

MAAE News!

Montana has been very well represented on a national level this fall proving once again we have some of the finest teachers and programs in the country right here in the big sky country. At the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October the Missoula FFA placed fourth in Ag Sales and the Cascade FFA placed fifth in Ag Communications. In Horse Evaluation Flathead FFA placed eighth and in Ag Technology and Mechanical Systems Missoula FFA placed 10th. Besides success at the National FFA Convention, MAAE members were out in force at the National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention in Las Vegas November 29-December 3. Montana's Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Tom Andres from Missoula was selected as the Region 1 winner. Chad Massar of Joliet who has been serving as the Region 1 Secretary was elected as the Regions new Vice President and Eric Tilleman of Cascade was elected as the Region 1 Secretary. Great job to all these dedicated and hardworking individuals.

Montana FFA enjoyed a very successful John Deere Ag Expo in November at MSU with a record number of students in attendance. Thanks to the Montana FFA Foundation and all that went into putting this event on for our students. The excitement this event brings to all the chapters around the state is incredible.

I hope that you will all have some extra time to enjoy doing some things with your family and friends over the holidays. It is a good time to rest up before charging into the busy spring season! Don't forget to plan to attend the MAAE winter meeting and legislative breakfast on February 3 in Helena.

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