



# News Release

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## Ryder Klaassen of Hydro-Eakly FFA Named Grand Champion at 2021 Oklahoma Junior Wheat Show – Kaelyn Kokojan named 4-H Champion

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/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Klaassen is from the Hydro-Eakly FFA chapter. Klaassen also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with his Smith's Gold variety and 2<sup>nd</sup> in production and milling.

Kaelyn Kokojan, daughter of Matt and Staci Kokojan, placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the 4-H division while showing her Doublestop CL Plus variety at the 2021 Oklahoma 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Kokojan placed 7<sup>th</sup> in production and milling and 4<sup>th</sup> in the bake contest earning her the title of 1<sup>st</sup> place and 4-H champion overall. Kaelyn is a member of the Drummond 4-H club in Garfield County.

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 trophy. 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.

Kokojan, a member of the Drummond 4-H club in Garfield County, received \$3000 in scholarship money for her accomplishments with her Doublestop CL Plus variety. Kaelyn also won a \$500 premium from Oklahoma Genetics, Inc., \$250 scholarship from Westbred®, \$100 premium from Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation along with a \$25.00 premium for production, milling, and bake contest. 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.



**Photo caption:** Matt and Staci Kokojan, parents; Elizabeth Chambers, State 4-H President; David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; JanLee Rowlett, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry, Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Joy Rhodes, Garfield County 4-H and FCS Educator and Keith Dillingham, Drummond FFA Instructor present Kaelyn Kokojan her champion awards for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place and overall champion in the 4-H Division in 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