st</sup> place as the FFA champion, and overall grand champion of the 4-H and FFA Junior Wheat Show. Ryder also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the FFA competition with his Smith’s Gold variety along with placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the production and milling competition.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Klaassen, a member of the Hydro-Eakly FFA in Caddo County, received a \$1000 premium from Oklahoma Genetics Inc (OGI) for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place and then Grand Champion overall in the FFA competition with the Doublestop CL Plus variety and an additional \$400 from OGI for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> with his Smith’s Gold variety. Klaassen also received a \$500 premium for being FFA champion and grand champion from WestBred® and received a \$400 combined premium for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place from the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, along with a \$75.00 premium for production, milling, bake contest and trophies. Klaassen would have normally won a \$3000 scholarship but with his previous winnings, he has now maxed out his scholarship potential during his 4-H and FFA career.

In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission works to promote greater utilization of wheat in both domestic and international markets through research, market development, and public education. Five wheat producers representing designated districts across the state serve as the Oklahoma Wheat Commission's board of directors. Current officers are Michael Peters, Chairman, Okarche; David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Chattanooga; Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City; Tom Stephens, member, Guymon and R.J. Parrish, Hunter, member.



**Photo caption:** Chris Klaassen, Hydro-Eakly FFA Instructor and parent; Ginger Klaassen, parent; Braden Heisler, NW Area FFA Vice President; David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; JanLee Rowlett, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry and Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation present Ryder Klaassen his FFA Champion and Grand Champion awards for winning the 2021 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show overall. Photo Credit: Todd Johnson, Oklahoma State University.



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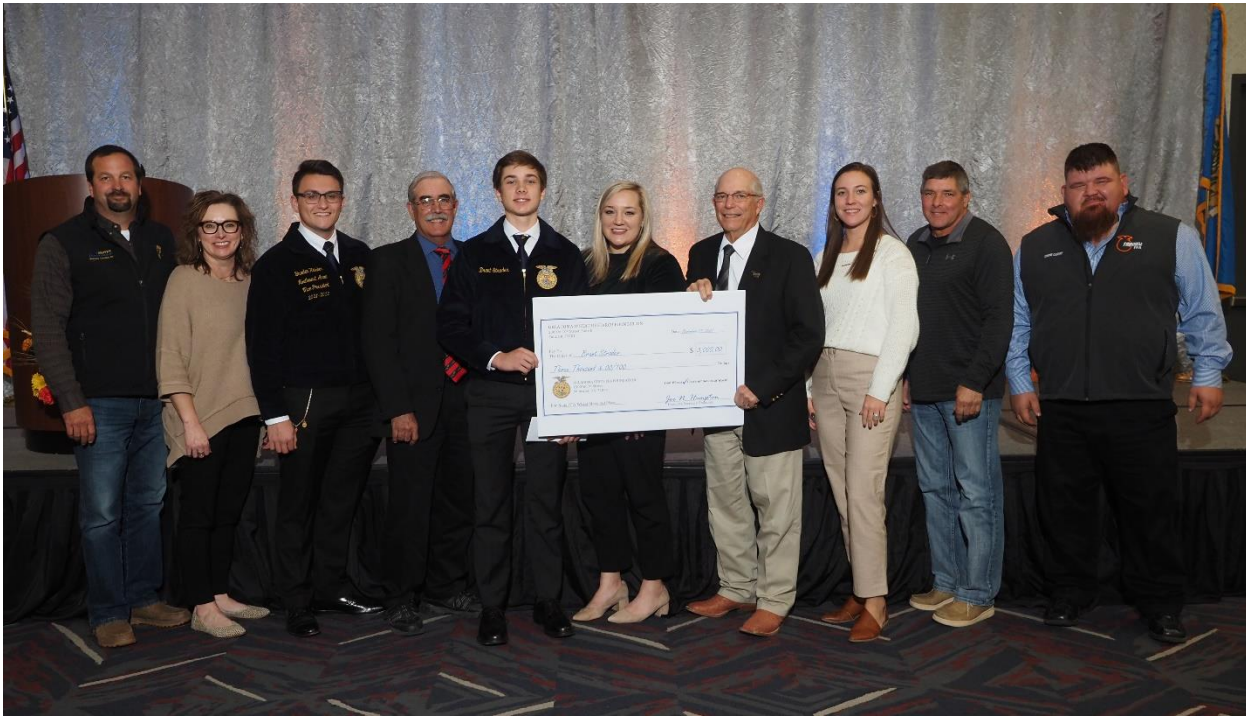
## Brant Strader wins 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the 2021 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show

Oklahoma City, Okla. – Brant Strader, son of Brook and Kody Strader, recently placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the FFA division while showing his Doublestop CL Plus variety in the 2021 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Strader placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the production and milling contest, 4<sup>th</sup> in the bake contest and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Strader, a member of the Fairview FFA in Major County, received \$3,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments with his Doublestop CL Plus variety, \$30 premium for milling and baking as well as \$300 from Oklahoma Genetics Inc. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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**Photo caption:** Brook & Kody Strader, parents; Braden Heisler, NW Area FFA Vice President; David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; JanLee Rowlett, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry; Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Maggie Nuefeld, Vince McGolden and Shane Curry, Fairview FFA Instructors present Brant Strader his 3<sup>rd</sup> place award for the 2021 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Photo Credit: Todd Johnson, Oklahoma State University.



