

## Rachel Ekkel

### Agriscience

Newaygo County Career Tech Center  
Homeschooled Student through Fremont High School  
Nominator: Renee Wangler, Agriscience Instructor



Rachel joined the Agriscience program to provide her with some valuable information that she could use on her family farm. During that summer, she figured out what she wanted to do for a career and knew that going into Agriscience would be a great experience and would help to reach her career goals.

Rachel's instructors describe her as an excellent student who always works above expectations. When given an assignment or task, Rachel is diligent in completing that task accurately, completely and with the utmost care possible. She is seen as a leader by her peers, which is a role she has taken on very well.

In 2013, Rachel participated and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the high school division at the STEM expo, High Individual Score FFA Dairy Judging at Dairy Days, 1<sup>st</sup> place at Region V FFA Fall Skills Contest, and was named the 2013-2014 Vice President of her FFA Chapter. At the Newaygo County Fair, she won Grand Champion Sheep Records, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dairy Showmanship, Grand Champion Dairy Showman, Junior Champion Protein Breeds, and Grand Champion Overall Showman.

Rachel's career plan is to show her dairy cows nationally And, perhaps, worldwide. She plans to be an owner/operator of her own farm that features dairy cows. Her dream is to produce a cow that will be named world champion.

***have had great joy and success in my non-traditional career field.***

***~ Rachel Ekkel***