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## Hudson Squires Places 4<sup>th</sup> in FFA at the 2021 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show

Oklahoma City, Okla. – Hudson Squires, son of Randy and Summer Squires, recently placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the FFA division while showing his Doublestop CL Plus variety in the 2021 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Squires placed 9<sup>th</sup> in production and milling, 1<sup>st</sup> in baking and 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the FFA competition.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Squires, a member of the Hobart FFA chapter, received \$3,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments with his Doublestop CL Plus variety, \$200 from Oklahoma Genetics, Inc. and a plaque for 1<sup>st</sup> in baking and \$35.00 in premiums. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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**Photo caption:** Braden Heisler, NW Area FFA Vice President; David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; JanLee Rowlett, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry; Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Mackaylan Brooks, Hobart FFA Instructor and Summer and Randy Squires, parents present Hudson Squires his 4<sup>th</sup> place award for the 2021 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Photo Credit: Todd Johnson, Oklahoma State University.



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## Kiersten Warner Places 5<sup>th</sup> with Doublestop CL Plus Variety at the 2021 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show

Oklahoma City, OK – Kiersten Warner, daughter of Ben and Tasha Warner, recently placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the FFA division while showing her Doublestop CL Plus variety in the 2021 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Warner placed 4<sup>th</sup> in production and milling, 11<sup>th</sup> in baking and 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the FFA competition.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Warner, a member of the Hydro-Eakly FFA chapter, received \$2,000 in scholarship money for her accomplishment, \$100 from Oklahoma Genetics Inc. and \$25.00 in premiums. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, WestBred®, Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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**Photo caption:** Ben and Tasha Warner, parents; Braden Heisler, NW Area FFA Vice President; David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; JanLee Rowlett, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry; Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation and Chris Klaassen, Hydro-Eakly FFA Instructor present Kiersten Warner her 5<sup>th</sup> place award for the 2021 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Photo Credit: Todd Johnson, Oklahoma State University.

**FFA Junior Wheat Show winners were:**

- 1st place and Grand Champion – Ryder Klaassen – Hydro-Eakly FFA - Doublestop CL Plus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ryder Klaassen – Hydro-Eakly FFA – Smith’s Gold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Brant Strader – Fairview FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – Hudson Squires – Hobart FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 5<sup>th</sup> place – Kiersten Warner – Hydro-Eakly FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 6<sup>th</sup> place – Parker Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 7<sup>th</sup> place – Sutton Squires – Hobart FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 8<sup>th</sup> place – Colby Kokojan – Drummond FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 9<sup>th</sup> place – Brecken Hunter – Arapaho-Butler FFA - Endurance
- 10<sup>th</sup> place – Parker Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA - Skydance
- 11<sup>th</sup> place – Rylee Glazier – Lomega FFA – Strad CL Plus
- 12<sup>th</sup> place – Alexa Schaufele – Hobart FFA - Gallagher
- 13<sup>th</sup> place – Griffin Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 14<sup>th</sup> place – Ashlee Purvine – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 15<sup>th</sup> place – Blake Hunter – Arapaho-Butler FFA - Endurance
- 16<sup>th</sup> place – Cathleen Hamil – Cashion FFA – Doublestop CL Plus



- 17<sup>th</sup> place – Charley Baker – Arapaho-Butler FFA – Green Hammer
- 18<sup>th</sup> place – Audra Boyer – Garber FFA – LCS Photon AX
- 19<sup>th</sup> place – Kiersten Warner – Hydro-Eakly FFA – Smith’s Gold
- 20<sup>th</sup> place – Carson Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – WB 4269
- 21<sup>st</sup> place – Colten Dillingham – Drummond FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 22<sup>nd</sup> place – Brant Failes – Cherokee FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 23<sup>rd</sup> place – Alexa Schaufele – Hobart FFA – WB 4515
- 24<sup>th</sup> place – Griffin Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – Gallagher
- 25<sup>th</sup> place – Carson Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – Showdown

**4-H Junior Wheat Show winners were:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place & Champion – Kaelyn Kokojan – Drummond 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sutton Schaufele – Hobart 4-H - Bentley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Tyler Sawyer – Okeene 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – Bryson Sawyer – Okeene 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 5<sup>th</sup> place – Eryn Strader – Fairview 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 6<sup>th</sup> place – Jayce Schultz - Okeene 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 7<sup>th</sup> place – Logan Chance – Okeene 4-H – Smith’s Gold
- 8<sup>th</sup> place – Remington Farney – Burlington 4-H – Smith’s Gold
- 9<sup>th</sup> place – Sutton Schaufele – Hobart 4-H – OK Corral
- 10<sup>th</sup> place – Logan Chance – Okeene 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 11<sup>th</sup> place – Mia Forman – Lomega 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 12<sup>th</sup> place – Grant Robison – Okeene 4-H – OK Corral
- 13<sup>th</sup> place – Mia Forman – Lomega 4-H – Smith’s Gold
- 14<sup>th</sup> place – Avery Fisher – Okeene 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 15<sup>th</sup> place – Baylea Robison – Okeene 4-H – OK Corral
- 16<sup>th</sup> place – Saidee Wright – Lomega 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
- 17<sup>th</sup> place – Morgan Meyer – Oklahoma Bible Academy – Green Hammer
- 18<sup>th</sup> place – Keyle Kehnemund – Fairview 4-H - Showdown
- 19<sup>th</sup> place – Landon Poe – Okeene 4-H - Gallagher
- 20<sup>th</sup> place – Brynn Roberts – Okeene 4-H - Gallagher
- 21<sup>st</sup> place – Bryer Roberts – Okeene 4-H - Gallagher
- 22<sup>nd</sup> place – Luke Poe – Okeene 4-H – Showdown
- 23<sup>rd</sup> place – Kendra Dillingham – Drummond 4-H – Smith’s Gold
- 24<sup>th</sup> place – Jayce Schultz – Okeene 4-H - Gallagher
- 25<sup>th</sup> place – Caton Cope – Watonga 4-H – LCS Fusion AX